Tiny thread snowflakes

US terms



Finished size
Each of the three snowflakes is about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across, from a tip to the tip on the opposite side

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 3 pieces and 2 special stitches.

Yarn
Lace (0)

Hook
1.75 mm (US steel, between 6 and 7)

Gauge
34 stitches and 36 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn: white, lace (0) **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton crochet thread, size 10

Hook: 1.75 mm (US steel, between 6 and 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, fabric stiffener, a board that takes pins and a sheet of plastic.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

cluster: [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 3 times, all in the same place (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops. It leaves 1 cluster for the next round.

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picot: Ch 3, sl st in the top of the stitch just made.

Gauge

34 stitches and 36 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- A slip stitch at the start of a round only carries the yarn to the place named; the first stitch of the round is worked in that same place. If stitches lie between the joining and that place, slip stitch across them first.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches, its picots and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- Each snowflake is worked by itself, from its own magic ring. All three come out the same size.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 2¾ in (7 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3¼ in (8 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 4¼ in (11 cm).

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Pointed snowflake

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in ring, ch 2, **[**2 dc in ring, ch 2**] 5 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(12 dc, 6 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, hdc, dc, tr, picot, dc, hdc, sc) in same sp, **[**(sc, hdc, dc, tr, picot, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-2 sp**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(12 sc, 12 hdc, 12 dc, 6 tr, 6 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

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Crown snowflake

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 6 (counts as dc and ch-3), **[**dc in ring, ch 3**] 5 times**, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-6 to join **(6 dc, 6 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 5, sc, ch 8, sc, ch 5, sc) in same sp, **[**(sc, ch 5, sc, ch 8, sc, ch 5, sc) in next ch-3 sp**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(24 sc, 12 ch-5 sps, 6 ch-8 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Forked snowflake

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2 (does not count as a st), **[**cluster in ring, ch 4**] 6 times**, sl st in first cluster to join **(6 clusters, 6 ch-4 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next ch-4 sp, ch 1, (sc, hdc, tr, picot, ch 2, tr, picot, hdc, sc) in same sp, **[**(sc, hdc, tr, picot, ch 2, tr, picot, hdc, sc) in next ch-4 sp**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(12 sc, 12 hdc, 12 tr, 12 picots, 6 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle before you stiffen the piece.
- To stiffen: lay a sheet of plastic over a board that takes pins, such as a foam board. Wet the pointed snowflake, the crown snowflake and the forked snowflake with fabric stiffener, as its label says, and press the spare out of them. Pin them out flat on the plastic, right side up: on the pointed snowflake a pin in the picot of every point; on the crown snowflake a pin in every loop, the long loop of each crown straight out and the two short ones to its sides; on the forked snowflake two pins at every fork, one in each of its two picots, with the picots as far apart as the ch-2 sp between them lets them go. Let them dry before you take the pins out.
- To hang a snowflake, tie a length of the same thread through one picot of the pointed snowflake, through one ch-8 sp of the crown snowflake, or through one ch-2 sp, between the two picots of a fork, of the forked snowflake.

In all: 3 pieces.

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