Wheel snowflake

US terms



Finished size
About 2¼ in (6 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Lace (0)

Hook
1.75 mm

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

You will need

Yarn: white, lace (0) **about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton crochet thread, size 10

Hook: 1.75 mm. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, fabric stiffener, or sugar and water and paper to pin the snowflake on.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. 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)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

picot (Picot): Ch 3, sl st in the top of the stitch just made. It leaves 1 picot for the next row.

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Gauge

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

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the snowflake measures about 1 in (2.5 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 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 or a row 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.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3½ in (9 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4¼ in (11 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 5½ in (14 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 and dc is treble.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 5 (counts as dc and ch-2), **[**dc in ring, ch 2**] 5 times**, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-5 to join **(6 dc, 6 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 3 dc in same sp, ch 2, **[**4 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2**] 5 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(24 dc, 6 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 7, **[**sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 7**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(6 sc, 6 ch-7 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**(sc, hdc, 2 dc, picot, 2 dc, picot, 2 dc, picot, 2 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-7 sp**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(12 sc, 12 hdc, 48 dc, 18 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle.
- To stiffen: wet the piece with fabric stiffener or thick sugar water, pin every point out on paper and let it dry.

In all: 4 rounds; 108 stitches; 2 ends to weave in.

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