Crochet Snowflake Pattern

Free Step-by-Step Tutorial



Beginner-friendly | ~45 minutes + blocking | ~13 cm (5 in) across

Materials

- White crochet cotton thread, size 10, approx. 20 yds
- Ice-blue crochet cotton thread, size 10, small amount for the hanging loop
- 1.75 mm steel crochet hook (US size 7)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- 6 rust-proof pins and a blocking board or cork mat
- Spray starch
- 1 small silver bead, 6 mm

Abbreviations

- ch = chain
- dc = double crochet
- sc = single crochet
- sl st = slip stitch
- st(s) = stitch(es)
- rep = repeat

Step 1: Magic Ring and Center Round



- Make a magic ring with white thread.
- Round 1: Ch 3 (counts as a dc), 11 dc in the ring, sl st to the top of the ch-3 to join. [12 dc]
- Pull the tail gently to close the ring, leaving a tiny hole in the middle - that open center is part of the lacy look.

Step 2: Make the Six Chain Arches



- Round 2: Ch 1, sc in the same st, *ch 5, skip 1 st, sc in the next st; rep from * 5 times, ch 5, sl st to the first sc to join. [6 sc, 6 ch-5 arches]
- You should have six loops standing up around the ring like the petals of a flower.
- Count them before you move on - six arches means six points.

Step 3: Work the Six Points



- Round 3: Sl st into the first ch-5 arch, ch 3 (counts as a dc), 2 dc in the same arch, ch 3, 3 dc in the same arch - first point made.
- *Ch 1, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in the next ch-5 arch; rep from * 5 times, ch 1, sl st to the top of the ch-3 to join.
- [6 points: 36 dc, 6 ch-3 tip spaces, 6 ch-1 spaces]
- Work the first three points, check they fan out evenly, then finish the round the same way.

Step 4: Add the Picot Tips



- Round 4: Sl st across to the first ch-3 tip space.
- *(Sc, ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from the hook - picot made -, sc) in the ch-3 tip space, ch 2, sc in the next ch-1 space, ch 2; rep from * around, sl st to the first sc to join. [6 picots]
- Fasten off, leaving a 15 cm (6 in) tail. Weave in the tail on the back of the work.

Step 5: Block and Stiffen the Snowflake



- Pin the snowflake out flat on your blocking board, one pin at the tip of each of the six points.
- Gently stretch each point to the same length.
- Spray lightly with starch and leave it to dry completely - overnight is best.
- Do not unpin it early: the starch needs to set while the snowflake is stretched.

Step 6: Hanging Loop and Silver Bead



- With the ice-blue thread, ch 25, then sl st into the tip of the top point to form a loop, and fasten off.
- Thread the silver bead onto your yarn needle with a short length of white thread, sew it through the center of the snowflake, and knot it firmly on the back.
- Weave in every end. Your crochet snowflake is done!

Tips

- Count the arches in Round 2 before you continue. Six arches make six points - fix a miscount now, not after Round 3.

- Keep the magic ring slightly open. Pulling it completely shut hides the lacy center hole - leave a hole about the width of a pencil eraser.

- Block every snowflake, even if you are in a hurry. Ten minutes of pinning and an overnight dry makes them look store-bought.