

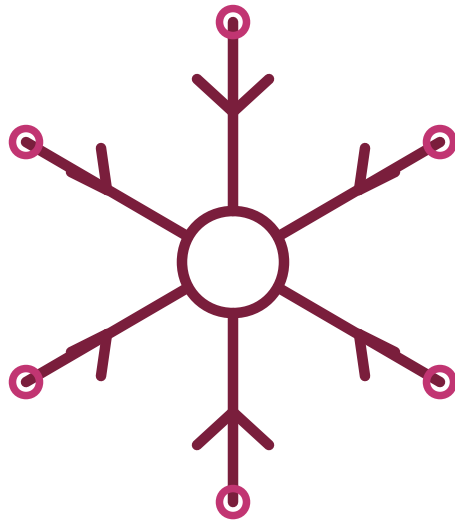
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Lacy Snowflake Ornament

by CrochetRooms

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Skill level: Beginner | US crochet terms



Finished size	about 4 inches across, after blocking
Yarn	sport weight #2 cotton
Hook	3.5 mm (E-4)
Construction	3 joined rounds, 6 points

Size, Materials and Abbreviations

Finished size

About 4 inches across, measured after blocking and stiffening. The schematic in the blocking section shows the finished size.

Materials

- **Yarn:** sport weight #2 cotton yarn, white or cream (one small ball makes several snowflakes). Fine crochet thread also works for a more delicate flake.
- **Hook:** 3.5 mm (E-4) crochet hook, or 3.0 mm for a tighter snowflake.
- **For stiffening:** fabric stiffener, a small bowl, straight pins, and a piece of cardboard covered with plastic wrap.
- **Notions:** yarn needle, scissors.
- **For hanging:** a 10-inch piece of matching thread or thin ribbon.

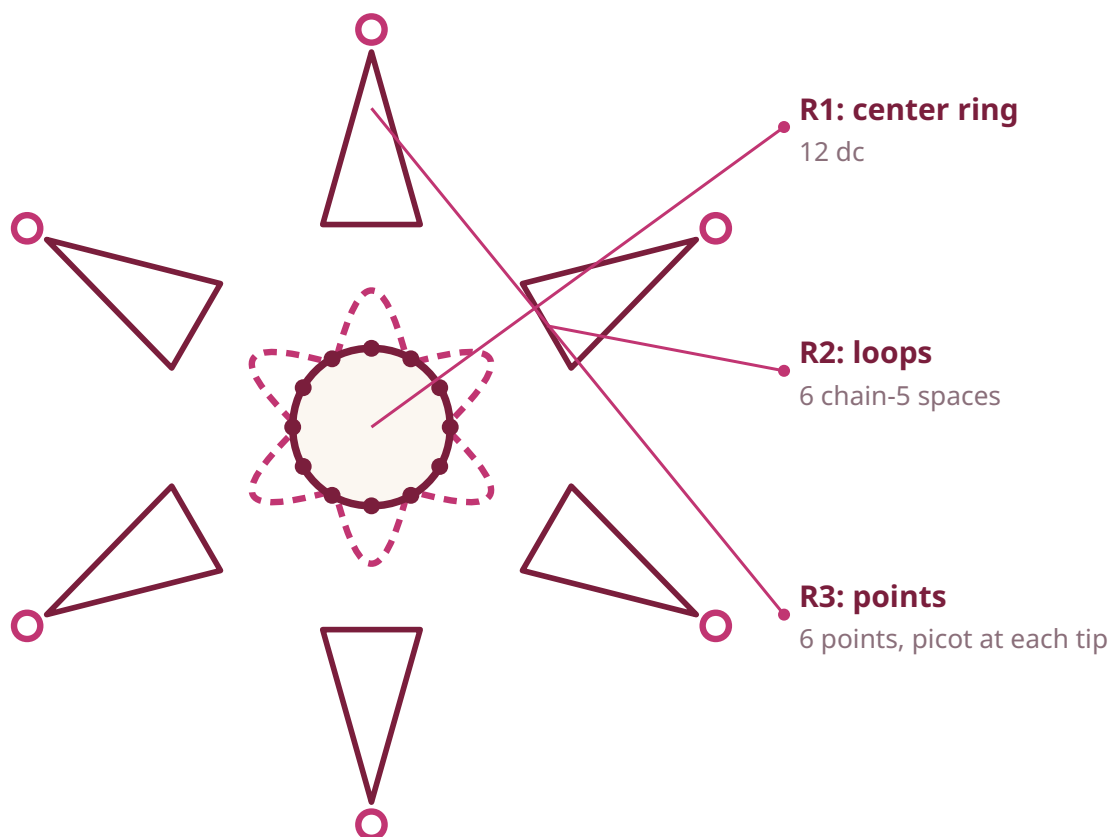
Abbreviations (US terms)

ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch
sc	single crochet
hdc	half double crochet
dc	double crochet
tr	treble crochet
st(s)	stitch(es)
sp	space

Pattern notes

- The snowflake is worked in 3 joined rounds from the center out. Each round is joined with a slip stitch.
- A picot is a tiny loop that forms the tip of each point: ch 2, then sl st into the 2nd chain from the hook.
- Round 3 forms all six points. Work slowly and count your stitches in each point.

- Blocking with stiffener is REQUIRED, not optional. It is what turns a curly motif into a crisp snowflake.
- To make a set, work the pattern as many times as you like. One small ball of sport cotton makes 6 to 8 snowflakes.



Round map. Three joined rounds: R1 ring, R2 loops, R3 points.

Pattern at a Glance (for experienced crocheters)

- **R1:** 12 dc into a ring.
- **R2:** 6 chain-5 loops separated by sc.
- **R3:** one 8-stitch pointed petal with a picot tip in each loop.
- Stiffen, pin flat, dry, add hanging string.

Every step is written out in full below, with diagrams. Beginners, start with the tutorials on the last pages if any technique is new to you.

The Full Pattern

Round 1 (center)

R1: Ch 4, join with a sl st to the first ch to form a ring. (Or use a magic ring.) Ch 3 (counts as dc), work 11 dc into the ring. Join with a sl st to the top of the starting ch-3. **(12 dc)**

Round 2 (loops)

R2: Ch 1, sc in the same st as the join. *Ch 5, skip the next dc, sc in the next dc.* Repeat from * 5 more times. Ch 5, join with a sl st to the first sc. **(6 sc and 6 ch-5 spaces)**

Round 3 (points)

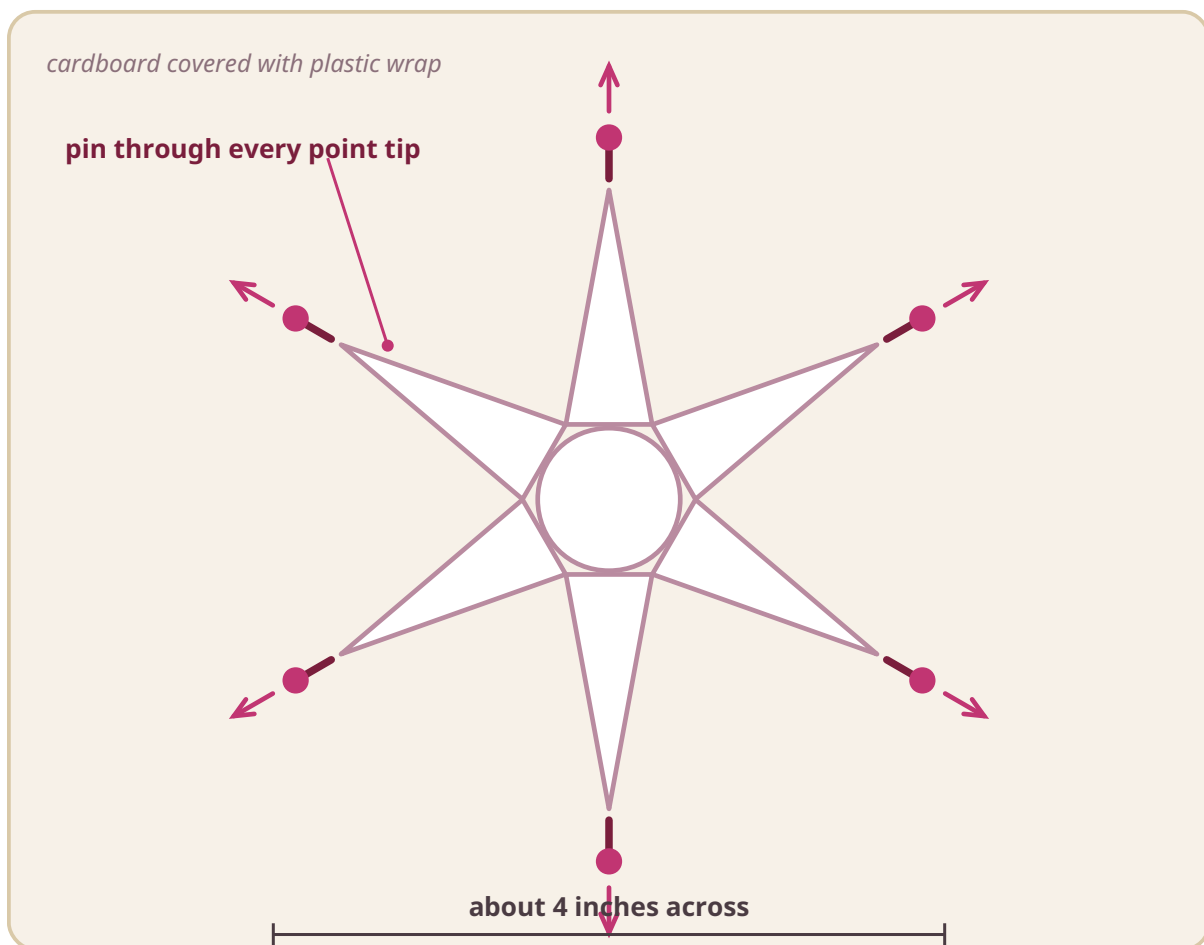
R3: Sl st into the first ch-5 space. *In the ch-5 space, work the point: sc, hdc, dc, tr, then make a picot (ch 2, sl st in the 2nd ch from the hook), then tr, dc, hdc, sc. Sl st into the next sc (the one between the spaces).* Repeat from * 5 more times, working one point in each ch-5 space. Join with a sl st to the first sl st of the round. Fasten off. **(6 points)**

Weave in the ends with the yarn needle.

Stiffening and blocking (do not skip)

1. Cover a piece of cardboard with plastic wrap.
2. In a small bowl, mix fabric stiffener with a little water if it is very thick (follow the bottle's directions).

3. Soak the snowflake in the stiffener until it is fully saturated, then gently squeeze out the extra liquid. Do not wring it.
4. Lay the snowflake flat on the covered cardboard. Gently stretch each of the six points outward and pin through every point tip to hold the shape. The snowflake should measure about 4 inches across.
5. Let it dry completely, several hours or overnight. Do not unpin it early.
6. Once dry and stiff, remove the pins. It will hold its crisp shape.



Blocking. Pin through every point tip and stretch gently outward.

Hanging string

Cut a 10-inch piece of matching thread or thin ribbon. Fold it in half, pull the folded loop through one point of the snowflake, then pull the two ends through the loop and tighten. Tie the ends together at the top. Hang and enjoy.

Beginner Tutorials

If any technique in this pattern is new to you, learn it here first. Each one takes only a few minutes, and then the whole snowflake will feel easy.

Chain ring (instead of a magic ring)

Chain 4, then insert your hook into the first chain, yarn over, and pull through both loops to join into a ring. Work Round 1 into the center of this ring.

Slip stitch join

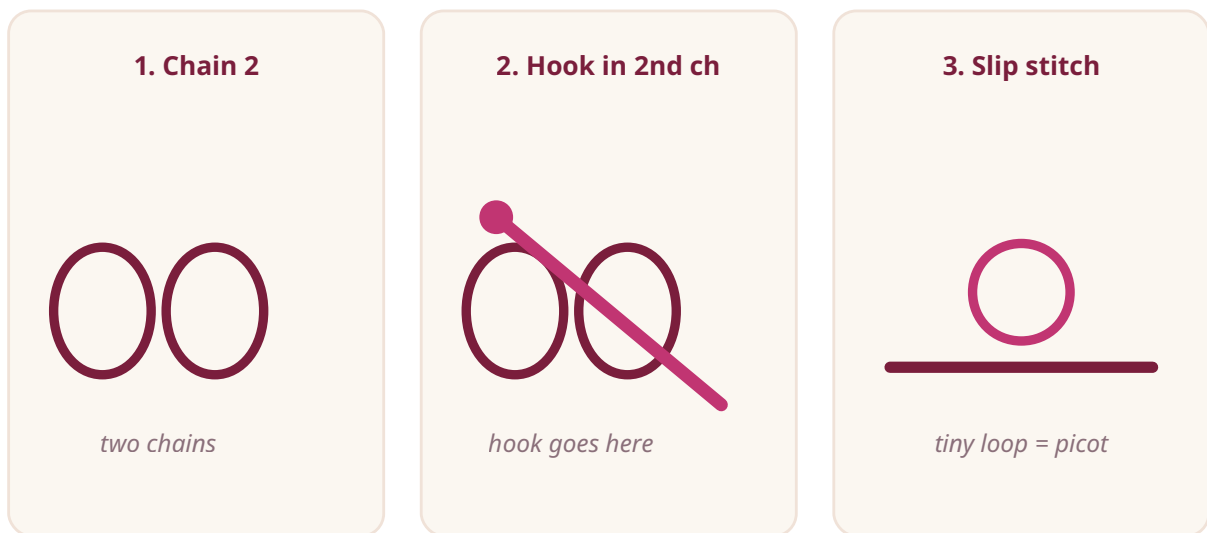
Insert your hook into the stitch, yarn over, and pull through both loops on the hook in one motion. This closes each round neatly.

Stitch refresher

- **Single crochet (sc):** insert hook, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.
- **Half double crochet (hdc):** yarn over, insert hook, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through all 3 loops.
- **Double crochet (dc):** yarn over, insert hook, pull up a loop, yarn over pull through 2, yarn over pull through 2.
- **Treble crochet (tr):** yarn over twice, insert hook, pull up a loop, then [yarn over, pull through 2] three times.

Making a picot

Chain 2. Insert your hook into the 2nd chain from the hook, yarn over, and pull through both loops. You have made a tiny loop, the picot, which forms the tip of each of the 6 points.



Making a picot in 3 steps.

Weaving in ends

Thread the tail on a yarn needle and weave it through the backs of several stitches, changing direction once so it cannot slip out. Trim close to the work.

Troubleshooting

- **My center ring will not close.** If you used a magic ring, pull the tail firmly before Round 2. If you used ch 4, the small hole is normal and barely visible.
 - **I have 5 or 7 loops instead of 6.** Round 1 must have exactly 12 dc, and Round 2 skips exactly 1 dc between single crochets. Recount Round 1.
 - **My points look uneven.** Count 8 stitches plus 1 picot in every point. A missed stitch in one point throws off its shape.
 - **The snowflake curls up.** This is normal before blocking. The stiffening and pinning steps flatten it completely.
 - **The snowflake is floppy after drying.** It needed more stiffener or longer drying. Re-soak, squeeze, re-pin, and give it a full overnight dry.
 - **The points dried crooked.** Re-wet that area lightly with stiffener, re-pin straight, and dry again.
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A note from Nora: Snowflakes are addictive. Make one, and you will want a whole blizzard for the tree, the windows, and gifts. If yours turn out beautifully (they will), share a photo in our Community chat at crochetrooms.com. I would love to see them.

Happy crocheting, Nora

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