Crochet Snowflake

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This crochet snowflake is four rounds and six arms with little trefoil tips, small enough to make a whole batch in an evening. It is a good first lace pattern: every round is written so the stitch count adds up, chains included, and the chart shows where each double crochet and chain loop sits.

In DK cotton with a 2.5 mm hook it blocks to about 2.1 in / 5.4 cm across (estimated from the stitch heights). Make it in thread with a smaller hook for a finer, smaller flake. The printable PDF at the end has the pattern and the chart.



Six arms, four rounds, starched flat.

Pattern at a glance

- **Skill level:** easy lace (sc, dc, ch, working into chain spaces)
- **Finished size:** about 2.1 in / 5.4 cm across after blocking
- **Yarn:** white DK cotton, about 10 yd / 9 m per snowflake, or cotton thread for a smaller flake
- **Hook:** 2.5 mm (US B/1–C/2) for DK; 1.5–1.75 mm for size 10 thread
- **Time:** about 15 minutes

Materials

- White DK cotton or crochet thread
- Hook to match, tapestry needle
- Rust-free pins, a towel or foam board, and spray starch (or a 1:1 mix of white glue and water)

Abbreviations (US terms)

- **MR** magic ring · **sc** single crochet · **dc** double crochet · **ch** chain · **sl st** slip stitch
- **ch-3 sp** the space under a chain of 3 from the round before; work all the stitches in brackets into that one space

Before you start

• The counts in brackets include chains: a chain-3 space counts as 3 positions. That is why round 2 has 24 positions from only 6 sc, and round 4 has 120.
• Rounds are not worked in a spiral here: finish each round with a sl st into the first sc and start the next round in that same sc.
• Keep the chains a little loose; tight chains pull the arms in and the snowflake cups instead of lying flat.

The pattern



Rounds 1–4: x = sc, T = dc, o = ch.

Snowflake

Color: start with A (white).

Round 4 is where the arms appear: each arm ends in a little trefoil, a long chain-5 loop between two chain-3 loops.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** (sc, ch 3) ×6. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** (sc in next sc, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp) ×6. (54)
- [ ] **Rnd 4:** (sc in next sc, ch 2, skip 3, (sc, ch 3, sc, ch 5, sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, skip 3) ×6. (120)

Finish: Sl st to the first sc, FO; block flat with pins and spray starch, let it dry completely.

Finish: Hanging loop: thread a 6 in / 15 cm strand of white yarn or ribbon through one ch-5 tip loop and knot.



Pin each arm tip and let the starch dry completely.

Blocking

1. Wet the snowflake, squeeze out the water and lay it on a towel or foam board.
2. Pin the center first, then the long chain-5 loop of each trefoil tip, pulling gently so all six arms are the same length. A paper circle with six lines drawn at 60° under the snowflake makes this easy.
3. Spray with starch (or brush on the glue mix) and leave it pinned until it is completely dry, usually overnight.

Tips

- **Make a set.** Ten or twelve flakes on fishing line make a quick window garland.
- **Thread gives finer flakes.** In size 10 crochet thread the same pattern makes a much smaller, lacier snowflake for cards and gift tags.
- **Add sparkle.** Hold a strand of white metallic thread together with the cotton in round 4.

FAQ

My snowflake curls up. What went wrong?

Usually the chains in rounds 2 and 4 are too tight. Go up half a hook size for the chains only, and block it firmly.

Can I make it bigger?

Use worsted cotton and a 3.5 mm hook, or add a fifth round that turns each trefoil into a longer spike: (sc in next sc, ch 5, skip to the long ch-5 loop, (sc, ch 3, sc) in that ch-5 space, ch 5, skip to the next valley sc) × 6 (96). That is 7 positions skipped on each side of the tip. It blocks to about 3 in / 7.6 cm.

Pair it with the crochet star and the mini stocking for a quick set of tree ornaments, or start with the amigurumi baubles.