

Snowflakes

A variety of knitted snowflake decorations

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Yarn

Small amounts of yarn – any weight, but finer yarn will produce a more delicate snowflake. Smooth yarn such as cotton or linen is best if you plan to starch your snowflakes. The snowflakes in the pictures use Twilleys Goldfingering metallic crochet yarn.

Needles

DPNs or circular needles, in a size suitable for your yarn. Snowflakes pictured were knitted on one circular 3.25mm needle.

Other materials

Yarn needle for weaving in ends, cornflour for starching, pins for blocking.

Gauge

Gauge is not essential for this project. Different needle sizes will produce different effects (a larger needle will give you a more open fabric).

Notations

k	knit
p	purl
k2tog	Knit 2 together
yo	Yarn over
CO	Cast on
BO	Bind off
sl1	slip one stitch
psso	pass slipped stich over

Directions

Directions are given for 4 snowflakes and 4 edgings; mix and match the snowflake and edging you prefer.

Snowflake 1

CO6 to knit in the round, preferably using the [Magic Ring crochet method](#).

Round 1-3: Knit

Round 4: (K1, yo) 6 times [12 sts]

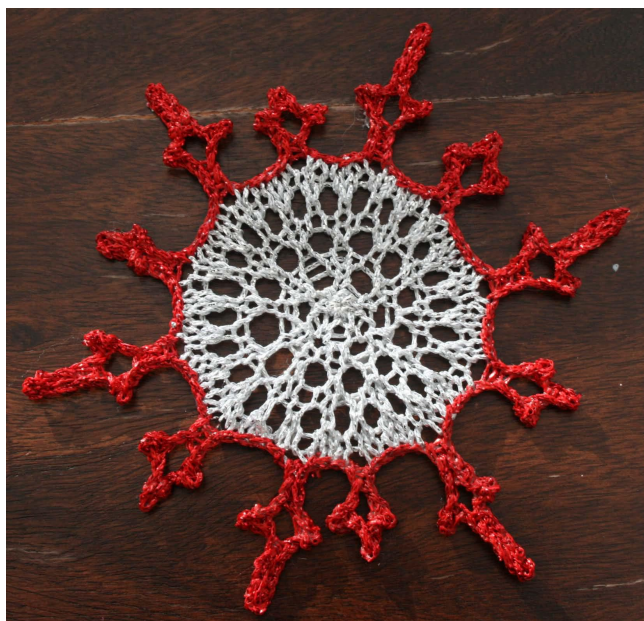
Round 5-6: Knit

Round 7: (yo, K1) 12 times [24 sts]

Round 8-9: Knit

Round 10: (K1, yo) 24 times [48 sts]

Round 11-12: Knit



Snowflake 2

CO6 to knit in the round, preferably using the [Magic Ring crochet method](#).

Round 1: Knit

Round 2: (K1, yo) 6 times [12 sts]

Round 3: Knit

Round 4: (K1, yo) 12 times [24 sts]

Round 5: Knit

Round 6: (yo twice, K1, yo, K1) 12 times [60 sts]

Round 7: (K1 into first loop of double yarn over, drop second loop, k3) 12 times [48 sts]

Round 8: (K1, yo twice) 48 times [96 sts]

Round 9: (K1, drop both loops of double yarn over) 48 times [48 sts]



Snowflake 3

CO6 to knit in the round, preferably using the [Magic Ring crochet method](#).

Round 1: Knit

Round 2: (K1, yo) 6 times [12 sts]

Round 4: Knit

Round 5: (yo twice, K1) 6 times [36 sts]

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Round 6: (k1, p1 into double yarnover, k1) 6 times

Round 7: (yo twice, Sl1, K2tog, psso) 6 times [36 sts]

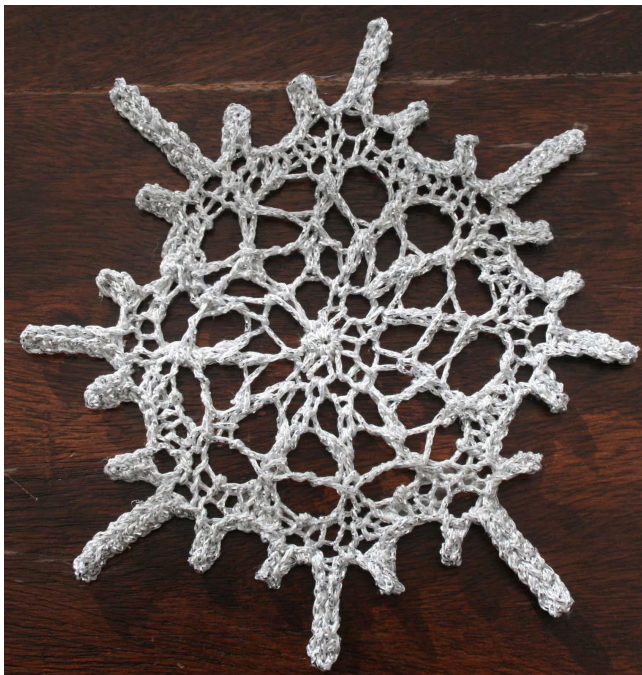
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Round 8-9: Repeat between ** once more

Round 10: Repeat round 6

Round 11: K2, kfb [48 sts]

Round 12: Knit



Snowflake 4

CO6 to knit in the round, preferably using the [Magic Ring crochet method](#).

Round 1: Knit

Round 2: (K1, yo) 6 times [12 sts]

Round 4: Knit

Round 5: (yo twice, K1) 6 times [36 sts]

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Round 6: (k1, p1 into double yarnover, k1) 6 times

Knit 1 stitch from end of left hand needle onto end of previous needle (moving start of round on one stitch)

Round 7: (yo twice, Sl1, K2tog, pssso) 6 times [36 sts]

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Round 8-9: Repeat between ** once or twice more (depending on how big you want your snowflake).

Round 10: Repeat round 6

Round 11: K2, kfb [48 sts]

Round 12: Knit



Edgings

All edgings are worked by casting on and binding off multiple stitches in a variation of the picot bind off. Use the cable cast on for all cast on edging stitches.

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Cable cast on

Insert right hand needle behind the first stitch on the left hand needle, draw yarn through and slip loop onto left hand needle with a half twist. Repeat until required number of stitches have been cast on.

After binding off stitches in the edging pattern, return the last stitch on the right hand needle to the left hand needle again before starting the next cast on group.

When starting a new cast on group, try to ensure the last group of bound off stitches does not twist.

Edging 1

After last round of snowflake, change to contrast colour yarn:

CO5, BO2, CO5, BO5, CO2, BO5

BO4 (from edge of snowflake) CO4, BO2, CO2, BO2, CO2, BO4

BO4 (from edge of snowflake)

Repeat 6 times.

To bind off last stitch, PU and knit one in the corner of the first point worked, pass stitch

over, pull yarn through loop and tighten. Break yarn and weave in end.

Edging 2

After last round of snowflake:

CO7, BO3, CO3, BO3, CO3, BO7
BO3 (from edge of snowflake)
CO2, BO2, CO2, BO2, CO2, BO2
BO3 (from edge of snowflake)

Repeat 8 times.

To bind off last stitch, PU and knit one in the corner of the first point worked, pass stitch over, pull yarn through loop and tighten. Break yarn and weave in end.

Edging 3

After last round of snowflake:

CO3, BO4, CO6, BO7, CO3, BO4
BO3 (from edge of snowflake)
CO3, BO4, CO9, BO10, CO3, BO4
BO3 (from edge of snowflake)

Repeat 4 times.

To bind off last stitch, PU and knit one in the corner of the first point worked, pass stitch over, pull yarn through loop and tighten. Break yarn and weave in end.

Edging 4

After last round of snowflake:

CO3, BO3, CO5, BO5, CO3, BO3
BO6 (from edge of snowflake)

Repeat 8 times.

To bind off last stitch, PU and knit one in the corner of the first point worked, pass stitch over, pull yarn through loop and tighten. Break yarn and weave in end.

Finishing

Snowflakes will look like a crumpled curly mess before blocking! To make a snowflake that will hang as a decoration and hold its shape, it will need to be starched as well as blocked.

Cornflour starch

Mix ½ cup cornflour with 1 cup cold water until dissolved. Put 2 cups water in a small pan and bring to the boil. Add the cornflour solution to the boiling water gradually, and stir until thickened. The mixture should be very thick and jelly-like. but add a little more cold water if

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too thick.

Pour cornflour starch mixture into a bowl and submerge snowflakes. When completely saturated, remove to a clean tea towel and press out excess mixture. Place snowflake on greaseproof paper on top of cork or a thick towel on the floor to block. Stretch into shape, pulling the lace out as much as possible and pin in place. Be sure to pin out every point of the edging. You can draw a circle on the greaseproof paper to give you a guideline for the shape you want to block to.

When dry, remove all pins and peel the now rigid snowflake off the greaseproof paper.

Hanging Loop

To make a loop to hang up your snowflakes, use a small crochet hook to make a tight crochet chain of the desired length and attached to the edging to form a loop.