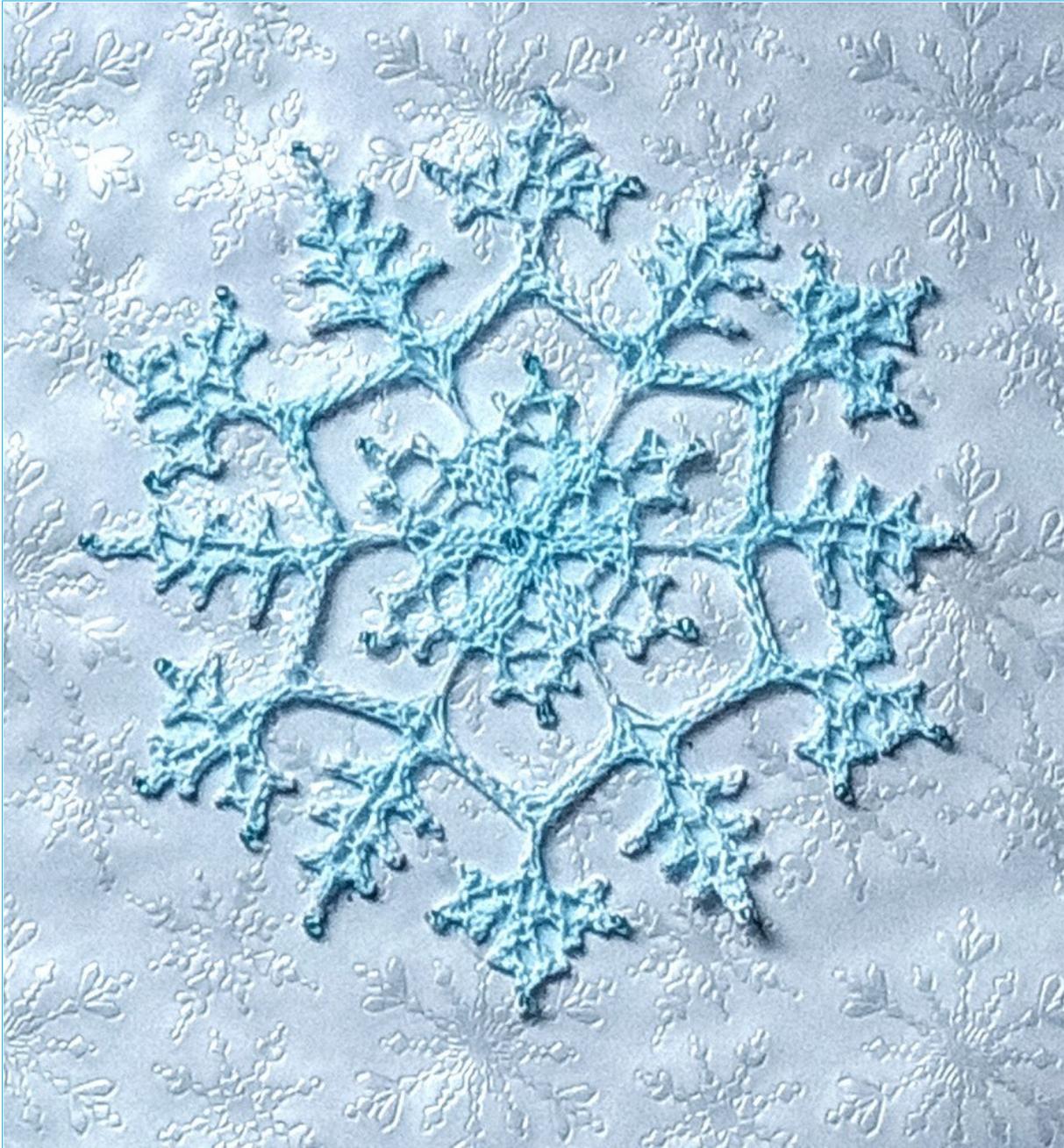


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Materials

- Any yarn weight
- 4 dpns in size recommended for the yarn
- circular needle in corresponding size
- Tapestry needle (for weaving in the ends)
- small stitch holders (if not using circular needle)

Notes

1. **Size** will vary depending on yarn and needles chosen.
2. **Lacy points:** The points of this snowflake are formed by a series of cast ons/bind offs, otherwise known as picots.
3. **Stiffening:** Block out your finished snowflake. You will also need to stiffen it if you want to use it as a hanging ornament. Use any stiffener you prefer.
4. **Note on Rnd 10:** Round 10 is a bind off round that shapes the legs (points) of the snowflake. In this round, after binding off the required number of stitches always **REMEMBER** to place the stitch from RH needle back to LH needle before casting on new stitches.
5. **Tutorial:**

The Heart of a Snowflake You Tube tutorial:

Rounds 1-6: <https://youtu.be/gvvsgmIFdJk>

Part 1 Rounds 7-9: <https://youtu.be/5nF1prR-blg>

Part 2 Round 10: https://youtu.be/MeYy5A8_ilk

Abbreviations and Special Stitches

k – knit

yo2 – wrap yarn over the needle 2 times

X – knit the 2nd stitch from behind the 1st through back loop, then knit the 1st stitch, slip both to RH needle

BLCO – backwards loop cast on

BO – bind off: knit two stitches together through the back loop, place the stitch from RH needle back to LH needle, repeat as many times as required

KCO – knitted cast on: with your RH needle knit into the stitch on the LH needle, pull a new stitch through, then slip the new stitch back to LH needle, at the same time make sure not to slip the stitch you've knitted into off the LH needle = 1 stitch added. Next, knit into the stitch you just made, pull a new stitch through, then slip the new stitch back to LH needle = 2 stitches added. Example: if the pattern notes say to KCO3 stitches, repeat the process until you get the necessary number of stitches (in this case 3) + 1 (the first stitch you knitted into)

RH – right-hand (needle)

LH – left-hand (needle)

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Snowflake (rounds 1-6)

Cast on 6 stitches using long tail cast on. Distribute between 3 needles (2 stitches per needle) and join to knit in the round.

Next, follow the chart or the written instructions below.

Chart (rounds 1-6)

Repeat 6 times. When the chart is completed, proceed to written instructions for round 7.

I	I	•	I	I	I	6
I	I	O	O	I	I	5
		I	•	I	I	4
		I	O	O	I	3
				I	I	2
					V	1
6	5	4	3	2	1	

- V Knit into the front leg of the stitch, then slip the back leg of the stitch w/o knitting
- I Knit
- O Yarn over
- Purl

If you need visual help with these 6 rounds, watch Part 1 of the Let It Snowflake Tutorial: <https://youtu.be/gvvsgmIFdJk>

Written instructions (rounds 1-10)

Rnd 1: Knit into the front leg of the stitch, then slip the back leg of the stitch w/o knitting. Repeat 5 more times (= 12 stitches total)

Rnd 2: Knit all stitches (12 stitches)

Rnd 3: (k1, yo2, k1). Repeat 5 more times (24 stitches)

Rnd 4: (k1; knit the 1st yarn over, purl the 2nd yarn over; k1). Repeat 5 more times (24 stitches)

Rnd 5: (k2, yo2, k2). Repeat 5 more times (36 stitches)

Rnd 6: (k2; knit the 1st yarn over, purl the 2nd yarn over; k2). Repeat 5 more times (36 stitches)

Note: Knit round 7 with your circular needle.

Rnd 7: *kfb, leave the first kfb stitch on RH needle. Use the second kfb stitch and BO2. Place your stitch back to LH needle.

KCO2, BO2, slip the stitch from RH needle back to LH needle;

KCO2, BO2, slip the stitch from RH needle back to LH needle;

KCO2, BO4, slip the stitch from RH needle back to LH needle, k2tog.*

Repeat the sequence from * to * 5 more times.

Now slip the last stitch from RH needle onto your LH needle. It is now the 1st stitch of the next round.

Note: Only 12 live stitches will be left at the end of round 7.

Rnd 8: X, *BLCO 8, X.*

Repeat from * to * 4 more times; finish the round with BLCO 8 (60 stitches).

Rnd 9: Knit all stitches (60 stitches).

Rnd 10 is a bind off round.

Begin working the following sequence:

A tree point

Knitting into the first stitch on LH needle:

KCO6, BO4, slip the stitch from RH needle back to LH needle;
KCO4, BO3, slip the stitch from RH needle back to LH needle;
KCO3, BO2, slip the stitch from RH needle back to LH needle;
KCO4, BO4, slip the stitch from RH needle back to LH needle;
KCO2, BO3, slip the stitch from RH needle back to LH needle;
KCO3, BO4, slip the stitch from RH needle back to LH needle;
KCO4, BO11, slip the stitch from RH needle back to LH needle.

An arrows point

Knitting into the stitch on LH needle:

CO7, BO2, slip the stitch from RH needle back to LH needle;
CO2, BO2, slip the stitch from RH needle back to LH needle;
CO2, BO4, slip the stitch from RH needle back to LH needle;
CO4, BO2, slip the stitch from RH needle back to LH needle;
CO2, BO2, slip the stitch from RH needle back to LH needle;
CO2, BO4, slip the stitch from RH needle back to LH needle;
CO4, BO2, slip the stitch from RH needle back to LH needle;
CO2, BO2, slip the stitch from RH needle back to LH needle;
CO2, BO12.

End of sequence.

Work the sequence 5 more times.

Important! At the end of the last sequence, BO 11 instead of 12.

After the last bind off you will have 1 stitch left on your RH needle.

Next, insert the needle into the 1st bound off stitch of the round and pull a new stitch through, now slip the stitch from RH needle over it.

Break yarn, secure and weave in the ends.

Stiffen and block out your snowflake

