



2024 Crocheted Snowflake

This pattern is based on an actual snowflake photographed by Wilson “Snowflake” Bentley in the late 1800’s.

Abbreviations:

Ch = Chain Stitch

Sl St = Slip Stitch

Sc = Single Crochet

Dc = Double Crochet

* _ * = Repeat instructions between asterisks the number of times stated.

{ } = Repeat instructions between brackets the number of times stated, including repeating instructions between asterisks the number of times stated.

NOTE: Full video tutorial for this project, including “Magic Ring”, “Downward Picot” and stiffening your snowflake with sugar is available at <https://youtu.be/dGi8sC7DEok>

To Begin: Form a “Magic Ring” by wrapping yarn twice around first two fingers of your left hand (right hand for lefties), forming an “X” as yarn crosses, then use hook to drawl upper left arm of X under upper right arm, and form a loop (see tutorial).

Row 1: Ch4, *dc in ring, ch 2* 5 times, pull Magic Ring tight, sl st in ch 4 to complete round.

Row 2: Ch 3, sc, sl st, sc, dc in chain 4 loop. Ch 1, *dc, sc, sl st, sc, dc in ch 2 loop, ch 1* 5 times. Sl st in ch 3 to complete round.

Row 3: *Ch 6, create downward facing picot by sl st in TOP of 4th ch st, ch 3, sl st in ch 1 loop, ch 5, sl st in same ch 1 loop* 6 times, sl st in ch1 loop to complete round.

Row 4: Sl st three times to reach the downward picot, ch 2. Dc on the other side of the picot (this forms an inverted “V” bracketing the picot). Ch 3, sc in chain 5, ch 3, sc in same chain 5. *Ch 3, dc just in front of picot, dc just behind picot (this forms an inverted “V” bracketing the picot) ch 3, sc in ch 5, ch 2, sc in same ch 5* 5 times. Ch 3, sl st in top of dc (this will make it look as though the slip stitch goes through the top of the inverted “V”, and will create an “A” shape—see tutorial)

Row 5: {Ch 2, *dc in ch 2 loop, ch 1* 5 times, ch 1, sl st in the SECOND double crochet, forming an “A” shape.} Repeat entire sequence from { to } 6 times. Ch 1, sl st in 2nd dc to complete the round. (The sl st will go through the same hole formed by the sl st at the end of the last round.)

Row 6: 2 sl st in ch 2 to reach first dc. Sl st in dc, ch 4. {3 dc in next dc, ch 1, *dc, ch 1* 3 times in the next dc (this will create three 'spokes' radiating from the middle 'spoke' in the row below). Ch 1, 3 dc in next dc, ch 1, dc in next dc, ch 2. Dc in first dc of next cluster, ch 1.} Repeat from { to } four times. 3 dc in next dc, *ch 1, 3 dc* 3 times in the next dc, ch 1, 3 dc in next dc, ch 1, dc in next dc, ch 2, sl st in ch 4 to complete the round.

Row 7: 1 sl st in chain 4 to reach dc. {Sl st in first dc of cluster, ch 4. Skip next dc, and 2 dc in 3rd dc of that cluster. 2 dc in ch 1 space, ch 1, *dc, ch 1* 3 times in middle dc of next cluster, 2 dc in ch 1, 2 dc in next dc, ch 4, sl st in 3rd dc of that cluster, sl st in ch 1, sl st in dc, sl st in ch 2, sl st in dc, sl st in ch 1.*}



Wilson Bentley's Original Photograph