2025 Crocheted Snowflake
"The Parable of the Snowflake"

**Actual snowflake photographed by
Wilson "Snowflake" Bentley in the late 1800's.**

This little snowflake really spoke to me. It is part of a collection of some of the first snowflakes ever photographed!   It was the only snowflake among hundreds that wasn't symmetrical.

At first I thought, "That's too bad, one of the points of that snowflake must have gotten damaged as it fell." Then I realized that the one point that was different was also much more intricate, more beautiful and more interesting than the undamaged ones.

I think that there is a lesson in that for our lives…sometimes we go through experiences that we think have damaged us irreparably, and that we may never be the same. And that may be true—but with time and continued growth, we can become even more interesting and even more beautiful than we might ever have been otherwise!

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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 the "Magic Ring" beginning and stiffening your snowflake with sugar is available at: https://bit.ly/4ivMBN9

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 draw the upper left arm of X under upper right arm, and form a loop (see tutorial).

Row 1: Ch5, *dc in ring, ch 2* 5 times, pull Magic Ring snug, sl st in ch 5 to complete round.

Row 2: Ch 3, sc, dc, all in chain 5 loop. In next ch 2, *dc, sc, dc all in same ch 2 loop, ch 2* 5 times. Sl st in ch 3 to complete round.

Row 3: Sl st in sc, sl st in dc, sc in ch 2. *Ch 6, sc in same ch 2, ch 5, sc in next ch 2* 6 times. Sl st in first sc in first loop in this row to complete the round.

Row 4: 2 sl st in ch 6, *sc in same ch 6, ch 3, sc in same ch 6, ch 3, sc in ch 5, ch 3,* 6 times, sl st in first sc of ch 3 loop.

Row 5: Sl st in ch 3 loop. Ch 4, *dc in same ch 3, ch 1* 4 times, ch 2. {*Dc, ch 1 five times* in next ch 3, ch 2} five times to form a "shell motif," sl st in ch 4.

Row 6: *Ch 4, 2 dc in dc, ch 1, 2 dc in next dc, ch 2, 2 dc in same dc, ch 1, 2 dc in next dc, ch 4, sl st in next dc, 3 sl st in ch 3, sl st in first dc of next shell* 6 times.

Row 7: *4 sl st in chain 4 to reach dc. 1 sl st in each of next two dc, sl st in ch 1, ch 4, 2 dc in 2nd dc in next pair of dc, ch 1, 2 dc in ch 2, ch 5, 2 dc in same ch 2, ch 1, 2 dc in first dc of next pair of dc, ch 4, sl st in ch 1, st st in next 2 dc, 4 sl st in ch 4, sl st in ch 3 of row 5 (Don't let this confuse you…this sl st will be on top of the 3 sl st of Row 6)* 6 times.

To make the "Parable Snowflake," complete Row 7 only once.

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