

# R4

# Lace Snowflake



Lace snowflakes are delicate decorations that look especially good when hung up against the light.

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### You will need:

white thread (lace weight yarn or sewing cotton) • silver beading wire • glue / clear nail varnish  
4 x double ended knitting needles (2mm) • tapestry needle • scissors • needle nose pliers

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### Pattern:

Cast on 6 stitches and divide them evenly between three needles. Join into a round and then begin (see *Notes* for abbreviations).

Round 1: [kfb] x 6 (12)

Round 2 & all other even rounds: k –

Round 3: [yfwd, k1] x 12 (24)

Round 5: [k1, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k2] x 6 (36)

Round 7: [yfwd, k2togtbl, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k2tog, yfwd, k1] x 6 (48)

Round 9: [k1, yfwd, k2togtbl, k1, k2tog, yfwd, k2] x 6 (48)

Round 11: [yfwd, k2togtbl, yfwd, k3, yfwd, k2tog, yfwd, k1] x 6 (60)

Round 13: [k1, yfwd, k2togtbl, yfwd, sl1, k2tog, pssso, yfwd, k2tog, yfwd, k2] x 6 (60)

If you would like to make a small snowflake, you can skip straight to *Making Up*. For a larger snowflake, continue as follows.

Round 15: [{yfwd, k2togtbl}x2, yfwd, k1, yfwd, {k2tog, yfwd}x2, k1] x 6 (72)

Round 17: [k1, {yfwd, k2togtbl}x2, k1, {k2tog, yfwd}x2, k2] (72)

Round 19: [{yfwd, k2togtbl}x2, yfwd, k3, yfwd, {k2tog, yfwd}x2, k1] x 6 (84)

Round 21: [k1, {yfwd, k2togtbl}x2, yfwd, sl1, k2tog, pssso, yfwd, {k2tog, yfwd}x2, k2] x 6 (84)

If you would like to make the snowflake even bigger then all following rounds are based on these four pattern rows (and their alternating plain rows). Simply add a further multiple of the section in {curly brackets} and repeat. For example the next part of the pattern is

Round 23: [{yfwd, k2togtbl}x3, yfwd, k1, yfwd, {k2tog, yfwd}x3, k1] x 6 (96)

Round 25: [k1, {yfwd, k2togtbl}x3, k1, {k2tog, yfwd}x3, k2] (96)

Round 27: [{yfwd, k2togtbl}x3, yfwd, k3, yfwd, {k2tog, yfwd}x3, k1] x 6 (108)

Round 29: [k1, {yfwd, k2togtbl}x3, yfwd, sl1, k2tog, pssso, yfwd, {k2tog, yfwd}x3, k2] x 6 (108)

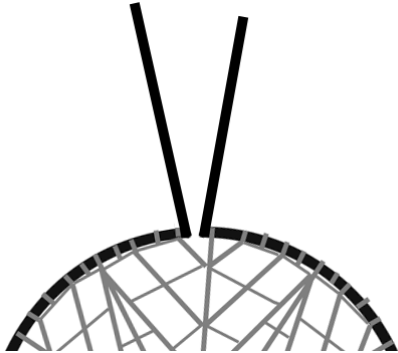
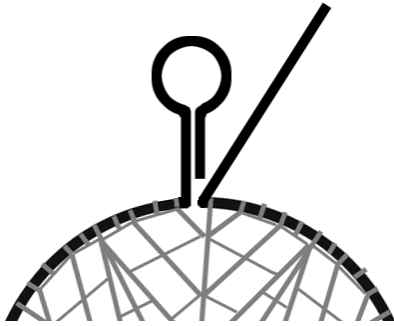

Continue until the snowflake is the size you want. Do not cast off. Go straight to *Making Up*.

## Making Up:

Take your silver wire and begin transferring stitches onto it from the double ended needles. Be very careful. I once let go of the wire by mistake and dropped half the stitches of a giant snowflake. Lace knitting is hell to pick up once dropped. I said a very bad word.

Once all the stitches are on a loop of wire you can spread them out so that the snowflake is pulled taut and you can see the pattern.

Next make the loop to hang your snowflake.

		
1. Trim the wire so that it has a couple of inches spare at either end.	2. Use the pliers to bend one length of wire into a loop.	3. Wrap the second length of wire around the first for a neat finish.

There are two loose ends of thread left. Tie them off and dab the knot with a tiny amount of glue or clear nail polish to fix it in place. Work a short length of thread back into the pattern then trim.

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## Notes:

### Abbreviations

<b>[ ] x number</b>	Repeat the section in square brackets the required number of times.
<b>{ } x number</b>	Repeat the section in curly brackets the required number of times.
<b>(number)</b>	Gives the total number of stitches you should have on needle by the end of the row.
<b>k number</b>	Knit this number of stitches
<b>k –</b>	Knit every stitch to the end of the row.
<b>kfb</b>	Knit into the front and then the back of a single stitch (+1 stitch).
<b>k2tog</b>	Knit the next two stitches together (-1 stitch).
<b>k2togtbl</b>	Knit the next two stitches together through the back of the loop (-1 stitch).
<b>pssso</b>	Pass the slipped stitch over any intervening stitches and off the needle.
<b>sl1</b>	Slip the next stitch purl wise.
<b>yfwd</b>	Bring the yarn to the front of the knitting (+1 stitch if followed by a knit).

### Needle/Yarn Size

As with most ODDknit patterns the yarn and needle sizes in the "you will need" section are just a guide. Feel free to improvise with whatever needles and yarn you have lying around - that's half the fun!