

# Hook & Web Designs Presents: Treasured Heirlooms Crochet

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# **Snowflakes**

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**Note:** Every year, I make about 100 snowflakes, minus pearl beads and using white crochet cotton, to stick in my Christmas cards as a special gift for friends and family!

#### SKILL LEVEL:

Easy

FINSHED SIZE: 2" -2.5" in diameter

# MATERIALS:

- J & P Coats Pearl Knit-Cro-Sheen, or size 10 crochet cotton, 6 – 8 yds each
- Size 7/1.65 mm steel crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- 3 mm & 4 mm Pearl beads, as indicated
- Heavy Spray Starch
- Craft glue or hot glue gun

# GAUGE:

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7 sc = 1"
8 rows sc = 1"
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# SPECIAL STITCHES:

Beg hdc: Sc, ch 1 Beg dc: Sc, ch 2 Picot: ch 3, sc in top of previous st

# Variation #1:

**Rnd 1**: Ch 5, join with sl st to form ring. (Beg hdc, 11 hdc) in ring, join with sl st to top of beg hdc. (12 hdc)

**Rnd 2:** Ch 1, (sc, ch 1) in each hdc around. Join with sl st to  $1^{st}$  sc. (12 sc, 12 ch-1 sp)

**Rnd 3:** Working only in ch-1 sp for this rnd, ch 1, (beg dc, ch 1, dc, ch 2, dc, ch 1, dc) shell in  $1^{st}$  ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, [(dc, ch 1, dc, ch 2, dc, ch 1, dc) shell in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp] around. Join with sl st to top of beg dc. (6 shells, 6 ch-1 sp between shells)

Rnd 4: Working in ch-2 sp of shells and ch-1 sp between shells, [Ch 4, (sc, picot) in next ch-2 sp, ch 4, sc in next ch-1 sp between shells] around. Join with sl st to dc at base of 1<sup>st</sup> ch-4. Fasten off.

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#### Variation #2:

**Rnd 1:** Ch 5, join with sl st to form ring. (Beg hdc, 11 hdc) in ring, join with sl st to top of beg hdc. (12 hdc)

**Rnd 2:** Ch 1, (sc, ch 1) in each hdc around. Join with sl st to  $1^{st}$  sc. (12 sc, 12 ch-1 sp)

**Rnd 3: Working only in ch-1 sp for this rnd**, ch 1, (beg dc, ch 1, dc, ch 2, dc, ch 1, dc) shell in  $1^{st}$  ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, [(dc, ch 1, dc, ch 2, dc, ch 1, dc) shell in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp] around. Join with sl st to top of beg dc. (6 shells, 6 ch-1 sp between shells)

**Rnd 4: Working in ch-2 sp of shells and ch-1 sp between shells**, sl st to 1<sup>st</sup> ch-2 sp, (beg dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, picot, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc) in ch-2 sp, sc in ch-1 sp between shells, [(dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, picot, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc) shell in next ch-2 sp, sc in ch-1 sp between shells] around. Join with sl st to top of beg dc. Fasten off.

#### FINISHING:

Spray with spray starch, press starched rnds with <u>cool</u> iron if using Pearl Knit-Cro-Sheen and <u>hot</u> iron if using regular crochet cotton. (*Please note:* using a hot iron on the Pearlized thread will melt the plastic filament.)

Shape with your fingers, and allow starch to dry completely.

Hanging loop: Cut 8" piece of crochet cotton. Fold in half, knot ends. With crochet hook, pull fold through center top picot of stiffened snowflake. Pull knotted ends through fold, tighten (knots will be at top of hanging loop).

#### **BEAD TRIM (Optional):**

**Var. 1:** Glue one 4-mm pearl bead over sc of Rnd 2 at base of each shell.

Glue one 3-mm pearl bead at base of each sc between shells of last rnd.

Var. 2: Glue one 3-mm pearl bead over sc of Rnd 2 at base of each shell.

Glue one 4-mm pearl bead over each sc between shells and at the base of each picot of Rnd 4.

