Snowflake Christmas Stocking



Edition and sample status

Version 1.0 | October 19, 2026. The complete new reading route below uses US crochet terms. The relevant unchanged reference pages at the end use UK terms. Editorial count corrections, translations, joining interpretations and finishing alternatives are prototype-ready drafts until physically crocheted, finished and checked. No new physical sample, wash, hanging, load or stability test has been made. Existing photographs do not prove these additions have been tested.

Finished-size approach

The reference gives approximately 26 cm overall without a clear measurement axis. Leg target is 20 cm and foot target 12 cm. Record cuff-to-toe height and heel-to-toe length separately; no graded sizes or numerical gauge supplied.

Materials and starting hook

Sirdar Beachcomber DK, 100% cotton, 50 g / 140 m: Blue 253 (2 balls), Paradise 252 red (1), White 250 (1). 3.5 mm main hook, 3.25 mm snowflake hook; needle, markers. These are original purchasing allowances, not measured use. Also use scissors, a tape measure, removable stitch markers and a blunt yarn needle. Check current yarn labels rather than assuming an old colour or yarn remains available. No substitute is claimed equivalent without a sample.

Gauge, measurements and resizing

No numerical gauge is supplied for this project. Work a generous swatch in the named main stitch with the stated yarn and hook, allow it to rest, and measure the central 10 cm in both directions: stitches/10 cm = ___; rows/10 cm = ___. For spiral pieces, make a small stuffed trial and check that the filling is contained without gaps. For open motifs, make and measure one whole motif; a plain swatch alone will not predict its finished outline.

Record yarn, fibre, hook, actual dimensions, yarn used and care result. Changing yarn or hook changes size and stiffness, not just appearance. For the same stitch construction, new width is approximately old width x old stitch gauge / new stitch gauge; this is a planning estimate, not a verified size. Keep the written counts for shaped figures and trial the entire set of components together. Do not enlarge just the body and expect the old hat or limbs to fit. For motifs, use whole repeated motifs to enlarge a joined piece rather than interrupting the stitch repeat.

US terminology and working rules

The new route uses US terms. The unchanged reference pages use UK terms: UK dc = US sc; UK htr = US hdc; UK tr = US dc; UK dtr = US tr; UK ttr = US double treble. UK FPtr = US fpdc, but UK FPdc = US fpsc. Do not mix the two systems within a round.

MR: adjustable magic ring; ch: chain; sl st: slip stitch; st: stitch; sc: single crochet; hdc: half double crochet; dc: double crochet; tr: treble crochet; BLO: back loop only. Inc means 2 sc in one stitch unless a different stitch is named. Dec means sc2tog over the next two stitches. For sc2tog, insert and draw up a loop in each of two stitches, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops. A repeat in parentheses is worked the stated number of times; the count at its end is the new working count.

For fpdc, yarn over, insert from front to back to front around the next post, draw up a loop, then complete a dc. For fpsc, insert around the post without the initial yarn over and complete a sc. Double treble: yarn over 3 times, insert and draw up a loop, then yarn over and draw through 2 loops four times. Picot, unless otherwise stated: ch2, sl st into the second chain from the hook.

Continuous-round pieces: mark the first real stitch, move the marker every round and do not join or turn. Joined rounds: join to the first actual stitch, except where an initial counted tall chain explicitly replaces that stitch. Flat sc rows: ch1 and turn; the chain never counts. Change colour on the last pull-through of the preceding stitch and weave ends securely into the fabric. An uncounted turning chain does not create another stitch.

1. Leg tube: 39 stitches

Use3.5 mm hook and blue. Ch40. Row1: sc in the second chain and each remaining chain =39 sc. Join the two short edges into a round without twisting, and use the foundation tail to close the small lower gap. Work joined, turned rounds: ch1 uncounted, sc in each of39 stitches, sl st to the first sc, turn. Continue until the leg tube is20 cm long. Finish blue. The seam is the centre-back reference. The original foundation does not create40 working stitches.

2. Heel: 21-stitch short rows

In red, work across21 stitches centred on the back seam,11 on one side and10 on the other; mark the untouched18 front-leg stitches. Heel Row1: sc21, turn. Row2: ch1, sc14, turn, leaving7 unworked. Row3: ch1, sc7, turn, leaving the other7 unworked.

Now expand one stitch at a time. On each row ch1, sc across all stitches of the preceding short row and sc in the next unworked red stitch from the lower row, then turn. The row counts are8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21. Pick up only that next unworked heel position at each end, not an extra loop in the turn gap. Fasten red. This written count sequence makes the short-row return explicit.

3. Foot tube and red toe

Rejoin blue at the centre heel. Work around the21 heel-edge positions and the18 reserved front-leg positions =39 sc. Keep the seam at the heel centre and do not insert uncounted extra corner stitches. If a corner hole needs tidying, sew it closed on the reverse after the tube is complete. Continue joined, turned rounds of39 sc until the foot measures12 cm from the back of the heel to the working edge.

Change to red. Work2 plain rounds of39 sc. Then work a decrease round, a plain round, a decrease round, a plain round, and a final decrease round:

Decrease1: (dec, sc8) x3, dec, sc7 =35. Plain round sc35. Decrease2: (dec, sc7) x3, dec, sc6 =31. Plain round sc31. Decrease3: (dec, sc6) x3, dec, sc5 =27. Each decrease round removes4 stitches. Flatten the toe with heel and front aligned. Sew the two halves together through paired loops, placing the single unmatched27th stitch at a fold and securing it without a hole. This odd-count seam placement is an untested finishing clarification. Weave ends.

4. Cuff and hanging loop

Cuff in red: ch10; sc in second chain and each remaining chain =9. Work flat rows of9 sc with ch1 and turn until the strip fits around the actual top opening without stretching or gathering. Join the short ends. Sew its long edge evenly to the top of the stocking, with the cuff seam at centre back; fold down if desired as shown. Trial the pickup/seam because no fixed row count is supplied.

Hanging loop in blue: make a foundation chain whose working length measures12 cm, then add one turning chain. Sc back across all working chains. Ch1, turn, sc across the same number once more. Fasten. Fold the strip and sew both ends securely inside the centre-back cuff, passing through substantial fabric rather than one surface loop. The placement is an added finishing interpretation. No weight rating is established; use lightweight gifts and inspect the attachment before hanging.

5. Eight snowflake appliques

With white and3.25 mm hook, ch5 and join to form a ring. Sc into the ring. Repeat5 times: ch5, sl st into the third chain from the hook; ch4, sl st into that same branch anchor; ch4, sl st into that same anchor; ch2, sc into the centre ring. Join to the first sc and fasten with a sewing tail. The common branch anchor is the chain used for the first branch slip stitch, not the hook or centre ring. Keep each three-tipped arm separate.

Make8. Lay them on the leg and foot, positioning them as the photograph suggests without stretching the tube. Stitch each centre and the outer branch points to the stocking so no applique lifts loosely. Keep the hanging loop accessible. This is decoration; do not fill it with anything hazardous to pets or put it beside a heat source.

6. Dimensions and sample checks

Record actual cuff-to-toe height___, leg length___, heel-to-toe length___, cuff circumference___, loop seam result___ and yarn used___. The original approximate26 cm overall has no clear axis and does not establish a tested size. For the first sample keep the39-stitch tube and21-stitch heel. To alter length, add or subtract plain leg/foot rounds after measuring; changing circumference requires a new heel/toe grading trial rather than a casual chain substitution. Check toe seam, heel corners, snowflake stitches and hanging loop after the first display and care test.

Technical points to check on the sample

Chain 40 gives 39 stitches. Heel, toe decreases, odd-count closing seam and loop placement are made explicit. Load capacity and new finishing details are untested. Record the actual stitch counts after each shaping round, measure the finished piece, and check every join. If the fabric or count does not agree, stop and resolve it before continuing. Retain your yarn and gauge record; arithmetic agreement is not a physical test.

Care and intended use

Finish every join and bury the tails. Inspect seams, exposed loops, attached parts and hanging points before use and after care. Follow the actual yarn and trim labels; mixed components may need the gentlest compatible care. First test cleaning on the swatch. No new wash, colourfastness, shrinkage, heat, load or stability test has been performed.

These are indoor gifts and decorative objects, not pet toys. Keep strings, garlands, stuffing, small fittings and gift sweets away from chewing or swallowing. Place decorations where pets cannot reach or pull them down. Remove damaged items promptly. Never use a crochet garland as a collar, tether or restraint. The weighted cats are doorstops for adult-managed display, not stuffed playthings.

Finished-detail reference views

The following are finished photographs, not a step-by-step making sequence. They are alternate views of this same idea. Their props, small fittings and styling are not additional patterns. Use the written route for construction and the unchanged pages for the original chart/layout.



White snowflake applique stitched onto the blue stocking fabric.

Unchanged reference pages

The next 2 pages preserve the relevant supplied instruction/photo pages in their original numbering: 110, 111. The new route above contains its own making steps and term definitions. Read the original UK chart keys as UK terms; do not apply US meanings to those labels. Other magazine projects are outside this eight-idea selection.



Snow sweet

Val Pierce's super-soft stocking will make any mantelpiece look fantastic this year!



YOU WILL NEED

- Sirdar Beachcomber (100% cotton, 50g/140m), 2 balls in Surfer Blue (253), 1 ball of each: Paradise (252), White (250)
- A 3.25mm (US D/3) hook
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook

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TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 26cm (10¼in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Christmas is such a fun time for crocheters with so many gorgeous projects to hook up. Experienced crocheters will be able to make this really simple festive stocking in just a couple of evenings but the pattern is suitable for beginners too.

NOTES

For the stocking, work in the round in dc, but turn your work at the end of each round to give the ridged effect of the dc.
With the snowflakes, because of the slub in the yarn, they will differ slightly in shape and size.

STOCKING

Using 3.5mm hook and blue, ch40.
Work 1dc into 2nd ch from hook, 1dc into each dc to end, join with a sl st to form a circle. Turn.
Next row Ch1, work 1dc into each dc to end join with a sl st , turn.
Repeat the last row until work measures 20cm. **Fasten off**.

WORK HEEL

Fold the stocking in half lengthways and flatten the piece so the back seam where you joined the work on each round faces you. Now work the heel using stitches from the beginning and end of the last dc round you worked in blue. The heel will be worked across the back seam.
Using red and 3.5mm hook join yarn to the 11th stitch from the right-hand side, work across those 11sts in dc, continue in dc across the next 10sts of the left-hand side. 21dc in all, turn.
Next row Work 14 dc, turn.
Next row Work 7dc and turn.
The next part is worked short rows, working into remaining dc in red on either side of the heel.
Next row Ch1, 1dc into next 7 dc, 1dc into next dc on row below, turn.
Next row 1dc into each of next 8dc, 1dc into next dc on row below, turn.
Continue in this working 1 extra dc from either side on each row until all stitches of the heel are worked off. Break yarn and fasten off.

WORK FOOT

Rejoin blue to centre dc of heel. Work in dc across first half of heel, work around leg and then across second half of heel, join with a sl st.
Continue in rounds of dc, turning work as before on each round.



The yarn has a fantastic texture, making the stocking and snowflakes really strokeable!

When work measures 12cm break blue and join in red.

WORK TOE

Work 2 rounds in dc.
Decrease 4sts evenly on every other round three times in all.
Fasten off.

CUFF

Using red and 3.5mm hook ch10, work 1dc into 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc into each ch to end, turn.
Next row Ch1, 1dc into each dc to end. Turn. Repeat last row until piece is long enough to fit around the top of the stocking. **Fasten off**.

SNOWFLAKES (MAKE 8)

Using white and 3.25mm hook ch5, join into a circle.
Next row 1dc into circle, * 5ch, sl st into 3rd ch from hook, 4ch, sl st into same place, 4ch, sl st into same place, 2ch, 1dc into circle * rep from * to * 4 times more, sl st to dc at beginning of round. **Fasten off**.

HANGING LOOP

Using blue and 3.5mm hook make a chain 12cm long .
Work 2 rows dc. **Fasten off**.

TO MAKE UP

Work in ends. Sew toe together. Sew side seam on cuff, place around stocking top and secure in place. Work in ends on snowflakes. Sew snowflakes to stocking as desired.