

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

One of the attractions of crochet snowflakes is that they do not require a large collection of specialised tools or materials. Select a steel hook and a ball of crochet thread, gather a few common household supplies and you'll be ready to begin.

CROCHET THREAD

Snowflakes are usually crocheted from cotton crochet thread, which comes in sizes from 3 to 100, with higher numbers indicating finer threads. Thicker threads are easiest to crochet, and for that reason, all of the patterns in this collection were designed for size 10 thread. Experiment with finer threads and smaller hooks to create smaller, lighter-weight snowflakes. You may also wish to try other materials, such as lace-weight yarns or embroidery floss, for beautiful and sometimes surprising results.

SCISSORS

A small, sharp-pointed pair of scissors is especially helpful for clipping thread ends.

CROCHET HOOKS

For crocheting in thread, you will need a small, steel crochet hook. The patterns in this book were developed using a 1.90mm (UK size 3) hook, but many charts recommend using a 1.65mm (UK size 4) or 1.5mm (UK size 4.5) crochet hook with size 10 thread. Thread thicknesses vary, as do the gauges of individual crocheters, so any hook size recommendation should be taken as a starting point only. For the purposes of these snowflakes, the correct hook to use is the one that allows you to work most comfortably with your chosen thread.

