

# Snowflake Potholder



## SNOWFLAKE POTHOLDER

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### Materials:

- About one ounce each of white and blue (light or dark) worsted weight cotton yarn
- Crochet hook size E (3.50 mm)

**Gauge:** Rounds 1-3 of the snowflake = 3 1/4" diameter from point to point.

**Finished size:** About 7 1/2" diameter

**To work a dc cluster:** (Yo, insert hook in the indicated st and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops on hook) 3 times; yo and pull through all 4 remaining loops on hook.

**To work a trc cluster:** \*Yo 2 times, insert hook in the indicated st and pull up a loop, (yo and pull through 2 loops on the hook) twice\* Repeat from \*to\* 4 more times; yo and pull through all 6 remaining loops on hook.

**\*Pattern note:** Work tightly for best results.

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### *Snowflake*

With white and leaving a 3" yarn tail, ch 5; join with a sl st in the first ch to form a ring.

**Round 1:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, work 11 more dc in the ring; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3.

**Round 2:** Ch 1, sc in the same st as joining, (ch 5, skip next dc, sc in the next dc) 5 times, ch 2, skip next dc; join with a dc in the first sc to form the first ch-5 sp of the next round.

**Round 3:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, work 2 more dc in the first ch-5 sp, sc in the next sc, \*(3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in the next ch-5 sp, sc in the next sc\* Repeat from \*to\* 4 times, 3 dc in the first ch-5 sp, ch 1; join with a hdc in the top of the beginning ch 3 to form the first ch-3 sp of the next round.

**Round 4:** Ch 1, sc in the first ch-3 sp, ch 5, sc in the next sc, ch 5, \*(sc, ch 5) twice in the next ch-3 sp, sc in the next sc, ch 5\* Repeat from \*to\* 4 times, sc in the first ch-3 sp, ch 2; join with a dc in the first sc to form the first ch-5 sp of the next round.

**Round 5:** Ch 1, sc in the first ch-5 sp, ch 3, dc cluster in the 3rd ch from hook, sc in each of the next 2 ch-5 sps, ch 3, dc cluster in the 3rd ch from hook, \*sc in the next ch-5 sp, ch 3, dc cluster in the 3rd ch from hook, ch 4, trc cluster in the 4th ch from hook, ch 3, dc cluster in the 3rd ch from hook, sc in the same ch-5 sp, ch 3, dc cluster in the 3rd ch from hook, sc in each of the next 2 ch-5 sps, ch 3, dc cluster in the 3rd ch from hook\* Repeat from \*to\* 4 times, sc in the first ch-5 sp, ch 3, dc cluster in the 3rd ch from hook, ch 4, trc cluster in the

4th ch from hook, ch 3, dc cluster in the 3rd ch from hook; join with a sl st in the first dc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

### *Background*

With blue and leaving a 3" yarn tail, ch 5; join with a sl st in the first ch to form a ring.

**Round 1:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, work 11 more dc in the ring; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3. (12 dc)

**Round 2:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in the same st as joining, work 2 dc in each remaining dc around; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3. (24 dc)

**Round 3:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, 2 dc in the next dc, (dc in the next dc, 2 dc in the next dc) 11 times; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3. (36 dc)

**Round 4:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in the next dc, 2 dc in the next dc, (dc in each of the next 2 dc, 2 dc in the next dc) 11 times; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3. (48 dc)

**Round 5:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in each of the next 2 dc, 2 dc in the next dc, (dc in each of the next 3 dc, 2 dc in the next dc) 11 times; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3. (60 dc)

**Round 6:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in each of the next 3 dc, 2 dc in the next dc, (dc in each of the next 4 dc, 2 dc in the next dc) 11 times; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3. (72 dc)

**Round 7:** Ch 2, dc cluster in the same st as joining, ch 1, skip next dc, (dc cluster in the next dc, ch 1, skip next dc) 35 times; join with a sl st in the top of the first dc cluster. (36 dc clusters)

**Round 8:** Sl st in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in the same sp, ch 3, (sc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 3) 35 times; join with a sl st in the first sc, (36 ch-3 sps) Pull beginning yarn tail through the center ring of the background so that it's on the right side of the piece. Securely tie this yarn tail to the beginning yarn tail the wrong side of the snowflake to keep the layers from separating in the center.

**Round 9 (attaching snowflake):** Insert hook in the ch-4 sp at the tip of any trc cluster on the snowflake and into the first ch-3 sp on the background and complete a sc, (insert hook in the ch-4 sp at the tip of the same trc cluster on the snowflake and into the same ch-3 sp on the background and complete a sc) 2 times, work 3 sc in each of the next 5 ch-5 sps, \*insert hook in the ch-4 sp at the tip of the next trc cluster on the snowflake and into the next ch-3 sp on the background and complete a sc, (insert hook in the ch-4 sp at the tip of the same trc cluster on the snowflake and into the same ch-3 sp on the background and complete a sc) 2 times, work 3 sc in

each of the next 5 ch-5 sps\* Repeat from \*to\* 4 times; join with a sl st in the first sc. (108 sc)

**Round 10:** Ch 1, sc in the same st as joining and in each remaining sc around; insert hook in the first sc and pull up a loop of white to join and change colors. Cut blue. Tie blue yarn tail to the white yarn strand closely behind the last stitch.

**Round 11:** (ch 1, sl st in the next sc) 55 times, ch 12, sl st in the 11th ch from hook, (ch 1, sl st in the next sc) 53 times, ch 1; join with a sl st in the first sl st. Fasten off. Weave in all ends. Iron to block.

