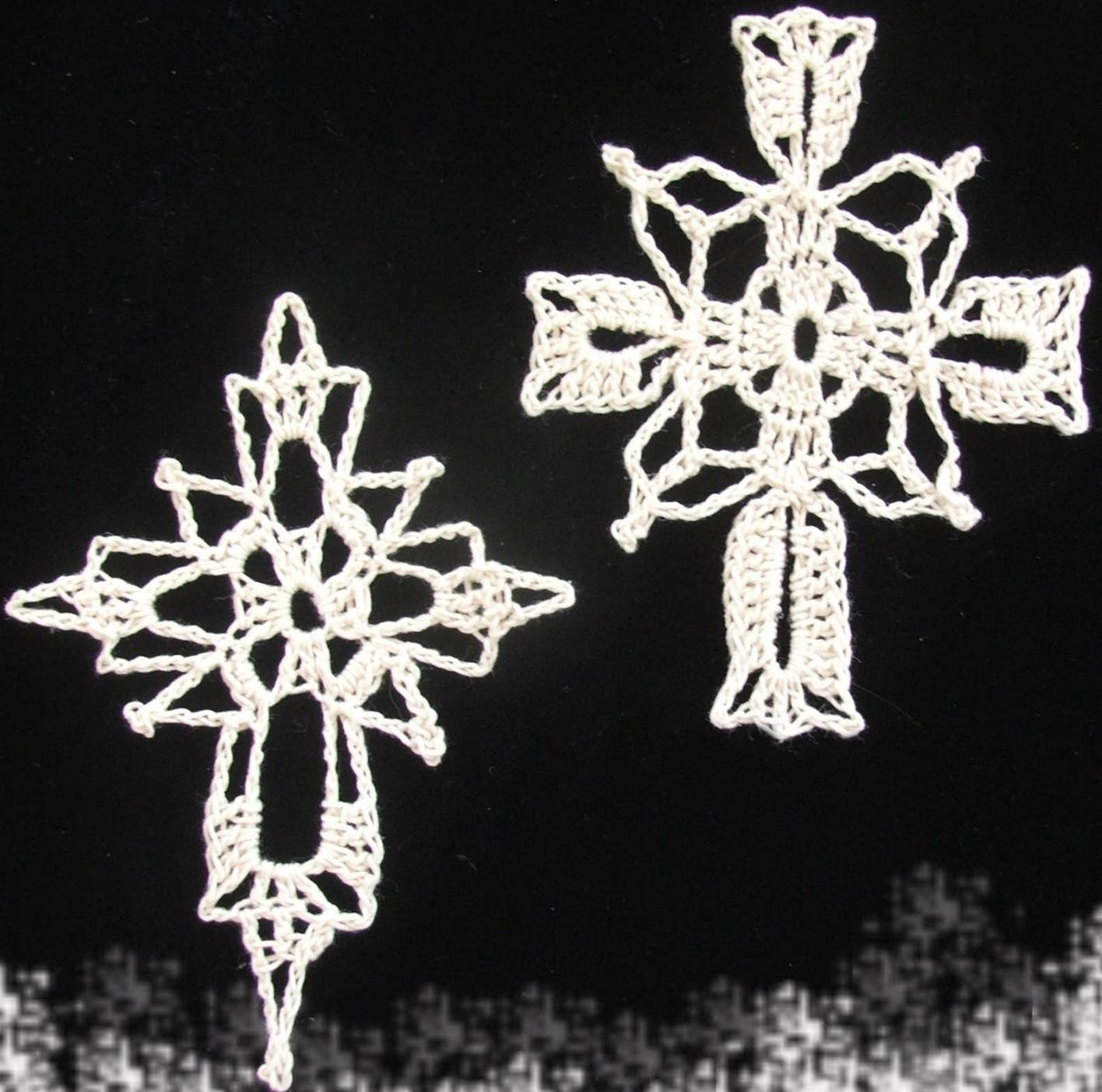


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Intro and Blocking

This set of two simple thread crochet crosses is a snap to work in cotton. They make terrific Christmas tree ornaments or window ornaments...even tie-ons for gifts of all kinds. The samples in this booklet were worked in an ecru color, but you'll find that they add contrast and interest to a tree or gift regardless of the color you choose.

Consider working several projects in traditional large yarns, with large hooks before switching to thread crochet and lacy projects. The reason for this is that it will be less frustrating to learn crochet with a traditional large yarn and large hook. It's a little harder working in crochet thread (or a tiny cotton yarn) like I used in these samples, but after one project your hands will have adapted to the small scale.

That being said, these are simple patterns. You'll just need a basic familiarity with single and double crochet stitches, chain stitch and slip stitch.

Generally, it's a good idea to sew down your "tails" or thread ends with a bit of white sewing thread; but if you want to do it the easy way I do, just make sure you've tightened them down, and glue them to the back of the snowflake at the same time you are starching and blocking them. As you can see in the photo, the finished snowflakes are stretched and pinned down to a bit of board (I cover mine with some plastic). This is called blocking, and you need to be careful to make them as symmetrical as you can. When you have them looking like you want, soak them with a bit of fabric stiffener or white glue thinned with two to three parts water. Dab off the excess with a clean tissue or paper towel, and let them dry overnight. When they are dry, they will be stiff and ready to hang with a length of thread or a hook.



Abbreviations and Terms

Beg beginning (as in, “sc in beg chain” – *single crochet in the chain at the beginning of this portion*).

Ch chain

Dc double crochet

Picot small decorative bump made by making a chain, then going back to a loop a few chains back (the pattern determines how many), inserting your hook, yarning over and pulling through a sl st to join and form the bump

Prev previous

Rnd round

Sl st slip stitch (running your thread through some work to get to a new place without changing the shape of the work; or, attaching to a stitch with just a loop pulled through)

Sp space formed in your work, usually on a previous round

Simple Byzantine Cross

Ch 6, join to form small loop.

Rnd 1: ch 3, 3 dc in ring, *(ch3, 4 dc) 3 times, ch 3, join.

Rnd 2: Ch 3, 3 dc in next 3 dc, *[ch 3, sm picot (ch 3, join to 3rd ch from hook to form picot), ch 3, 4 dc in 4 dc of prev rnd], repeat twice, ch 3, sm. picot, ch 3, join.

Rnd 3: Sl st to center of 4 dc group on prev rnd. *(ch 10, sc in same space in center of 4 dc group; flip work so as to begin working counterclockwise at the start of the 10-ch loop just made—refer to photo—ch 3, 5 dc in loop just formed, ch 3, 3 dc in same loop,



ch 3, 5 dc in same loop, ch 3, join at base of cross arm and sl st across work to large space with picot from prev rnd, ch 5, dc in picot [ch 5, form picot by joining to 5th ch from hook], ch 5, join to next 4 dc cluster, sl st to center of 4 dc cluster), repeat from * twice; ch 15, flip work to start working counterclockwise at base of ch-15 loop just formed as before; ch 3, 8 dc in ch-15 loop, ch 3, 3dc in same loop, ch 3, 8 dc in loop, ch 4, join to base of 15-ch loop, sl st across to base of next large loop, ch 5, dc in picot, picot, ch 5, join and tie off.

Simple Lacy Cross

Ch 6, join to form small ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 3, 2 dc in ring, *(ch 3, 3 dc in ring) repeat from * 3 times, ch 3, join at top of first 3-ch section to form ring.

Rnd 2: *(ch 8, 4 sc across space from prev rnd) repeat from * two times, ch 14, 4 sc across next sp, join.

Rnd 3: *(ch 6, 3 dc in 8-ch loop, turn, 3 sc in prev 3 dc, turn, ch 6, join at end of 3 sc row, ch 6, join at base of 4 sc, ch 3, sm picot [ch 3, join to 3rd ch from hook to form picot], ch 3, join at end of 4 sc loop), repeat 2 times, ch 4, 4 dc in 14-ch loop, ch 3, turn, 2 dc in 3 dc just made, turn, ch 3, lg picot [ch 5, join to 5th ch from hook], ch 3, turn, join at base of 3 dc just made, sl st down to top of 1st set of dc on bottom leg of cross, ch 3, 4 dc, ch 4, sl st onto base of next 4 sc hump, ch 3, sm picot, ch 3, join and tie off.

