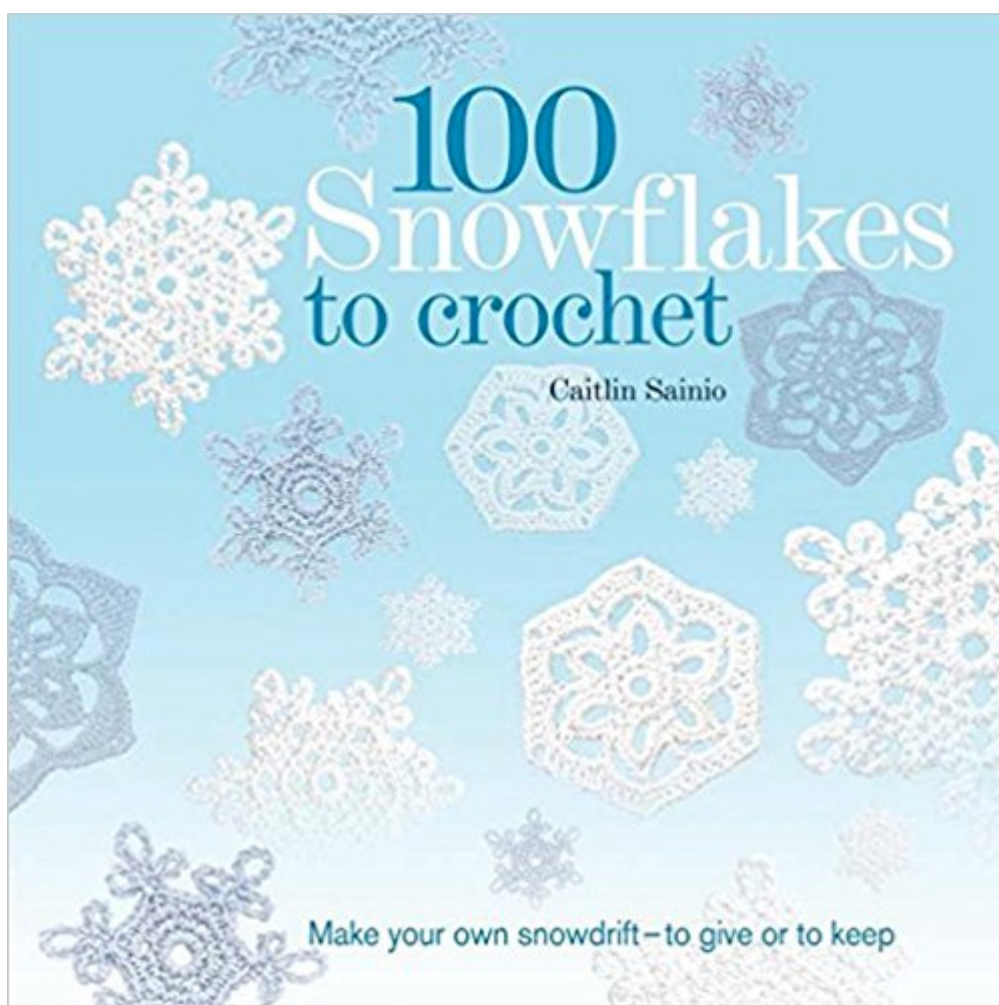


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# 100 Snowflakes To Crochet: Make Your Own Snowdrift---to Give Or To Keep (Knit & Crochet)



## Synopsis

Create a gorgeous collection of crocheted snowflakes. Bring the lacy beauty of a snowfall into your home with 100 Snowflakes to Crochet. Crafters of all levels can easily crochet up a storm-or just make a simple snowflake or two. The designs range from simple ones requiring only a few rows to large intricate ones for more advanced stitchers. Starting with a review of crochet basics, a discussion of materials and finishings, the structure of snowflakes, and methods of blocking and starching your finished flakes, anyone can easily learn to craft one of these gossamer creations. Then onto the Snowflake Selector to browse for a pattern that matches your skill level. However, as you work through the book, you will improve your skills as you go along! These lovely flakes-intricate, delicate, and symmetrical-can be used as appliques, to hang in windows, or to adorn your Christmas tree. With full patterns and lots of project ideas for your finished snowflakes, you're certain to find hours of holiday enjoyment and inspiration from this title in the bestselling Knit & Crochet series.

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## Customer Reviews

“How many ways can you crochet a snowflake? The possibilities are endless, but here are 100 fresh options for windows, trees, gifts, and anything else you can think to adorn.”

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Yarn Market News “With full patterns and lots of project ideas for your finished snowflakes, you're

certain to find hours of enjoyment and inspiration. —•— Crochet 1-2-3

CAITLIN SAINIO originally trained as a mechanical engineer, but turned her engineering talents to freelance crochet design, concentrating particularly on snowflakes, flowers, and other beautiful patterns found in nature. She is the author of 100 lace Flowers to Crochet and 75 Exquisite Trims in Thread Crochet.

I had no idea how to crochet when I bought this book, but I brought it along to pass the time on a weekend car trip. Within an hour or so, I had learned the basics of crochet and was well into my first snowflake! By the end of the trip, I had made ten different snowflakes - they came out beautifully, and I was amazed by how easy it was to learn how to create them. The patterns are lovely and unique - the fact that the author created 100 truly distinct patterns is very impressive; each one is gorgeous, and they all really are different (just like real snowflakes!). And if 100 isn't enough, there is even a section in the book with advice on how to go about inventing your own original snowflake designs. The Showcase section is a great visual guide that you can use to pick out which design you'd like to try, or if you're just learning, you can start with the first pattern and work your way forward through the book, because they are all organized by difficulty. This book would be a wonderful gift for the crocheter in your life (or someone who might LIKE to crochet), and is also a perfect way to create your own handmade gifts. I love this book, and look forward to using it for many more crochet projects!

First, the good things: (1) Great production value -- nice heavy pages & excellent photos; (2) a "gallery" of snowflakes in many colors so you can see the variety & which ones appeal, (3) really excellent instructions with both written instructions and a diagram, (4) some of the "advanced" snowflakes are as pretty as any I have seen, (5) everything is well explained to newcomers in snowflakes and/or thread crochet, (6) many of the snowflakes hold their shape well and that provides instant satisfaction. The things that I was not happy with: (1) With a hundred snowflakes, I would have expected a lot of variety, but instead they are all very much alike. They change in the details, and they're nicely designed, but if you compare them with other snowflakes out there (search "crochet snowflakes"), they are way too similar. (2) None of them have any spires. Complex borders are one of the coolest (haha) things about snowflakes, spires included, but these are just missing. In general, the borders are solid and similar. (3) They have a very limited vocabulary of stitches. For example, there might be one approximation of a picot loop/fan in the whole book, and

there is not a single cluster stitch. For people who are new to this and don't know what I'm talking about, these techniques are not hard, and you could easily learn them from the basic skills in this book. Why on earth does she not include these beautiful and easy to learn types of stitches/pattern elements? That would make for more variety. (4) The "beginner, intermediate, advanced" snowflakes should really be called, "small, medium and large." I am not the greatest crocheter in the world, but IMO there are no advanced snowflakes in this book. (5) These snowflakes seem to be designed for instant gratification (which is why they have no spires, which take longer to complete than non-spire patterns). There could really have been a progression from easy to advanced, introducing new elements as you went along, but the patterns are all meant to be completed in an hour (depending on your speed, experience and skill) and that means there can't be some of the best elements in snowflakes. (6) The section on designing snowflakes is useless, except for the part that suggests you use these as a base and add your own borders. Now if only they would show you some of the neat things you can do on borders, that would be great. I'm glad I got this book and have made a number of the snowflakes in it, but I was frustrated because it wasn't what it could have been.

I've been crocheting snowflakes for 2 decades and have made hundreds of them. I am always on the look out for interesting patterns even though I create my own as well. This book is chock full of great patterns! It has a section on "The Basics" that covers everything you need to know to get started. The graphics are really awesome in this section too! One thing I really loved about the pattern section is that the author has included the drawn graph as well as the written instructions for each snowflake. I like to refer to both when I make them and it makes it easy for beginners to learn how to follow the pattern. The book is divided into "beginner, intermediate and advanced" patterns as well. I consider myself advanced but made snowflakes from every section. There is also a project section in the book with some really cute and modern ideas in it. Anyone, beginner or advanced, will love this book!

I am absolutely in love with this book. The snowflakes are absolutely adorable and rather easy to make. I made 2 in the first hour after the book arrived. I showed it to my sister, who doesn't crochet, and now have orders for a bunch of different snowflakes. :) I might have to order another book...as I foresee this one getting used until the pages fall out!

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