Snowflake Angel

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SKILL LEVEL:

Intermediate (Level 3): More complicated stitch patterns and charts.

SIZE OF FINISHED PROJECT: approximately 4 inches X 4 inches

MATERIALS

- Yarn: White Red Heart Super Saver
- Loom: nine pegs of a regular or large gauge loom (gauge is not that important, however, the finished angel will be larger or smaller depending on the loom used). Blue 24-peg Blue Knifty Knitter was used in the sample pictured above.
- Other supplies: crochet hook, gold or silver tinsel pipe cleaner, craft glue, fabric stiffener (optional)

NOTES

- Instructions are for one strand of yarn worked a flat panel in rows.
- Stitches: Flat Knit Stitch, Mock Crochet Stitch, E-wrap Knit Stitch
- Techniques: Using I-cord to create a Picot cast on and bind off
- Number loom pegs 1-9 from left to right.

ABBREVIATIONS:	
CO = cast on BO = bind off st = stitch WY = working yarn	FK = flat knit stitch EW = e-wrap knit stitch CW = clockwise CCS = counterclockwise

INSTRUCTIONS

Flat Panel Picot Cast On using 5 stitch I-cord (lower skirt ruffle)

- 1. Anchor one strand of yarn to the anchor peg and EW peg-2.
- 2. Bring WY to front & turn CCW on peg-3 (WY is now in back).
- 3. Keeping the WY to the back, return to peg-2 & turn CCW to bring the yarn to the front.
- 4. Lay WY above pegs 2 & 3, then FK both pegs to form the first I-cord st.
- 5. Tighten the st by tugging the loop on peg 2 and then tugging the WY by pulling it to the back while trying to position it between pegs 2 & 3 as closely as possible. (Note: Do not tighten the first I-cord st as tightly as the remaining ones.)
- 6. Repeat steps 3-5 four more times. This will result in a five st I-cord hanging between pegs 2 & 3.
- 7. Lift the 1st loop in the beginning I-cord st and place it on peg 1. This completes the first five st I-cord sequence.
- 8. With the WY behind peg-3, begin the next five st I-cord sequence by bringing WY to front between pegs 3 & 4, then turn CCW on peg 4.
- With the WY in the back, return to peg 3 and turn CCW.
- 10. Lay the WY above pegs 3 & 4, then FK both pegs.
- 11. Tighten st as in step 5 above.
- 12. Repeat steps 9-11 four more times to complete the second five st I-cord sequence.
- 13. Work five more 5-st l-cord sequences, ending on peg-9.
- 14. Lift the loop from peg-9 placing it on peg 8 and then knit the bottom loop over the top loop.
- 15. Turn WY CC to the front of peg-8 & FK.
- 16. Moving from right to left, FK pegs 7-1. This completes the Picot Cast On.

Angel's Dress

- 17. Row 1: Going from left to right, FK pegs 1-8.
- 18. Rows 2-4: Beginning on peg-8, work three rows of Mock Crochet across all eight pegs (see Pattern Stitches on the last page)

Wings

- 19. Row 5: Begin the first wing by working the Mock Crochet from left to right across pegs 1-4 only. Leave the stitches live on pegs 5-8 for now. It is best to place a marker on peg 5 to avoid knitting past this point while working on the first wing.
- 20. Rows 6-7: Work 2 more rows of Mock Crochet across the same four pegs, ending on peg 4.

Picot Bind Off using 5-st I-cord sequence (Forms wing tips)

21. With WY behind peg-4 turn CCW and lay WY across pegs 4-3, then FK both pegs to form the first I-cord st. Tighten stitches. Repeat this procedure four more times to form a 5-st I-cord.

- 22. BO by lifting the loop from peg-3, place it on peg-4 and knit the bottom loop over the top loop.
- 23. Lift the loop from peg-4 and place it back on peg 3. This completes the first Picot BO st.
- 24. With WY behind peg-3, repeat procedure outlined in steps 21-23 using pegs 3 & 2.
- 25. Continue Pico BO on pegs 2-1.
- 26. With the WY will be behind peg-2, reach down and lift the end stitch on the row below and place it on peg-1.
- 27. Lift the loop off peg 2 and place it on peg-1; knit the bottom loop over the top loop. Cut and tie off WY. This completes the picot BO for the first wing.

Second Wing

- 28. Reattach yarn to loom near peg-8; work Mock Crochet st for 3 rows on pegs 8-5 ending on peg-5.
- 29. Work the Picot BO as outlined for the first wing above. At this point the angel should be shaped similar to this:

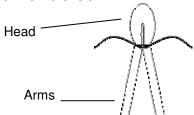


Head & Arms

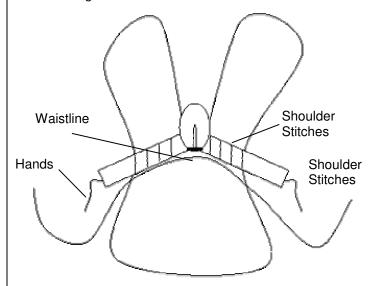
- 30. Work a 3-st I-cord by EW pegs 1-3 on the Blue KK.
- 31. With WY at hanging from the back of the loom from peg-3, bring the WY back to peg-1 turn CW on peg-1 laying the WY across pegs 1-3 and FK. Repeat this st sequence, tugging on the WY after each set of st to remove the slack.
- 32. Repeat this procedure until you have six inches of I-cord completed, then cut the WY leaving a six inch tail.
- 33. BO by lifting the st on peg-1, placing it on peg-2 and knit the bottom loop over the top loop. Lift the loom on peg-2, place it on peg-3 and knit the bottom loop over the top loop. Pull the yarn tail through the last loop to tie off. Do not trim the yarn tails yet.

Finishing

Fold the I-cord in half. Using a scrap of yarn, tie about 1 inch from the fold.



Using a crochet hook, weave one of the arms through the first row of Mock Crochet stitches which form the shoulders on one wing; then weave the other arm through the corresponding shoulder stitches on the other wing.



Gather the waistline of the angel and secure with a scrap of yarn Tie the ends of the arm I-cord that form the hands. Cut a small piece of gold or silver tinseled pipe cleaner and form a small halo. Secure the halo by gluing it with craft glue.

Optional: Attach a six inch length of yarn near the head and tie an overhand knot to form an ornament hanger.

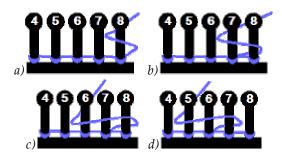
PATTERN STITCH: Mock Crochet

Beginning notes:

- The mock crochet stitch is usually worked using three pegs: one middle peg and the neighboring pegs on each side. When beginning a row, the sequence begins by knitting one peg, and then two pegs until the standard three pegs are included in the stitch sequence. When ending a row, the sequence ends by knitting the last three pegs, then two pegs and finally the one peg.
- The middle peg is the one with the WY hanging from the back.
- The WY is always wrapped in the opposite direction from which you are working. If you are working right to left, the WY is wrapped CW around the three pegs. If you are working from left to right, the WY is wrapped CCW around the three pegs.
- As you KO the trio of pegs, lightly pull each st away from the peg to loosen the tension.
 Otherwise the last st in the sequence becomes difficult to KO.

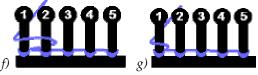
Starting the first row of Mock Crochet working from right to left

- a) Bring WY CW once around peg 8 and FK this peg.
- b) With WY behind peg-8, bring WY CW around the right side of peg 8 once again to front and around BOTH pegs 8 & 7. FK both pegs.
- c) With WY now behind peg 7 (middle peg), bring the WY CW around and across pegs 8, 7 & 6. FK all 3 pegs. Be sure to loosen tension by lightly tugging loop on peg after knitting each stitch.
- d) Peg-6 is now the middle peg. Bring WY CW around and across pegs 7, 6 & 5. FK all 3 pegs. After knitting, peg-5 becomes the middle peg.
- e) Continue wrapping WY from behind the middle peg CW around and across the 2 neighboring pegs (total of 3 pegs), and then FK each of the 3 pegs (as in step d. above). Repeat this sequence until the last 3 pegs in the sequence are worked and WY is behind peg 1 (the last peg).



Ending the first row of Mock Crochet

- f) Bring WY CW around and across both pegs 2 & 1, then FK both pegs. WY is still behind peg 1.
- g) End row by bringing the WY CW around and across peg 1 again, and FK. Tug WY lightly behind the peg to tighten just a bit.



Second & subsequent rows

 Second and subsequent rows are worked exactly the same as the first row, except in the opposite direction.