

# Lacyflake #1

A special edition pattern in the Beyond BOBBOL 2014 Series featured at KnitHeartStrings.com membership site

*Simple pleasures are the last healthy refuge in a complex world. — Oscar Wilde*

Snow is beautiful, especially when you can stay warm and cuddly indoors while knitting snowflakes.

This small snowflake medallion starts at the center and grows in lacy rounds until completed with a free-form lace bind off technique.

**Finished Size** 7" diameter

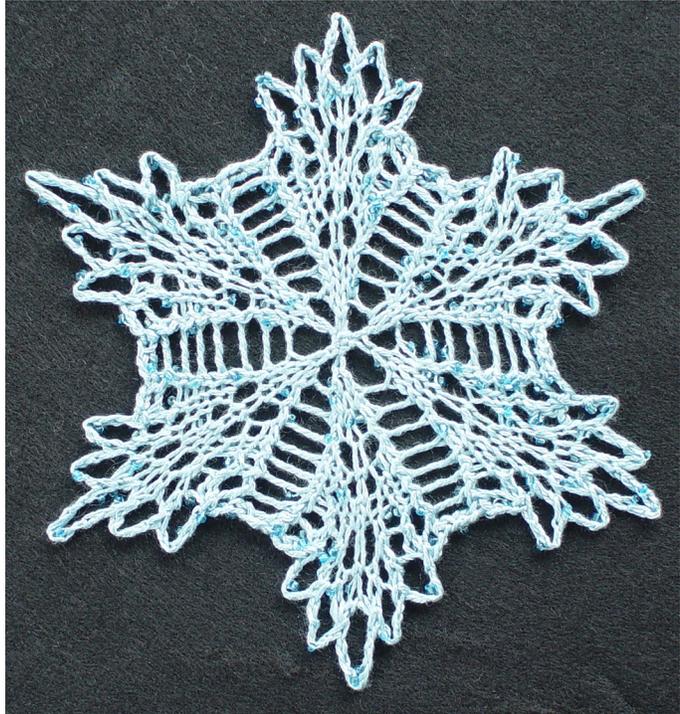
## Materials and Supplies

Lace weight or light fingering weight yarn/thread: approximately 24 yards. Optionally for a bit of extra “icy” sparkle, you can use a pre-beaded accent yarn/thread to randomly knit beads into the medallion.

Double point knitting needles: set of four size 2 US (2.75 mm) suggested or size needed to get equivalent gauge of approximately 8 stitches per inch over stockinette stitch.

Snowflake medallions benefit greatly from a thorough wet-blocking. You will need rustproof pins and a blocking board that will not be harmed by dampness. The blocking board can be any flat surface into which pins can be inserted and hold firm.

To guide shaping the snowflake, prepare the blocking board in advance with a hexagon template of appropriate size for the finished snowflake. I use a cutdown piece of builder’s styrofoam for my blocking board (extruded polystyrene) and draw the hexagon shape directly onto the board with permanent marker. You could also transfer the template onto plastic or paper and temporarily pin to your blocking board.



Sample knitted with Tilli Tomas Beaded Lace 100% Silk with Beads color Surf (light turquoise)

## Designer Notes

Knitted snowflake medallions can only hint at the abundance of detail that occurs in nature. The formations of a snowflake alter the path of light passing through them, thus causing areas of light and dark. This seems to me like a natural match for interpretation in lace!

For the sample snowflake pictured, I chose silk yarn randomly plied with beads to give hints of light dancing off the snowflake. Also, although snowflakes themselves are colorless, do not be limited to using only white yarn. For example, I chose this light blue yarn to simulate hues of sky that reflect through snowflakes.