Mechanic's Snowflake

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Materials Aunt Lydia's Classic Crochet Thread #10 Steel hook #7 (1.65mm) Stiffening medium of choice Note: Other weights of thread or yarn may be substituted with an appropriate change in hook size (#20 thread and a #11 steel hook may be another good choice).	
Stitches Used (American terms): Ch: chain Tr: triple crochet Dc: double crochet Sc: single crochet	Special Stitches Picot Cluster: (Ch 4, sl st in 4 th stitch from hook) 3 times, sl st in base of 1 st picot.

Directions:

Ch 10, sl st to form a ring.

Row 1: Ch 2, 23 dc into ring, sl st in the top of initial ch-2. (24 spokes)

Row 2: Ch 2, *ch 4, dc into next 4 dc, Repeat from * 5 more times, Ch 4, dc into next 3 dc, sl st into 2nd ch of beginning chain. (6 ch-4 loops)

3rd Row: SI st into 1st ch-4 loop,
Ch 3, tr, ch, picot cluster, ch, 2 tr into same ch-4 loop,
* ch 3, picot cluster, ch 3,
2 tr, ch, picot cluster, ch, 2 tr into next ch-4 loop
Repeat from * 4 more times,
Ch 3, picot cluster, ch 3, sI st into top of beginning ch-3.

Fasten off, work in ends. Use any preferred stiffening method.