Crocheted Snowflake Pin

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This year designer Jane Butler has brought us a group of contemporary crochet jewelry using Kreinik metallic threads. Here she offers a delicate snowflake design, with the crystalline look of a real snowflake created by our metallic pearl braid and a touch of seed beads. It's a winter accessory for day or evening wear.

Materials needed:
- one reel Fine (#8) Braid 032 Pearl
- 24 size 11 seed beads in clear
- pin back
- 2mm crochet hook

Instructions:

String on beads, ch 6, join to make a loop

Rnd 1: Ch 3, 17 dc in loop; join.

Rnd 2: Ch 3, 4 dc in same sp (ch 1, pull up a bead, skip 2 dc, 5 dc in next dc) 5 times. Ch 1, pull up a bead, join with 3rd ch of first ch 3.

Rnd 3: Ch 3, dc in next dc, 3 dc in next dc, pulling up bead in second loop of second dc, dc in next 2 dc, ch 1, (dc in next 2 dc, 3 dc in next dc, pulling up bead in second loop of second dc, dc in next 2 dc, ch 1) 5 times, join with 3rd ch of first ch 3.

Rnd 4: Sl st in next 2 dc, (5 dc in ch 1 between 5-dc group, sc in 3rd dc of next group, pulling up a bead) 6 times, join.

Rnd 5: Sl st in next 2 dc, [(sc, ch 5 in next dc) sc in next 5 dc] six times, join.

Rnd 6: (In ch 5 loop: sc, hdc, 2 dc, 2 tr, picot w/bead, tr, 2 dc, hdc, sc; sc in next 2 sc, picot with bead, sc in next 2 sc) 6 times, join.

Finishing: Work two parallel rows of sc on back side of snowflake to make a base for sewing on pin back. Sew on pin back.

Abbreviations
sc = single crochet
dc = double crochet
tr = treble crochet
sp = space
ch = chain
sl st = slip stitch