

# Package ‘snowflakes’

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**Title** Random Snowflake Generator

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**License** GPL (>= 2)

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**Suggests** knitr, rmarkdown

**VignetteBuilder** knitr

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**Usage**

```
snowflakes(xCoor, yCoor, radius, orientation = pi/6,
           deltaCoef = 15, color = "#00007744", anotherColor = color,
           aspectRatio = NULL, seeds = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

xCoor	The X coordinate of the snowflake. This argument may be a vector when multiple snowflakes are plotted.
yCoor	The Y coordinate of the snowflake. This argument may be a vector when multiple snowflakes are plotted.
radius	The radius of the snowflake. This argument may be a vector when multiple snowflakes are plotted.
orientation	The angle of the snowflake relatively to its center, measured in radians. Note that the rotation of the snowflake around its center can be visible only within a range from 0 to the sixth of the constant pi because the snowflake has 6 axes. This argument may be a vector when multiple snowflakes are plotted.
deltaCoef	By how much the radius is larger than the width of the crystal. The width of the crystal is computed as a ratio of the "radius" over "deltaCoef". This argument may be a vector when multiple snowflakes are plotted.
color	The color of the snowflake (can be transparent). This argument may be a vector when multiple snowflakes are plotted.
anotherColor	The color of the main frame of the snowflake. This argument may be a vector when multiple snowflakes are plotted.
aspectRatio	Aspect ratio of the snowflake. Aspect ratio is chosen automatically so that the snowflake remains round. If changed, the snowflake might not be round any longer. This argument may be a vector when multiple snowflakes are plotted.
seeds	Random seed that defines a unique snowflake given that other parameters are assigned to their defaults.

**Details**

See the vignette for more details and examples.

**Value**

Returns seeds that were used to generate the snowflakes. The user can save them and use the ones that are associated with the most appealing snowflakes.

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**References**

<https://github.com/SvetlanaEden/SNOWFLAKES>

**Examples**

```
t = seq(0, 5*pi, .5)
xCoor = t*cos(t)
yCoor = t*sin(t)
radius = 1
orientation = runif(length(xCoor))*(pi/6)

set.seed(1)

plot(xCoor, yCoor, type="l", axes = TRUE, ylab="", xlab="",
ylim = range(yCoor) + radius*c(-1, 1)*3,
xlim = range(xCoor) + radius*c(-1, 1)*0, col=gray(.9))

returnedSeeds = snowflakes(xCoor = xCoor, yCoor = yCoor, radius = radius,
orientation = orientation, seeds = 1:3,
color = gray((1:length(xCoor))/(length(xCoor)+1)), anotherColor = "gray")
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