

The Little Bee

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Skills required:

- Crocheting in spiral
- Working in single crochet
- Working in front-post-single-crochet
- Working in half double crochet
- Slip stitch
- Chains
- Increasing and decreasing
- Basic sewing skills

Materials and tools:

The list below is a reference to show you what I have used to make this bee.

For the body, antennae and legs

- 4 Ply Black yarn
- 4 Ply Yellow yarn

For the eyes

- Black lace yarn
- White lace yarn

For the eyes

- Pale pink lace yarn

Other supplies

- Toy safety eyes (optional)
- 1.00mm hook
- 2.25/2.5mm hook
- Polyester fibrefill
- Yarn needle
- Sewing needle (to sew on eyes)
- Stitch marker (optional)
- Scissor

Abbreviations:

st(s) = stitch(es)

ch = chain

sc = single crochet

hdc = half double crochet

sl st = slip stitch

inc = increase (2 sc in one stitch)

dec = decrease (working only the front loops, 2 sc together)

(...) = repeat the instructions in the brackets the given number of times

[...] = total number of stitches



Front post single crochet (fpsc):

Front post sc. Insert your hook into the vertical post from the previous round and make a sc.



Body:

*With the **BLACK** yarn and 2.5mm hook

Round 1: 6 sc in magic ring [6]

Round 2: (inc) repeat 6 times [12]

Round 3: (sc in next st, inc) repeat 6 times [18]

Round 4: (inc, sc in next 2 sts) repeat 6 times [24]

Round 5: (sc in next 3 sts, inc) repeat 6 times [30]

Round 6-8: sc in all 30 sts [30]

Round 9: Change colour to **YELLOW**. Fpsc in all 30 sts [30]

Round 10: sc in all 30 sts [30]

Round 11: Change colour to **BLACK**. Fpsc in all 30 sts [30]

Round 12: sc in all 30 sts [30]

Round 13: Change colour to **YELLOW**. Fpsc in all 30 sts [30]

Round 14: sc in all 30 sts [30] fasten off yellow.

Round 15: Change colour to **BLACK**. Fpsc in all 30 sts [30]

Round 16: (inc, sc in next 4 sts) repeat 6 times [36]

Round 17: (dec, sc in next 4 sts) repeat 6 times [30]

Round 18: (dec, sc in next 3 sts) repeat 6 times [24]

Round 19: (dec, sc in next 2 sts) repeat 6 times [18] *stuff with fibrefill

Round 20: (dec, sc in next st) repeat 6 times [12]

Round 21: (dec) repeat 6 times. Ch 4, sl st in 2nd ch from hook. Sl st in next 2 ch spaces. [6]

Leave a tail for weaving and fasten off. Weave in tail end and hide the yarn tail in the body.



Legs: (make 6)

*With the **BLACK** yarn and 2.5mm hook

Start with a ch 4. Sl st in 2nd ch from hook. Sl st in next 2 ch spaces.
Leave a tail for sewing and fasten off.



Antennae: (make 2)

*With the **BLACK** yarn and 2.5mm hook

Start with ch 7. Sl st in 3rd ch from hook. Sl st in next 3 ch spaces.
Leave a tail for sewing and fasten off.



Wings:

*With the **WHITE** yarn and 2.5mm hook

Work the following in a magic ring:

Ch 6. Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 4 ch spaces. Sl st back into magic ring.

Ch 6. Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 4 ch spaces. Sl st back into magic ring.

Ch 4. Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 ch spaces. Sl st back into magic ring.

Ch 4. Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 ch spaces. Sl st back into magic ring.

Tighten loop. Leave a tail for sewing and fasten off.



Eyes: (make 2 of each colour)

*With the **WHITE** lace yarn and 1.00mm hook

Round 1: 6 sc in magic ring [6]

Round 2: (inc) repeat 6 times [12]

Round 3: (sc in next st, inc) repeat 6 times [18]

Round 4: Sl st in all 18 sts [18]

Leave a long tail for sewing and fasten off.

*With the **BLACK** lace yarn and 1.00mm hook

Round 1: 6 sc in magic ring [6]

Round 2: (inc) repeat 6 times [12]

Leave a long tail for sewing and fasten off.



Place the black piece on top of the white piece. I like to make an extra stitch within the eye to give it a little bit of a sparkle. This is optional but the extra touch does give the bee a cuter expression.

Cheeks: (make 2)

*With the **PALE PINK** lace yarn and 1.00mm hook

Round 1: 6 sc in magic ring [6]

Leave a long tail for sewing and fasten off.



Putting the **Little Bee** together

Step 1: Sewing the legs onto the body



Sew the legs onto the black parts of the bottom side of the body as show in the photo.

Step 2: Sewing the eyes



Sew the eyes onto the body using a sewing needle. If you are opting to use crocheted eyes, you can attach them using a sewing needle. Always work the stitch directly underneath where the eye piece is sitting on.

Step 3: Sewing the cheeks



Position the cheeks next to the eyes and slightly lower than the eyes. Sew the cheeks in place with a sewing needle.

Step 4: Sewing the antennae



Position the antennae one row above the top of the eyes and attach it in place with a yarn needle.

Final step: Sewing the wing



Position the wings in the middle of the bee's back and attach it in place with a yarn needle.

**Congratulations!
You're all done!**

