



KNIT
SKILL LEVEL
EASY



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What you will need:

RED HEART® Amigurumi:
1 ball 9247 Bumble Bee

Susan Bates® Knitting

Needles: 2.75 mm [US 2] needles for working small circumferences and I-cord. Choose double pointed needles, 2 short circulars or 1 long circular, whichever you prefer.

Stitch marker, stuffing, four 20 mm safety eyes (two for each bee), pins, yarn needle.

Optional: Knee high stocking and plastic pellets for weighted stuffing,

GAUGE: 25 sts = about 4" [10 cm]; 32 rounds = about 4" [10 cm] in Stockinette stitch worked in rounds (knit every round). **EXACT GAUGE IS NOT CRITICAL TO THIS PROJECT.** Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.



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Buz & Belinda Bumblebee

Get your honey jars ready for these two!
They're ready to go looking for flowers
while they buzz around with you.

SHOP KIT

Bee measures about 5½" [14 cm] long and about 3½" [9 cm] tall, not including wings and legs.

Special Stitches

kfb (Knit into front and back) = Knit next stitch but do not remove from needle, knit into back loop of same stitch and remove from needle - 1 st increased.

M1L (make 1 left) = Insert left needle from front to back under strand between needles, knit strand through the back loop, twisting it to prevent a hole - 1 st increased.

ssk (slip, slip, knit) = Slip next 2 stitches, one at a time, as if to knit to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of stitches, knit these sts together through back loop - 1 st decreased.

Special Technique

I-Cord: Working with two double-pointed needles, knit all the sts, *do not turn work. Slide all the stitches to opposite end of needle. Carry yarn tightly across back of work, and knit all the stitches; repeat from * until the desired number of rounds have been worked or I-cord measures desired length.

Notes

1. Before beginning, separate the different color sections of the yarn as follows: Pop the center color out by pushing gently on the center of the ball so that it comes out intact. Find the point where the color changes and cut the yarn. Repeat this process for the remaining yarn colors by carefully pushing the rings of color out of the larger ring and cutting. Wind each color into a separate ball

to prevent tangling. You may find that one color appears both in the center, and on the outside of the ball, wind together or separately. In the pattern instructions, the yellow color is referred to as **A**, the black as **B**, the white as **C**, and the silver as **D**.

2. Each bee is made from 10 pieces: Body, stinger, 2 wings, and 6 legs.
3. Pieces are worked in rounds.
4. Pieces are sewn together using yarn tails or yarn scraps.
5. Pattern contains instructions for making two bees in one colorway each.
6. Yarn color is changed to form stripes on bee's body. To change yarn color on bee's body, simply break the yarn at the end of the round and tie it in a firm square knot with the new color. Because no one will see the inside of the toy, there is no need to weave in ends.
7. To prevent a step up, or jog, between one yarn color and the next, do the following: Work one round in the new color. On the first stitch of the next round, slip the stitch directly below the first stitch onto the needle. Knit the slipped stitch and the first stitch together. Work the rest of the round as normal.
8. Take care to attach safety eyes before head opening becomes too small. Do not use safety eyes if toy is intended for a child 2 years of age or younger.

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BODY

Note: Before beginning, choose a colorway and refer to colorway lists to determine when to change yarn color.
Colorway #1: Work Rounds 1-17 with **B**, Rounds 18-27 with **A**, Rounds 28-32 with **B**, and Rounds 33-51 with **A**.
Colorway #2: Work Rounds 1-23 with **A**, Rounds 24-27 with **B**, Rounds 28-32 with **A**, and Rounds 33-51 with **B**.

Beginning from at bottom of bee, cast on 3 sts. Place marker for beginning of round. Taking care not to twist sts; prepare to work in rounds.

Round 1 (right side): [Kfb] 3 times—6 sts.

Round 2: [Kfb, k1] 3 times—9 sts.

Round 3: [Kfb] 9 times—18 sts.

Round 4: Knit.

Round 5: [Kfb, k2] 6 times—24 sts.

Round 6: Knit.

Round 7: [Kfb, k3] 6 times—30 sts.

Round 8: Knit.

Round 9: [Kfb, k4] 6 times—36 sts.

Round 10: Knit.

Round 11: [Kfb, k5] 6 times—42 sts.

Round 12: Knit.

Round 13: [Kfb, k6] 6 times—48 sts.

Round 14: Knit.

Round 15: [Kfb, k7] 6 times—54 sts.

Round 16: Knit.

Round 17: [Kfb, k8] 6 times—60 sts.

Rounds 18-31: Knit.

Round 32: [K2tog, k8] 6 times—54 sts.

Rounds 33-35: Knit.

Round 36: [K2tog, k7] 6 times—48 sts.

Rounds 37-39: Knit.

Round 40: [K2tog, k6] 6 times—42 sts.

Rounds 41-43: Knit.

Round 44: [K2tog, k5] 6 times—36 sts.

Rounds 45 and 46: Knit.

Using photograph as a guide for placement, attach safety eyes.

Begin filling body with stuffing or a

combination of optional knee high filled with plastic pellets, and stuffing. Continue as work progresses.

Round 47: [K2tog, k4] 6 times—30 sts.

Round 48: [K2tog, k3] 6 times—24 sts.

Round 49: [K2tog, k2] 6 times—18 sts.

Round 50: [K2tog, k1] 6 times—12 sts.

Round 51: [K2tog] 6 times—6 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Weave tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Secure tail and weave to inside of body.

STINGER

Note: This back part of bee is a small half sphere stinger base and stinger. Later, it is sewn to the bottom of body. With **B**, cast on 30 sts.

Place marker for beginning of round. Taking care not to twist sts, prepare to work in rounds.

Rounds 1-3: Knit.

Round 4: [K2tog, k3] 6 times—24 sts.

Rounds 5 and 6: Knit.

Round 7: [K2tog, k2] 6 times—18 sts.

Rounds 8 and 9: Knit.

Note: When stitches have been sufficiently decreased, you may prefer to work the rounds as I-cord (see Special Technique above).

Round 10: [K3tog] 6 times—6 sts.

Round 11: [K2tog] 3 times—3 sts.

Rounds 12-14: Knit.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Weave tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Secure tail and weave to inside of piece.

WINGS (make 2 for each bee)

Use **C** for colorway #1 bee and use **D** for colorway #2 bee. Cast on 6 sts.

Place marker for beginning of round. Taking care not to twist sts, prepare to work in rounds.

Round 1: [Kfb] 6 times—12 sts.

Round 2: Knit.

Round 3: [K1, M1L, k1, M1L, k2, M1L, k1, M1L, k1] twice—20 sts.

Round 4: Knit.

Round 5: [K1, M1L, k1, M1L, k6, M1L, k1, M1L, k1] twice—28 sts.

Round 6: Knit.

Round 7: [K1, M1, k12, M1L, k1] twice—32 sts.

Rounds 8-11: Knit.

Round 12: [Ssk, k12, k2tog] twice—28 sts.

Rounds 13 and 14: Knit.

Round 15: [Ssk, k10, k2tog] twice—24 sts.

Round 16: Knit.

Round 17: [Ssk, k8, k2tog] twice—20 sts.

Round 18: Knit.

Round 19: [Ssk, k6, k2tog] twice—16 sts.

Round 20: [Ssk, k4, k2tog] twice—12 sts.

Round 21: [K2tog] 6 times—6 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a 15" [38 cm] tail.

Weave tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Do not weave in tail; remainder of tail will be used later to sew wing to body.

LEGS (make 6 for each bee)

With **B**, leaving a long beginning tail, cast on 5 sts.

Rounds 1-7: Using I-Cord technique, knit 7 rounds.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Weave tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Secure tail and weave to inside of leg. Do not weave in beginning tail, it will be used later to sew leg to body.

FINISHING

Referring to photograph as a guide to placement, pin the following pieces together and then use yarn tails or yarn scraps to sew the pieces together.

1. Sew stinger base over bottom of body, stuffing the base of the stinger before completing seam.
Note: Designer recommends using mattress stitch.
2. Sew points of two wings together.
3. Sew the pair of wings to center top of bee's back. Sew only the center part of the wings to the back, about 1" [2.5 cm] from where the wings meet.
4. Sew legs to underside of body.

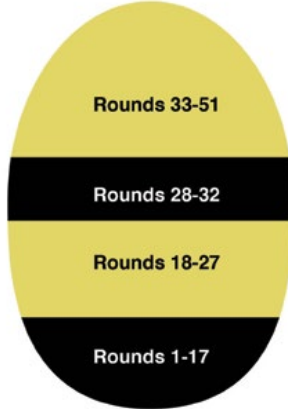
Weave in any remaining ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C, and D = Color A, Color B, Color C, and Color D; **k** = knit; **k2tog** = knit next 2 sts together; **k3tog** = knit 3 sts together; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

COLORWAY 1

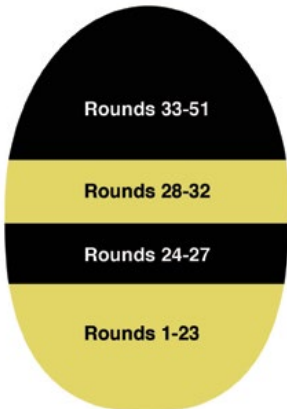
Bind Off



Cast On

COLORWAY 2

Bind Off



Cast On

