

Small Knitted Bee

MATERIALS:

Pair of size 10 (3.25mm) knitting needles
 Small quantities of black, yellow and white wool
 Wool needle
 Small quantity of toy stuffing

ABBREVIATIONS:

KFB: Knit into the front and back of stitch

K2 tog: Knit two stitches together

BEE - *The bee is knitted from its head.*



Using Black, cast on 3 stitches

Row 1: Knit into front and back (KFB) of each stitch (6 stitches)

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: Knit into front and back of each stitch (12 stitches)

Row 4: Purl

Row 5: Knit

Row 6: Change to Yellow. Purl

Row 7: Knit

Row 8: Change to Black. Purl

Row 9: (K1, K2 tog) twice, (K2tog, K1) twice (8 stitches)

Row 10: Purl

Row 11: KFB across the row (16 stitches)

Rows 12 – 16: Repeat rows 4-8

Row 17: K1 (K1, K2 tog) twice, K2 (K2 tog, K1) twice, K1 (12 stitches)

Row 18: Purl 2 tog across row (6 stitches)

Row 19: Change to White. Knit

Cut white yarn to about 8 inches. Thread needle with yarn and pass through the remaining stitches on the needle. Pass needle through first stitch again and secure. Pull tightly and secure. Trim end.

Cut the yellow yarn and pull tight, tying off ends. Cut ends short and tuck inside the bee along with the white yarn ends when sewing up.

Cut black yarn leaving a long enough length (12 in) to sew up the bee. Sew up until you reach the second yellow stripe. Stuff bee and complete sewing the head ending with a double stitch but do not cut the yarn. Pass the needle down to the bottom of the bee. Pull slightly to shorten the bee and tie off and secure.

WINGS

Method 1: Cast on 15 stitches, Cast off and using your yarn needle draw through stitches and secure tightly. Sew just behind first yellow stripe.

Method 2:

Hold the bee so the seam is underneath with the head pointing away from your body. Using your wool needle, insert it gently into the body of the bee just behind the first yellow stripe, about two stitches right of the centre. Pull gently catching a small piece of stuffing and draw it out of the same space slowly. Tease into a wing shape, twisting and trimming as necessary. Repeat for the other wing, inserting the needle in the corresponding space to the left of the centre.