

## EASY KNITTED BUMBLE BEE

### MATERIALS:

Small quantities of black / brown (B) and yellow / gold and cream (optional for wings) (A) DK  
 Pair of 3.25mm (UK 10) knitting needles  
 Wool needle for sewing up  
 Toy stuffing

### ABBREVIATIONS:

**STS:** Stitches

**KFB:** Knit into the front and back of stitch

**K2 tog:** Knit two stitches together

### BODY AND HEAD:

Starting with colour A, cast on 5 STS

**Row 1:** (WS): Purl

**Row 2:** K1, (KFB) to end (9 STS)

**Rows 3 & 4:** Repeat rows 1 and 2 (17 STS)

**Row 5:** Purl

**Row 6:** Join B and K to end

**Row 7:** Purl

**Row 8:** Join A and K to end

**Row 9:** Purl

**Rows 10-13:** Repeat rows 6-8

**Row 14:** K2 tog (K1, K2 tog) to end (11 STS)

**Row 15:** Purl

**Row 16:** K2 tog, (K1, K2 tog) to end (7 STS)

Thread yarn and pass needle through the remaining stitches, pull tight and secure. Use the remaining yarn to sew up the bee as far as the stripe nearest the head. Stuff the bee and finish sewing the seam.

### WINGS (Make 2)

#### Method 1:

Hold the bee so the seam is underneath with the head pointing away from your body. Using your crochet hook, 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 hook in the corresponding space to the left of the centre.

#### Method 2:

Cast on 15 stitches in white. Cast off and using your yarn needle draw through stitches and secure tightly. Sew behind first yellow stripe.

