

Medium Crochet Bee

Pattern notes: *This pattern is made using UK notation and is crocheted in a continuous round. When changing colour, in the last stitch of the round, insert the hook through the next stitch as normal and draw yarn through. Use the NEW yarn colour to make the final wrap to complete the stitch. As you move to the next stitch, give the previous yarn colour a gently tug to tighten the stitch.*

MATERIALS:

4mm Crochet hook
Small quantity of black, yellow and white DK
Small amount of toy stuffing
Yarn needle



BEE – starting at the head end:

Round 1: *Using yellow* create a magic ring and work 6 dc into the ring. Pull tightly to close. (6 sts)

Round 2: Work 2 dc into each stitch (12 stitches)

Round 3: * Work dc in in next 3 stitches, 2 dc in next stitch. Repeat from * twice more (15 sts)

Round 4: * Work dc in next 4 stitches, 2 dc in next stitch. Repeat from * twice more (18 sts)

Round 5: * Work dc in next 5 stitches, 2 dc in next stitch. Repeat from * twice more (21 sts)

Round 6: * Work dc in next 6 stitches, 2 dc in next stitch. Repeat from * twice more (24 sts) changing to black on the last stitch as described above.

Rounds 7-8: *Using black* dc in each stitch changing to yellow on the last stitch as before. (24 sts)

Rounds 9-10: *Using yellow* dc in each stitch changing to black on the last stitch as before. (24 sts)

Round 11: *Using black* dc in each stitch (24 sts)

Round 12: * dc in next 2 stitches, dc2tog. Repeat from * a further 5 times changing to yellow on the last stitch as before. (18 sts)

Round 13: *Using yellow* dc in each stitch (18 sts)

Stuff with toy stuffing

Round 14: * dc in next stitch, dc2tog a further 5 times changing to black on the last stitch as before (12 sts)

Round 15: *Using black* * dc in next 2 stitches, dc2tog. Repeat from * twice more (9 sts)

Round 16: * dc in next stitch, dc2tog. Repeat from * twice more (6 sts)

Finish off leaving a 6" tail. Using yarn needle weave tail through remaining 6 stitches and pull firmly to close the hole. Weave in ends.

WINGS (make 2):

Round 1: *With white* create a magic ring and work 6 dc into the ring. Pull tightly to close. (6 sts)

Round 2: Work 2 DC in next stitch, 2 HTC in next stitch, 2TC in next 2 stitches, 2 HTC in next stitch, 2 DC in next stitch (12 sts)

Round 3: Work sts as follows: DC, 2DC, DC, 2DC, HTC, TC, 2TC, TC, HTC, 2DC, DC, 2DC, DC (18 sts).

Finish off leaving enough of a tail for sewing the wings. Sew wings between the black stripes. Weave in the ends. Using black yarn stitch eyes by inserting the needle between the 3rd and 4th row and making a vertical stitch, oversew 3 times and repeat for second eye 3 stitches away. Add a mouth and finish off and secure ends.