

Knitted Honeybee

Super little knitted honeybee pattern with organza wings ideal for bee-rings!

Materials:

Small quantity of DK in brown and yellow
 Small quantity of toy stuffing
 15cm of Organza ribbon or white net
 Yarn needle with large eye
 Beads for eyes optional



Abbreviations:

KFB: Knit into the front and back of each stitch

M1: An alternative increase to KFB, this is done by picking up the wool (bar) in between two stitches with the left needle and knitting the bar.

Knitwise means picking up from back to front and knitting the front loop.

Purlwise is picking up from front to back and purling into the back loop.

See <https://www.purlsoho.com/create/make-one-right-m1r-make-one-left-m1l/> for pictures.

Body (starting from back)

Using brown cast on 4 sts

Row 1: Purl

Row 2: KFB 4 times (8 STS)

Row 3: Purl

Row 4: K1 M1 knitwise, K6, M1 knitwise, K1 (10STS)

Row 5: Purl

Row 6: K1, M1, K10, M1, K1 (12STS)

Rows 7 & 8: *Using Yellow*, starting with a purl row, work 2 rows in stocking stitch

Rows 9 & 10: *Using Brown*, continue in stocking stitch for 2 rows

Rows 11 & 12: Repeat rows 7 & 8

Rows 13 – 22: *Change to brown* and continue in stocking stitch for 10 rows.

Thread yarn through remaining stitches, pull tight and fasten off leaving enough yarn to sew up the seam.

Finishing off:

Starting with the head end, join the row ends and stitch seam, stuffing as you go. Secure and weave in ends.

Cut a small length of brown yarn and wind round neck a few times to form the head.

Tie in a knot underneath the head and draw the ends through to the top of the head to form the antenna. Trim to desired length.

Cut the organza into two rectangles approx 3 in x 1 in and fold in half lengthwise. Cut diagonally 1/2" in from folded edge towards the corners so it resembles a boat shape.

Folding lengthwise again, thread needle with your wings and pull through the body just above the neck.

Fold back the first pair and pass your needle through them as well as the body.

Alternative version:

Work as above and change as follows:

Rows 13-14: *Switch to brown*, stocking stitch 2 rows.

Rows 15-18: *Switch to yellow*, stocking stitch 4 rows.

Rows 19-22: *Switch to brown*, stocking stitch 4 rows.



Finishing off:

Starting with the head end, join the row ends and stitch seam, stuffing as you go. Secure and weave in ends.

Cut two small lengths of brown yarn and wind and tie tightly in a knot round either side of the wide yellow stripe to form the thorax and head.

Weave in the lower ends nearest the tail. Draw the ends nearest the head through to the top of the head to form the antenna. Trim to desired length. Add beads or stitch eyes as required.

Cut two pieces of white net into a rectangle approx 3" x 1" and fold in half lengthwise. Cut diagonally 1/2" in from folded edge towards the corners so it resembles a boat shape.

Folding lengthwise again, thread needle with your wings and pull through the body just above the neck. When threading the second pair, fold back the first pair and pass the needle through them and the body.