Henry & Honey Bumblebee

Printer-friendly pattern

Original pattern wording with compact reference images. US crochet terms.



CROCHET

SKILL LEVEL

EASY

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Amigurumi:

1 ball 9247 Bumble Bee

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:

2.75 mm [US C-2]

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

Optional: Knee high stocking and plastic pellets for weighted stuffing

GAUGE: 28 sts = about 4" [10 cm]; 32 rounds = about 4" [10 cm] in single crochet (sc). EXACT GAUGE IS NOT

CRITICAL TO THIS PROJECT.

Use any size hook to obtain

the gauge.

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jar ready, they'll fill it in no time!

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Bee measures about 4¼" [11 cm] long.

Special Stitch

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches

together) = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

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 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. Bee is made from 9 pieces: Head/ body, 2 wings, and 6 legs.

3. Head/body and wings are worked in continuous rnds (spiral) with right side always facing. Legs are worked in one row.

4. Pieces are sewn together using yarn tails or yarn scraps.

5. Pattern contains instructions for making two identical bees in different colorways, colorway #1 and colorway

#2.

6. Yarn color is changed to form stripes on bee's body. To change yarn color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook

to complete stitch. Carry color not in use along the inside of the piece until next needed.

7. 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.

HEAD/BODY

Note: Before beginning, choose a colorway and refer to colorway lists to determine when to change yarn color.

Colorway #1: Work Rounds 1-11 with A , Rounds 12-14 with B , Rounds 15-20 with A , and Rounds 21-31 with B .

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Colorway #2: Work Rounds 1-11 with B , Rounds 12-15 with A , Rounds 16-18 with B , Rounds 19-27 with A , and Rounds 28- 31 with B .

Beginning at top of head, ch 2.

Round 1 (right side): Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—6 sc. Place a marker in the last sc worked to indicate end of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

Round 2: Work 2 sc in each of next 6 sts—12 sc.

Round 3: [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—18 sc.

Round 4: [Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—24 sc.

Round 5: [Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—30 sc.

Round 6: [Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—36 sc. continued...

Rounds 7–24: Sc in each st around. Using photograph as a guide to placement, attach safety eyes between Rnds 8 and 9 on opposite sides of head.

Round 25: [Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog] 6 times—30 sc.

Round 26: [Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog] 6 times—24 sc. Begin filling body with stuffing or a combination of optional knee high filled with plastic pellets, and stuffing. Continue stuffing as work progresses.

Round 27: [Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog] 6 times—18 sc.

Round 28: [Sc in next st, sc2tog] 6 times—12 sc. Rounds 29 and 30: Sc in each st around.

Round 31: [Sc2tog] 6 times—6 sc. Fasten off, leaving an 18" [45.5 cm] tail. Weave tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Do not weave in or trim yarn tail. Stinger: Using attached long yarn tail as working yarn, insert hook through end of bee and draw up a loop of the yarn tail, ch 4, slip st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 2 ch, slip st into end of bee. Fasten off.

WINGS (make 2 for each bee)

Use C for colorway #1 bee and use D for colorway #2 bee. Ch 2. Rounds 1–4: Work same as Rounds 1–4 of head and body—24 sc.

Round 5: Sc in each st around.

Round 6: [Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—30 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing wing to body.

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LEGS (make 6 for each bee)

With B , ch 6.

Row 1: Sc in 3rd ch from hook and in next 3 ch. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing leg to body.

FINISHING

Referring to photograph as a guide to placement, sew the following pieces together.

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1. Sew wings to top of bee.

2. Sew legs to underside of bee, sewing 3 legs along each side.

Weave in and trim any remaining ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C, and D = Color A, Color B, Color C, and Color D; ch = chain; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es); [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

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