

Amigurumi Bumblebees

Cute and friendly bumblebee to adorn your summer-fun accessories!

Size: Approx. 2" long

Hook: US G/6 (4.00 mm)

Yarn: Lightweight cotton or cotton/acrylic thread (e.g., Tahki Cotton Classic, Plymouth Wildflower DK, Patons Grace), or similar wt. thread or yarn that works to gauge*

Sample shown in Tahki Cotton Classic, 100% mercerized cotton (1.75 oz./50 g. hank, 108 yds./100 m. per hank)

Colors: Black: 20 yds.

Yellow: 20 yds.

Notions: Yarn needle

Gauge: Not critical for this project, but approx. 20 sc & 20 rows = 4"/10 cm in single crochet on size G/6 (4.00 mm) hook

Skill Level:  EASY

Pattern Notes:

Bumblebee is worked in joined rounds from "tail" end to "nose." Do not turn at end of each round but continue in same direction to form tube-shaped body piece.

As you work, push yarn tails to inside for stuffing.

Stitches used:

Chain (ch)

Slip Stitch (sl st)

Single Crochet (sc)

Half Double Crochet (hdc)

Double Crochet (dc)

Single Crochet two together (sc2tog)

Abbreviations: beginning (beg), decrease (dec), each (ea), hook (hk), increase (inc), loop (lp), pattern (patt), repeat (rep), stitch (st), yarn over (yo)

Bumblebee

Rnd 1: With black, ch 4, join into ring (or use disappearing loop method: wrap yarn around finger once, insert hk into lp on finger, yo, pull lp through, follow patt as directed, working over strands of ring. After first few rows are completed, pull tail to close ring.) Ch 1, work 6 sc in ring, join with sl st to beg sc (6 sc)

Rnd 2 (inc rnd): Ch 1, sc in same sc, 2 sc in next sc, *sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from * once, join with sl st (9 sc)

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in ea sc around, join with sl st, pulling yellow through as you work sl st (drop black but do not cut it.)

Rnd 4: With yellow, ch 1, sc in ea sc around, join with sl st (9 sc)

Rnd 5: Ch 1, sc in ea sc around, join with sl st, pulling black through as you work sl st (drop yellow but do not cut it.)

Rnd 6: With black, ch 1, sc in ea sc around, join with sl st (9 sc)

Rnd 7: Ch 1, sc in ea sc around, join with sl st, pulling yellow through as you work sl st. Cut black and fasten off, stuffing tail to inside.

Rnd 8: With yellow, ch 1, sc in ea sc around, join with sl st (9 sc)

Rnd 9 (dec rnd): Ch 1, sc in same sc, *sc2tog, rep from * around, join with sl st (5 sc). Fasten off yellow, leaving 12" tail for sewing. Gather top lps of ea rem sc around and cinch to close. Bury tail inside piece.

Finishing:

Fold piece so it is flattened a bit, positioning joining point of rnds at bottom part of fold.

Eyes: With black, embroider 2 French knots on either side of "face" near "nose" end.

Wings:

Insert hk between sts of first black stripe and first yellow stripe, about 2 sts down from top. Draw yellow through, leaving 6" tail for sewing. Ch 6, sc in 2nd ch from hk, hdc in next ch, dc in next 3 ch; join with sl st to other side of same yellow stripe by inserting hk between sts of this stripe and next black stripe. Fasten off, leaving 6" tail for sewing.

Secure wings by weaving tails through sts on body and through to inside of piece.

Rep on other side of piece for second wing.

Wings can be folded up (as shown in photos) or down as desired.

Cat model: Jasmine

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