Bumblebee applique

US terms



Finished size
About 4 in (10 cm) wide and about 4 in (10 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows, with 3 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: honey yellow, rows 1 to 4, 7, 8, 11 and 12 of the body	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: black, the black stripes, the tail end, the eye, the smile and the feelers	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: white, the wings	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
st	stitch

Special stitches

sc2tog: [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. It leaves 1 st for the next row.

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

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Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Before you start

- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- A chain 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The pieces worked in rows look much alike on both sides: take either side as the right side.
- The finished size takes in the wings and the feelers.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.6 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 2¾ in (7 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3 in (8 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 5 in (13 cm).

Instructions

The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and hdc is half treble.

Body

Yarns in order of use: A, honey yellow; B, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 chs	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 5**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 7 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**

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Fasten off B.

☐ **Row 7**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 7 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**

Fasten off A.

☐ **Row 9**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 7 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**

Fasten off B.

☐ **Row 11**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 7 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 4 sc)**

Fasten off A.

☐ **Row 13**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 5 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 2 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 35 in (89 cm) tail, for sewing this piece down at the end.	

Wing: make 2

Yarn C, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 3 chs, 6 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next 3 chs, sc in next ch	**(2 sc, 12 hdc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in each of next 4 sts, sc in next 5 sts	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the body with its stripes upright and Row 1, the head, at the left.
- Sew the wings behind the upper edge of the body, the rounded end (6 hdc) of each up and ¼ in (0.6 cm) of its other end hidden: the middle of the first behind Row 7, leaning a little toward the head, and the middle of the second behind Row 11, leaning a little toward the tail.
- With B, work a large French knot for the eye on Row 3, 3/8 in (1 cm) above the middle of the row. Work a smile in backstitch below it: a curve 5/8 in (1.6 cm) wide from Row 2 to Row 4, its ends 3/8 in (1 cm) below the middle of those rows and its lowest point ¼ in (0.6 cm) below its ends.
- For the feelers, join B with sl st in the upper edge of the body at the end of Row 2, ch 4 and fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail; make the second at the end of Row 3. Run the tail at each tip back down its own chain. The feelers stand up, leaning a little toward the head.
- To sew the applique to your project, pin it where it is to go and sew round its edge with the long tail, under the outermost strands of the stitches; where a part is of another color, use a length of that color.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 3 pieces; 26 ends to weave in.

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