Bumblebee coaster

US terms



Finished size

About 6¼ in (16 cm) wide and 4¾ in (12 cm) tall with the wings and feelers (16 by 12 cm); the body alone is about 3¾ in (10 cm) wide

Skill

Easy

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

Yarn

Light (3), 4 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: honey, rows 3, 4, 7, 8 and 11 to 17 of the body	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: charcoal, rows 1, 2, 5, 6, 9 and 10 of the body	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pale blue, the wings	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: rose, the sewn details	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. Buy them from one dye lot. Yarns A, B and C: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn D: the estimate is from the stitches 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

sc2tog (UK dc2tog): [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 or round.

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Gauge

18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

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

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or 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.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The right side of the body faces you in Row 1 and in every other row after it. Where a row begins with a new color, turn first, then join the color in the first st of the row; same st is the stitch it was joined in.
- A wing has a tip and a base. The 4 dc of Rnd 2 point to the tip; the base is the other end, where the rounds are joined.
- Rose is needed only for two French knots.
- In the line about another yarn, the longest way is from wing tip to wing tip.
- Use cotton yarn: it takes up drips and stays flat under a warm cup.
- 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 5½ in (14 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 8¼ in (21 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 10¼ in (26 cm).

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Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Body

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

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 5 chs	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(10 sc)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 3**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(14 sc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 5**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 13 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(16 sc)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 7**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 15 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(16 sc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 9**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 15 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(16 sc)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 11**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 15 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 12 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 10 sc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 8 sc)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, [sc2tog in next 2 sts] twice, sc in next 2 sts, [sc2tog in next 2 sts] twice	**(4 sc2tog, 2 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Wing: make 2

Yarn C, pale blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(12 dc)**

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc, 8 hdc, 4 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 5 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Edging of the body: hold the body right side up, with Row 17 at the top. Join B with sl st in the first st of Row 17, at its right end (this is the first sl st of the edging), and work to the left, loosely, so that the edge does not pull in; at the end of a row put the hook under two strands of the edge stitch. Sl st in each of the other 5 sts of Row 17; down the left side, 2 sl st in the end of Row 17 and of Row 16, 1 sl st in the end of each row from Row 15 to Row 3, and 2 sl st in the end of Row 2 and of Row 1; sl st in the bottom of each of the 6 sts of Row 1; up the right side, 2 sl st in the end of Row 1 and of Row 2, 1 sl st in the end of each row from Row 3 to Row 15, and 2 sl st in the end of Row 16 and of Row 17; sl st in the first sl st to join. The edging has 54 sl sts; the one that joins is not among them. Fasten off. Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, the body in a circle. Spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the body down, right side up, with Row 17 at the top. The middle line runs from the middle of Row 17 to the middle of Row 1. The middle of the body is the middle of Row 9, the lower row of the top charcoal stripe. Think of the body as a clock face with twelve at Row 17.
- Wings: lay one behind each side of the body, right side up, the right wing at two o'clock and the left wing at ten o'clock, each with its tip pointing straight away from the middle of the body. Slide it in until its magic ring is ½ in (1.3 cm) outside the outer edge of the edging, measured along the line from the middle of the body; the base is then hidden behind the body to a depth of 3/8 in (1 cm) to ½ in (1.3 cm). With its tail, sew the hidden part to the back of the body, and sew the edging to the wing from the front with small stitches.
- Feelers (make 2): with B, ch 9 and fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail at each end. Sew the first 3 ch of each, with its lower tail, upright to the back of Rows 16 and 17 and of the edging, 3/8 in (1 cm) to the side of the middle line, one on each side. The other 6 ch stand out above the edging and curve outward: lay them so that the upper end is 1 in (2.5 cm) from the middle line and 5/8 in (1.6 cm) higher than the top of the edging. Weave the upper tail down the back of its chain. With B, work one large French knot over the upper end of each feeler.
- Eyes: with B, work two large French knots, 5/8 in (1.6 cm) above the top charcoal stripe and 5/8 in (1.6 cm) to each side of the middle line.
- Smile: with B, work a curve in backstitch that runs from one side of the middle line to the other: each of its two ends is 3/8 in (1 cm) above the top charcoal stripe and 3/8 in (1 cm) from the middle line, and its lowest point is ¼ in (0.6 cm) above the stripe on the middle line.
- Cheeks: with D, work two large French knots, 3/8 in (1 cm) above the top charcoal stripe and 1 in (2.5 cm) to each side of the middle line.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 3 pieces.

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