Bumble bee

US terms



Finished size
About 3½ in (8.9 cm) wide, 3¾ in (9.5 cm) from front to back and 3¾ in (9.5 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Six pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

You will need

Yarn A: honey yellow, body	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: black, body, antenna and stinger	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: white, wing	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: rose, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4). Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 12 mm.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. 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.

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together
MR	magic ring
RS	right side

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

20 sc and 22 rounds = 4 in (10 cm), worked in a spiral. To check it, work a flat circle: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

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Before you start

- Every piece is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up.
- Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Color change: where a line begins "With B," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in B. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Center line: places on a piece are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 21 and 22 of round 7 (42 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in B (black).
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, ovals, details) are for Standard: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) wide, 2¾ in (7 cm) from front to back and 2¾ in (7 cm) tall; eyes 9 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 5 in (12.5 cm) wide, 5¼ in (13.5 cm) from front to back and 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall; eyes 17 mm; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.
- Jumbo: super bulky (6, plush or velvet) yarn, 6.5 mm (K-10½) hook, 11 sc and 12.1 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 6¼ in (16 cm) wide, 6¾ in (17 cm) from front to back and 6¾ in (17 cm) tall; eyes 22 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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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 round is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

Body

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

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 9**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 9: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9

☐ **Rnds 10 to 12**	With B, sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 12: tick them off as you go.

☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12

☐ **Rnds 13 to 15**	With A, sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 15: tick them off as you go.

☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15

☐ **Rnds 16 to 18**	With B, sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 16 to 18: tick them off as you go.

☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18

☐ **Rnd 19**	With A, **[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	With B, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Fix the eyes now (see Face and details). Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

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Wing: make 2

Yarn C, white.

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☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 4 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 5 stitches.	

Antenna: make 2

Yarn B, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Stinger

Yarn B, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

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Assembly

1. Pin the two wings to the body: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 12, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart). The flat edge runs lengthwise along the body, half of it before that place and half behind. They point up and back, then curve until the tip of each points up and out to the side. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a stitch or two on its inner side. Sew through both layers of the 5-stitch edge with the tail.

2. Pin the two antennae to the body: the middle of each open edge lies between rounds 7 and 8, one to each side, 3½ stitches from the center line (7 stitches apart). The edge (4 sts) covers about rounds 7 to 8 of the body. They point up, then curve until the tip of each points up and out to the side. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a stitch or two on its inner side. Sew all the way round with the tail.

3. Pin the stinger to the body: the middle of the open edge lies over the closed hole at the end of the body. The edge (6 sts) lies all the way round on about round 25. It points back. Sew all the way round with the tail.

Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places with the other details. Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand inside the toy. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- Eyes: two 12 mm black plastic eyes, on the body on round 6, one to each side, 6½ stitches from the center line (13 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with D (rose), in satin stitch, an oval about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the body on round 6, one to each side, 10½ stitches from the center line (15 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line).
- Mouth: with B (black), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide that dips 1/8 in (3 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the body on round 2, one to each side of the line opposite the center line.
- Weave every tail through the toy and trim it. For a toy that will be played with, go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the seams and small parts from time to time.

In all: 6 pieces; 1,200 stitches (792 in the body, 160 in each wing, 37 in each antenna, 14 in the stinger); 12 ends to weave in.

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