Chubby bee

US terms



Finished size
About 8 in (20.5 cm) long, 5½ in (14 cm) across the body and 9 in (23 cm) tall with the wings

Skill
Easy
Five pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn
Super bulky (6), 4 colors

Hook
6.5 mm (US K-10 1/2)

Gauge
10 stitches and 11 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

You will need

Yarn A: honey, body	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cocoa, body, feeler strip and the details	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, wing	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: blush, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10 1/2), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins and scissors.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. 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, through the front loops only: how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double cro
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

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Gauge

10 stitches and 11 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, 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 4½ in (11.5 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Before you start

- Every piece that has rounds 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.
- D is for the cheeks only, and B also works the face: a smooth yarn of the same color, held double if it is thin, is easier to embroider with than chenille.
- 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 22 and 23 of round 11 (44 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.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- 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.
- No plastic eyes are used: every detail is worked in yarn.
- 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, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: medium (4, worsted) yarn, 3.5 mm (E-4) hook, 20 sc and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 4 in (10 cm) long, 2¾ in (7 cm) across the body and 4½ in (11.5 cm) tall with the wings; multiply lengths by 0.5; about 0.5 times the yarn.

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.

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Body

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

☐ **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, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	**(23 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 4 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	With B, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts	**(41 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 20 sts	**(43 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 42 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 12 to 15**	With A, sc in each st around	**(44 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 15: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15

☐ **Rnds 16 to 18**	With B, sc in each st around	**(44 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 21 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 21 sts	**(43 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc2tog, sc in next 41 sts	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next 19 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	With B, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts**] 2 times**	**(35 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	Sc in next 9 sts, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**, sc2tog	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	With A, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 4 times**	**(24 sc)**

Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**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. Press the stuffed body a little flat on the underside, so that the bee sits without rolling, its back end down on the table and its face tilted up a little.	

Wing: make 2

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **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, sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc2tog, sc in next 19 sts	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 5 stitches.	

Feeler strip: make 2

Yarn B, cocoa.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 11.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. The strip is this one row, 10 stitches long. The end with the tail is the base; the other end is the tip.	

Assembly

1. Pin the two wings to the body: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 14, one to each side, 3½ stitches from the center line (7 stitches apart). The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. They point up and out to the side. Sew through both layers of the 5-stitch edge with the tail.

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2. Sew the two feeler strips to the body, one to each side of the center line; either side of a strip may be up. Lay the first 2 stitches of each, counted from the base, flat against the body, pointing to the front: the base end lies on round 10, 3 stitches from the center line (6 stitches apart), and the second stitch lies over round 9. Sew these 2 stitches down with the tail, along both edges. The other 8 stitches stay free. Give this part a quarter turn, so that one flat side looks in, toward the other feeler, and the other flat side looks out to the side. It points up and a little forward, and its tip curves out to the side and down. Hold the curve with running stitches along the middle of the flat side that looks out, from stitch 3 to stitch 10, drawn up a little until the strip stands and keeps its curve.

Finishing

- 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.
- Sleepy eyes: with B (cocoa), in backstitch, a closed eye on each side, one curve about 15/16 in (24 mm) wide that dips ½ in (13 mm) below its ends. The place half way between the two ends of each is on the body on round 5, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with D (blush), in satin stitch, an oval about 11/16 in (17 mm) wide and ½ in (13 mm) tall, its middle on the body on round 5, one to each side, 8 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line).
- Mouth: with B (cocoa), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 1 1/8 in (29 mm) wide that dips 7/16 in (11 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: 5 pieces; 1,346 stitches (948 in the body, 189 in each wing, 10 in each feeler strip).

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