Free Crochet Bee Pattern

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A chubby little bumble bee in DK cotton: a yellow head with a sweet smiling face, black and yellow stripes, a black bottom, two small white wings on its back and two little antennae. The body is one single piece from the top of the head to the bottom; the stripes are just color changes every two rounds, so the only sewing is the wings and antennae.

It is about 2 in / 5 cm wide, small enough for a keychain or a bee garland, and every round has its stitch count.



The bumble bee: one body piece, stripes by color change.

Pattern at a glance

- **Skill level:** easy (sc in the round, color changes)
- **Finished size:** about 2 in / 5 cm wide
- **Yarn:** DK cotton, about 34 yd / 31 m in total
- **Hook:** 2.5 mm (US B/1–C/2)
- **Time:** about 1.5 hours

Materials

- DK cotton in yellow (A) for the head and stripes, about 16 yd / 15 m
- DK cotton in black (B) for the stripes, bottom and antennae, about 15 yd / 14 m
- DK cotton in white (C) for the wings, about 3 yd / 3 m
- DK cotton in pink (D) for the cheeks, a small amount
- 2.5 mm (US B/1–C/2) hook
- two 6 mm black safety eyes
- fiberfill and a tapestry needle

Abbreviations (US terms)

- **MR** magic ring · **sc** single crochet · **inc** 2 sc in one stitch · **dec** invisible decrease · **FO** fasten off
- **blo / flo** back loop only / front loop only · **ch** chain · **sl st** slip stitch · **hdc / dc** half double / double crochet

Before you start

- Change color in the last yarn over of the last stitch of the round before the new color. Our guide to changing colors without jogs shows the trick that keeps the stripes level.
- Carry the color you are not using up the inside of the body instead of cutting it: the stripes are only two rounds high.
- Put the safety eyes in after round 12 or so, while the opening is still big enough for your fingers.

The pattern

Body

Color: start with A (yellow).

Start at the top of the head.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** (sc, inc) ×6. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 4:** Sc, inc, (2 sc, inc) ×5, sc. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 5:** (3 sc, inc) ×6. (30)
- [ ] **Rnd 6:** 2 sc, inc, (4 sc, inc) ×5, 2 sc. (36)
- [ ] **Rnd 7:** Sc around. (36)
- [ ] **Rnds 8–9:** Switch to B (black). Sc around. (36)
- [ ] **Rnds 10–11:** Switch to A (yellow). Sc around. (36)
- [ ] **Rnds 12–13:** Switch to B (black). Sc around. (36)
- [ ] **Rnds 14–15:** Switch to A (yellow). Sc around. (36)
- [ ] **Rnd 16:** Switch to B (black). (4 sc, dec) ×6. (30)
- [ ] **Rnd 17:** 2 sc, dec, (3 sc, dec) ×5, sc. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 18:** (2 sc, dec) ×6. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 19:** Sc, dec, (sc, dec) ×5. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 20:** Dec ×6. (6)

Placement: Eyes: 6 mm safety eyes between R5 and R6, 7 sts apart.

Placement: Smile in B: small V under the eyes on R7; cheeks in D: two short stitches outside the eyes.

Placement: Wings: on the back over the first black stripe, side by side.

Placement: Antennae: on top of the head on R2-R3, 6 sts apart, leaning out a little.

Finish: Stuff as you go, FO and close; the black bottom from R16 on is the tail end.



The body, the wings and the antennae before sewing.

Wing (make 2)

Color: start with C (white).

Make two. A small oval around a chain.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** Sc around. (8)

- [ ] **Rnd 2:** Inc, 2 sc, inc ×2, 2 sc, inc. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** Sc around. (12)

Finish: Ch 5, 8 sc around the chain (an oval); FO, flatten and sew on by the narrow end.

Antenna (make 2)

Color: start with B (black).

Make two. A tiny tube, not stuffed.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 4 sc in MR. (4)
- [ ] **Rnds 2–6:** Sc around. (4)

Finish: Do not stuff; FO with a long tail and sew on by the open end; the closed ring end is the knob.

Assembly

1. Embroider the smile in black and two short pink stitches for the cheeks.
2. Sew the wings side by side on the back over the first black stripe, narrow ends down, so they stand a little.
3. Sew the antennae on top of the head on rounds 2 to 3, 6 stitches apart, leaning out a little.

FAQ

Can I make it smaller?

Yes: our mini keychain patterns include a tiny bee. For a bigger bee, use worsted yarn and a 3.5 mm hook; it comes out about 2.5 in / 6.5 cm wide.

More garden friends: the butterfly, the flower pot and the strawberry.