

FREE CROCHET PATTERN

Easy Mini Crochet Bee

A palm-sized amigurumi bee worked in one continuous piece, with simple stripes, tiny wings and a sweet face. A friendly first step into amigurumi.



SKILL LEVEL Beginner	FINISHED SIZE About 3 in (7.5 cm) long, not including wings	YARN WEIGHT Medium / Worsted
HOOK 3.5 mm (US E-4)	TIME About 2 hours	TERMS US terms

Gauge: Gauge is not critical. Aim for tight stitches with no gaps — if stuffing shows through the fabric, switch to a smaller hook.

Materials

- ☐ Worsted-weight yarn in yellow — About 15 yd (14 m)
- ☐ Worsted-weight yarn in black or dark brown — About 10 yd (9 m)
- ☐ Worsted-weight yarn in white — About 5 yd (4.5 m) (For the wings)
- ☐ 3.5 mm (US E-4) crochet hook (A hook smaller than the yarn label suggests keeps amigurumi stitches tight)
- ☐ 6 mm safety eyes — 2 (Or embroider the eyes with black yarn for children under 3)
- ☐ Polyester fiberfill — A small handful

- ☐ Stitch marker, tapestry needle and scissors

Abbreviations

MR — magic ring

sc — single crochet

inc — increase — work 2 stitches in the same stitch **dec** — decrease — work 2 stitches together

sl st — slip stitch

st(s) — stitch(es)

rnd(s) — round(s)

[] — repeat the instructions inside the brackets the number of times stated

() — stitch count at the end of a round or row, or a group worked into one stitch

Notes before you start

- The body is worked in continuous spiral rounds. Do not join at the end of each round — place a stitch marker in the first stitch and move it up as you go.
- Change color on the last yarn over of the final stitch in the old color. Cut the old color, leaving a short tail to tie off and hide inside the body.
- The number shown after each round is the stitch count you should have at the end of that round.
- Written in US crochet terms.

The pattern

Body

Start with yellow. The first rounds form the bee's face.

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** With yellow, make a magic ring and work 6 sc into the ring. Pull the ring closed. **(6)**
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** Inc in each st around. **(12)**
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** [Sc 1, inc] 6 times. **(18)**
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** [Sc 2, inc] 6 times. **(24)**
- ☐ **Rnds 5–8:** Sc in each st around for 4 rounds. Change to black on the last yarn over of Rnd 8. **(24)**

Note: Insert the safety eyes between Rnds 5 and 6, about 5 stitches apart. For a child under 3, skip the safety eyes and embroider the eyes with black yarn instead — add them after stuffing, before the opening gets small.

- ☐ **Rnds 9–10:** With black, sc in each st around. Change to yellow on the last yarn over of Rnd 10. **(24)**
- ☐ **Rnds 11–12:** With yellow, sc in each st around. Change to black on the last yarn over of Rnd 12. **(24)**
- ☐ **Rnd 13:** With black, [sc 2, dec] 6 times. Begin stuffing firmly. **(18)**

- ☐ **Rnd 14:** Sc in each st around. Change to yellow on the last yarn over. **(18)**
- ☐ **Rnd 15:** With yellow, [sc 1, dec] 6 times. **(12)**
- ☐ **Rnd 16:** Sc in each st around. Change to black on the last yarn over. Finish stuffing. **(12)**
- ☐ **Rnd 17:** With black, dec 6 times. **(6)**
- ☐ **Close:** Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail. Thread it onto a tapestry needle, weave it through the front loops of the remaining 6 stitches and pull gently to close. Hide the tail inside the body.

Wings (make 2)

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** With white, make a magic ring and work 6 sc into the ring. Pull the ring closed. **(6)**
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** Inc in each st around. **(12)**
- ☐ **Finish:** Sl st in the next st and fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.

Assembly

- ☐ **Attach the wings:** Pinch each wing slightly at one edge and sew it to the top of the body over Rnds 9–11, angling the wings outward in a soft V.
- ☐ **Add antennae:** Cut a 6 in (15 cm) length of black yarn and thread it through the top of the head between Rnds 2 and 3. Knot each end close to the head and trim to about ½ in (1 cm). Skip this step for a simpler look.

Tip: Pin the wings in place first and look at the bee from every side before sewing.

Finishing

- ☐ **Face:** With black yarn, embroider a small smile below the eyes. Add two short stitches in pink for cheeks if you like.
- ☐ **Ends:** Weave all remaining ends into the body and trim them close.

Tips

- Tight stitches matter more than exact gauge in amigurumi. If you can see stuffing through the fabric, try a smaller hook.
- Stuff the head before the opening gets small, adding fiberfill in small pieces so the bee stays smooth rather than lumpy.
- Cotton yarn gives crisp stitch definition; acrylic makes a softer, more budget-friendly bee.
- For children under 3, embroidered eyes are safer than safety eyes. Sew the wings on very securely too.

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