CROCHET PATTERN

Bee

Easy / No sewn pieces / US crochet terms

Crochet a striped capsule-shaped bee with two wings worked directly into its back and an embroidered face.

Start at the face so the cheeks stay round. Two brown bands wrap the body, and a small cream paddle grows from each side of the back.

Materials

Smooth #4 worsted yarn in the listed colors, a 3.5 mm starting hook, stitch marker, washable stuffing, blunt tapestry needle and scissors. Adjust hook size if stuffing shows through a gently stretched swatch. Reserve dark brown yarn for the face and cream for the wings.

Colors

honey yellow, dark brown, cream

How To Read This Pattern

Use US terms. Sc = single crochet, inc = 2 sc in one stitch, dec = single crochet 2 together across the next two stitches. A number before an operation tells how many times to work it. Brackets or parentheses followed by × repeat the whole sequence. Work in continuous rounds through both loops unless directed otherwise. Place a marker in the first stitch and move it up each round. Rounds progress from nose to tail. Ch = chain, sl st = slip stitch, hdc = half double crochet. Mark the round start as the underside. For a color change, use the next color for the last yarn-over of the previous round. Carry short floats loosely on the inside or cut and secure the ends.

Striped Body / Make 1

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**R1**	Make a magic ring, work 6 sc into the ring and pull the tail to close. Use honey yellow.	**0**	**6**
☐	**R2**	(inc) × 6.	**6**	**12**
☐	**R3**	(sc, inc) × 6.	**12**	**18**
☐	**R4**	(2 sc, inc) × 6.	**18**	**24**
☐	**R5**	24 sc.	**24**	**24**

Striped Body (continued)

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**R6-7**	24 sc. Use dark brown.	**24**	**24**
☐	**R8-9**	24 sc. Use honey yellow.	**24**	**24**
☐	**R10**	24 sc. Use dark brown.	**24**	**24**
☐	**R11**	(2 sc, dec) × 6. Return to honey yellow. Begin stuffing.	**24**	**18**
☐	**R12**	(sc, dec) × 6. Fill the tail lightly.	**18**	**12**
☐	**R13**	(dec) × 6.	**12**	**6**

Finish Cut the yarn, leaving a tail. Thread it under the front loop of each remaining stitch in order, draw the opening closed, secure and bury the end.

Assembly

1. On the nose, place two short dark-brown eye stitches on opposite sides of the starting ring, between R3 and R4, roughly four stitch widths apart. Add a shallow V beneath them.
2. Find the top center of R8 opposite the underside marker. Mark one wing root two stitches to its left and one two stitches to its right. Attach cream with a slip stitch under a horizontal bar at the first root.
3. For each wing, ch 6. Working back toward the body from the second chain from the hook, sl st, sc, hdc, hdc, sc into the five chains in order. Slip stitch under the next surface bar toward the tail, cut and bury both ends. Repeat at the second root.

Checkpoint

Count 24 stitches around a full stripe. At 4 sc per inch that gives about 6 inches around the body before stuffing. Each wing uses five return stitches and must lift away from the back at its tip.