

Ladybird and Rainbow Beetle Crochet Pattern



Material and tools:

- Yarn with approx. 130m/50g (Polyacryl) or 100m/50g (Cotton)
- **Ladybird**
 - o < 50g black
 - o < 50g red
 - o < 10g white
- **Rainbow Beetle**
 - o < 50g black
 - o < 10g red
 - o < 10g orange
 - o < 10g yellow
 - o < 10g green
 - o < 10g light blue
 - o < 10g dark blue
 - o < 10g white
- Stuffing (Polyester Filling)
- Piece of black Satin cord (approx. 15cm)
- 2 plastic eyes with security lock (9-10mm) or two black beads
- Crochet hook size 4mm / F or size as specified on the yarn
- Wool needle

Abbreviations

[brackets] – repeat instruction within brackets as often as given after brackets or to the end of the round or row

(round brackets) – count of stitches done in this round or row

Number in front of an abbreviation – number of stitches to crochet

CH – chain

SC – single crochet

ST – stitch(es)

HDC – half double crochet

DC – double crochet

SLST – slip stitch

Sc2tog – single crochet 2 together (1 stitch decreased)

Hdc2tog – half double crochet 2 together (1 stitch decreased)

Dc2tog – double crochet 2 together (1 stitch decreased)

Rd - round

General notes

Please read these instructions before working the pattern.

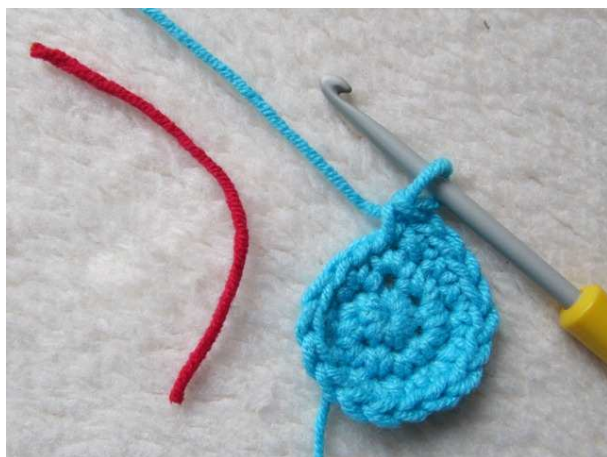
The beginning of each part

There are two options (I always use the second option. There are no holes at the beginning if you use the loop):

1. Start with chain 2 and work every first round into the first stitch made.
2. Start with a magic circle (adjustable loop) and work number of stitches in the first round into the loop.

Changing rounds

Do not replace crochet stitches by chain stitches at the beginning of each row. Instead make endless spiral. Crochet a first stitch of the row in first stitch of previous round. Use a stitch marker to remember of the beginning of the round. How to mark beginning of a row is demonstrated on pictures below.



Loose ends

At the beginning and the end of a piece leave a tail of at least 15 cm or even longer, because most of these can be used for sewing. Loose ends you do not use anymore can be pulled through some stitches on the inside of the piece and cut off.

Pattern

Ladybird

Head

Rd 1: Begin **with black** working in rounds. 6 SC in the magic circle (6)

Rd 2: 2 SC in each ST (12)

Rd 3: [2 SC in first ST, 1 SC in next ST] 6x (18)

Rd 4: [2 ST in first ST, 1 SC in next 2 ST] 6x (24)

Rd 5: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 5 ST] 4x (28)

Rd 6: SC in each ST (28)

Rd 7-8: SC in each ST (28)

Rd 9: [SC in next 5 ST, Sc2tog] 4x (24)

Rd 10: [SC in next 2 ST, Sc2tog] 6x (18)



Shards

Rd 1: Begin **with red** working in rounds. 6 SC in the magic circle (6)

Rd 2: 2 SC in every ST (12)

Rd 3: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next ST] 6x (18)

Rd 4: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 2 ST] 6x (24)

Rd 5: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 3 ST] 6x (30)

Rd 6: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 4 ST] 6x (36)

Rd 7: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 5 ST] 6x (42)

Rd 8: SC in every ST (42)

Rd 9-13: SC in every ST (42)



Belly

Rd 1: Begin **with black** working in rounds. 6 SC in the magic circle (6)

Rd 2: 2 SC in every ST (12)

Rd 3: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next ST] 6x (18)

Rd 4: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 2 ST] 6x (24)

Rd 5: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 3 ST] 6x (30)

Rd 6: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 4 ST] 6x (36)

Rd 7: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 5 ST] 6x (42)



Legs (work 6x)

Rd 1: Begin **with black** working in rounds. 7 SC in the magic circle (7)

Rd 2: SC in every ST (7)

Rd 3-4: SC in every ST (7)

Spots (work 5x)

Rd 1: Begin **with black** working in rounds. 6 SC in the magic circle (6)

Rd 2: 2 SC in every ST (12)



Eyes (work 2x)

Rd 1: work **with white** 9HDC in the magic circle (9)

Sew the pupils with black.

Sewing

Now we have all the parts we need to complete the beetle and we can start sewing.

1. First sew the shards with the belly. One stitch per one crochet stitch (see the picture on right) Stuff the body during sewing.
2. Now sew the head on the body.
3. Sew the legs on the body. Place the lags on the seam..
4. Now sew the spots on the shards. One of them on the middle the other as you like. Then sew the line between shards in two steps. Make one big stich from the spot in the middle to the back and then pierce the whole body from back to the head and make second stitch from head back to the spot in the middle.
5. Sew the eyes with pupils on the head..
6. From satin cord make the feelers. Pull the cord through the head and secure the ends with knots.
7. With white yarn sew the mouth.



Your ladybird is finished!



Rainbow Beetle

We work the Rainboe Beetle in the same way as the Ladybird except the shards. And we do not need any spots.

Shards

Rd 1: Begin **with blue** working in rounds. 6 SC in the magic circle (6)

Rd 2: 2 SC in every ST (12)

Rd 3: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next ST] 6x (18)

Rd 4: **Change the colour, work with light blue** [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 2 ST] 6x (24)

Rd 5: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 3 ST] 6x (30)



Rd 6: Change the colour, work with **green** [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 4 ST] 6x (36)

Rd 7: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 5 ST] 6x (42)

Rd 8: Change the colour, work with **yellow** . SC in every ST (42)

Rd 9: SC in every ST (42)

Rd 10: Change the colour, work with **orange**. SC in every ST (42)

Rd 11: SC in every ST (42)

Rd 12: Change the colour, work with **red**. SC in every ST (42)

Rd 13: SC in every ST (42)

It is possible to start with red and end with blue colour
(Rainbow beetle on the front bild).





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