



Bumble Bee & Friends

An original crochet pattern by

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Bumble Bee, Ladybug and Butterfly.

★ Pattern Notes

Terminology

This pattern is written in American crochet terminology, which differs from British terminology in some instances. The following table of terms used in this pattern will help should you wish to translate one to the other.

American (US)		British (UK)	
ch	chain	ch	chain
Slst	slip stitch	ss	slip stitch
sc	single crochet	dc	double crochet
skip		miss	

Abbreviations & Symbols

cm	centimeters
g	grams
invdec	invisible decrease
mm	millimeters
Rnd(s)	Round(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
()	Round brackets indicate: A group of stitches to be worked into the same stitch or space, or The amount of stitches you should have on completion of the round or row it follows, or Explanatory notes within the pattern.
[]	Square brackets contain a group of stitches to be worked the amount of times indicated after the brackets
*	Asterisks indicate a point of repeat.
"	inches

Special Stitch Explanations:

Invdec

This is a good way of decreasing in amigurumi when you need a tight, smooth fabric as this technique will eliminate bumps and holes in the fabric and will, as its name suggests, be almost completely invisible.

Insert hook into front loop only of first stitch, do not wrap yarn, insert hook into front loop only of next stitch. You will now have a total of three loops on your hook. Wrap your yarn around hook and pull through both of the 2 front loops on the hook, wrap yarn around hook again and pull through last 2 loops on hook. You have now 'invisibly' decreased by one stitch.

Bobble Stitch

Full instructions are included in the pattern below.

Color Changing:

Make all color changes in the last 2 loops of the final stitch of the old color.

Tips for Neater Color Changes (optional):

1. Make the first stitch in the new color a slip stitch instead of a single crochet. (Don't pull the slip stitch too tight or it will be difficult to crochet into in the next round)
2. On narrow stripes (1-2 rounds), add 1 extra stitch of the old color to the end of every color change round (move marker up a stitch to reflect new start of round). This extra stitch will help to counteract the shortness of the slip stitch that replaced the single crochet.

Color Change Ends:

Tie off and trim your color change ends as you go. Tie securely on the inside of your work. With amigurumi crochet it can be difficult to reach the ends once you have crocheted too many rows above.

For repeating stripes carry the unused color up the inside of the work to save keep cutting and tying.

Embroidered Stitches:

To hide the starting and fastening off ends of the embroidered stitches on the face, first thread your yarn needle with the appropriate yarn. Tie a knot in the end of your yarn and push needle into and out of toy between crochet stitches, coming out where you want the first embroidery stitch to be. As you pull on the yarn the polyester toy filling will catch the knot securely inside the toy. When you have worked the required embroidery stitches you can finish off by passing the needle in and out between different crochet stitches a few times until the yarn is securely caught up in the polyester filling. When secure, pull on end of yarn and snip off close to toy.

Stitch Marker Use:

Place marker in first stitch of each round. Move marker up with each completed round.

Stitch Placement: Work in both loops of the stitch unless specified otherwise.

Gauge (Tension):

Exact gauge is not crucial for this pattern. Just make sure your crochet hook is small enough to create a tight fabric that the stuffing can't poke through.

With the yarn and hook specified below the creatures measure approximately 7" (18 cm) tall.

Materials for each

1	Light worsted weight, (DK/8 ply) yarn in the following colors: Bumble Bee: Yellow, Brown, White. Ladybug: Black, Red, White. Butterfly: Light Blue, Mid Blue, Dark Blue, White, Black.
2	2 x 9mm toy safety eyes.
3	Decorative buttons. (Optional)
4	Polyester toy stuffing .

Equipment

1	Size D (3.25mm) crochet hook.
2	Scissors.
3	Large yarn needle.
4	Sewing needle. (For attaching buttons)
5	Stitch marker.
6	Tweezers. (For stuffing small or narrow parts)

★The Pattern



Bumble Bee

Head/Body

Make 1 piece, starting at crown of head. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **Yellow** yarn make **2 ch**.

- Rnd 1** 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
- Rnd 2** 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
- Rnd 3** [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
- Rnd 4** [Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)
- Rnd 5** [Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (30 sts)
- Rnd 6** [Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (36 sts)
- Rnd 7** [Sc in each of next 5 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (42 sts)
- Rnds 8-17** Sc in each st around. (10 rounds)
- Rnd 18** [Sc in each of next 5 st, invdec] 6 times. (36 sts)
- Rnd 19** [Sc in each of next 4 st, invdec] 6 times. (30 sts)
- Rnd 20** [Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 6 times. (24 sts)
- Rnd 21** [Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)
- Rnd 22** [Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)

Stuff head/body.

- Rnd 23** [Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for finishing. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off. Weave in end.

Eyes

Make 2 pieces, starting at center of eye. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **White** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 st, Slst to next st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3 Join **Brown** yarn in Slst, [sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnds 4-6 Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)

Attach safety eye through center of **White**.

Rnd 7 [Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)

Rnd 8 [Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for finishing.

Stuff eye, using tweezers. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off. Weave in end.

Cut a 12" length of yarn to anchor each eye.

Thread yarn needle and insert into stitch space between **Rnds 5** and **6** of eye, coming out 2 stitches apart. Thread both ends of yarn onto yarn needle and insert between **Rnds 6** and **7** of head, coming out near bottom center of body.

Do the same for the second eye, directly opposite the first, coming out underneath body 2-3 stitches away from first pair of threads. Tie both pairs of threads together and pull tightly to form shaping of head. This will also make a flat bottom so your Bumble Bee will sit nicely without rolling around. Tie a few more knots to secure, then trim yarn ends to ½" long.

Antennae

Make 2 pieces, starting at base of stalk. Working in rows.

Stalk

Row 1 With 2 strands of **Brown** yarn held together and leaving a 6" tail for sewing to head, make **8 ch**.

Row 2 Beginning in second ch from hook Slst in each ch to end. (7 sts)

Fasten off. Weave in yarn ends, leaving one yarn end for sewing to head.

Bobble

Join **Yellow** yarn in top chain of stalk and make a bobble as follows:

[3 ch, *yarn over twice, insert hook into same ch as join, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and pull through first 2 loops on hook, yarn over and pull through 2 more loops on hook. You will now have 2 loops left on hook. Repeat from * to end again, you will now have 3 loops left on hook, Repeat from * to end a last time, you will now have 4 loops left on hook. Yarn over and pull through all 4 loops on hook. Sl st into same ch as join at base of bobble.

Tie yarn tails together. Sew ends in and out of base of bobble a few times until secure. Trim ends.

Using yarn tails sew antennae to top of Bumble Bee's head in between eyes, leaving a small gap between antennae.

Pants

Make 1 piece, starting at base of pants. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

Starting with **Yellow** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)

Continue in stripe pattern of 2 rounds **Brown (Br)** followed by 2 rounds **Yellow (Y)**, as indicated at the beginning of each round.

Rnd 2 **(Br)** 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3 **(Br)** [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 4 **(Y)** [Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 5	(Y) [Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnd 6	(Br) [Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (36 sts)
Rnd 7	(Br) [Sc in each of next 5 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (42 sts)
Rnds 8-9	(Y) Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)
Rnds 10-11	(Br) Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)
Rnds 12-15	[Repeat Rnds 8-11] 1 more time. (4 rounds)
Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.	
Stretch pants over bottom of Bumble Bee. With backstitch, sew top of waistband in place, just under Rnd 11 of head/body. Make a running stitch for mouth with a single strand of Brown yarn a few rows above top of pants.	

Arms

Make 4 pieces, starting at center of hand. Working in continuous spiral rounds.	
With Brown yarn make 2 ch .	
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	[Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnds 4-6	Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)
Rnd 7	[Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)
Rnd 8	[Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)
Stuff hand, using tweezers.	
Rnds 9-15	Sc in each st around. (7 rounds)
Do not stuff arms. Fasten off leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.	
Over sew ends of arms flat. Sew first pair of arms to either side of body just above top of pants.	
Sew second pair of arms either side of body just to the front of the first pair and a further 2 rounds down.	

Legs

Make 2 pieces, starting at center of foot. Working in continuous spiral rounds.	
With Brown yarn make 2 ch .	
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	[Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	[Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnds 5-8	Sc in each st around. (4 rounds)
Rnd 9	[Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 10	[Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)
Rnd 11	[Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 3 times. (9 sts)
Stuff foot, using tweezers.	
Rnds 12-20	Sc in each st around. (9 rounds)
Do not stuff leg. Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.	
Oversew ends of legs flat. Sew to underside of Bumble Bee on third brown stripe down from top of pants, spacing 4 stitches apart. Make sure a few stitches go through the pants and the body together.	

Large Wings

Make 2 pieces, starting at tips. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **White** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 4 [Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (15 sts)

Rnds 5-7 Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)

Rnd 8 [Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 3 times. (12 sts)

Rnds 9-10 Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)

Rnd 11 [Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 3 times. (9 sts)

Rnd 12 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 13 [Sc in next st, invdec] 3 times. (6 sts)

Rnd 14 Sc in each st around.

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Small Wings

Make 2 pieces, starting at tips. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **White** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 4 [Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (15 sts)

Rnds 5-6 Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)

Rnd 7 [Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 3 times. (12 sts)

Rnd 8 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 9 [Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 3 times. (9 sts)

Rnd 10 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 11 [Sc in next st, invdec] 3 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.

With large wing uppermost, place base of small wing over base of large wing at a slight angle to form a heart shape. Over sew base of wings together. Sew each pair of wings to back of Bumble Bee's body just above top of pants, spacing 6 stitches apart.



Butterfly

Head/Body

With **Dark Blue** yarn follow pattern and instructions for Bumble Bee's Head/Body.

Eyes

Make 2 pieces, starting at center of eye. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **White** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 st, Slst to next st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3 Join **Dark Blue** yarn in Slst, [sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)

Continue in stripe pattern of 1 round **Mid Blue (MBI)** followed by 1 round **Dark Blue (DBI)**, as indicated at the beginning of each round.

Rnd 4 **(MBI)** Sc in each st around.

Rnd 5 **(DBI)** Sc in each st around.

Rnd 6 **(MBI)** Sc in each st around.

Attach safety eye through center of **White**.

Rnd 7 **(DBI)** [Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)

Rnd 8 **(MBI)** [Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for finishing.

Stuff eye, using tweezers. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off. Weave in end.

Follow instructions for attaching Bumble Bee's eyes.

Antennae

With **Mid Blue** yarn (for the stalk) and **Black** yarn (for the bobble) follow pattern and instructions for Bumble Bee's antennae.

Arms

Make 4 pieces, starting at center of hand. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **Dark Blue** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3 [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnds 4-6 Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)

Rnd 7 [Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)

Rnd 8 [Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)

Stuff hand, using tweezers.

Continue in stripe pattern of 1 round **Mid Blue (MBI)** followed by 1 round of **Dark Blue (DBI)**, as indicated at the beginning of each round.

Rnd 9 **(MBI)** Sc in each st around.

Rnd 10 **(DBI)** Sc in each st around.

Rnds 11-14 [Repeat **Rnds 9-10**] 2 more times. (4 rounds)

Rnd 15 **(DBI)** Sc in each st around.

Do not stuff arms. Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.

Follow instructions for attaching Bumble Bee's arms.

Legs

	Make 2 pieces, starting at center of foot. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With Dark Blue yarn make 2 ch .
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	[Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	[Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnds 5-8	Sc in each st around. (4 rounds)
Rnd 9	[Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 10	[Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)
Rnd 11	[Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec in next st] 3 times. (9 sts)
	Stuff foot, using tweezers.
	Continue in stripe pattern of 1 round Mid Blue (MBI) followed by 1 round of Dark Blue (DBI) , as indicated at the beginning of each round.
Rnd 12	(MBI) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 13	(DBI) Sc in each st around.
Rnds 14-19	[Repeat Rnds 12-13] 3 more times. (6 rounds)
Rnd 20	(DBI) Sc in each st around.
	Do not stuff leg. Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.
	Oversew ends of legs flat. Sew to underside of Butterfly on the third Dark Blue stripe down from top of pants, spacing 4 stitches apart. Make sure a few stitches go through the pants and the body together.

Pants

	Make 1 piece, starting at base of pants. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With Dark Blue yarn make 2 ch .
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
	Continue in stripe pattern beginning with 1 round Black (B) , followed by 1 round Mid Blue (MBI) , followed by 1 round Dark Blue (DBI) , as indicated at the beginning of each round.
Rnd 2	(B) 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	(MBI) [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	(DBI) [Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 5	(B) [Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnd 6	(MBI) [Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (36 sts)
Rnd 7	(DBI) [Sc in each of next 5 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (42 sts)
Rnd 8	(B) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 9	(MBI) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 10	(DBI) Sc in each st around.
Rnds 11-13	[Repeat Rnds 8-10] one more time (3 rounds)
Rnd 14-15	(B) Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)
	Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.
	Follow instructions for attaching Bumble Bee's pants. Make a running stitch for mouth with a single strand of Pink yarn a few rows above top of pants.

Wings

	Make 2 pieces starting at base of wings. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With Light Blue yarn and leaving a long yarn tail for sewing, make 2 ch .
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)

	Place marker at beginning of next round, move marker up with each completed round.
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	Sc in each st around.
Rnd 4	[Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 5	Sc in each st around.
Rnd 6	[Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 7-8	Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)
Rnd 9	[Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnd 10-11	Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)
Rnd 12	[Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (36 sts)
	Now working each lobe of the wing separately.
	First lobe.
Rnd 1	Sc in each of next 18 st, skip next 18 st. (18 sts)
Rnd2	Sc in each st around. (18 sts)
Rnd 3	[Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)
Rnd 4	Sc in each st around. (12 sts)
Rnd 5	[Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)
	Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for finishing. Thread yarn tail onto a tapestry needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close hole. Weave in end.
	Second lobe.
	Join Light Blue yarn in st directly to left of first lobe.
Rnds 1-2	Sc in each st around. (18 sts) (2 rounds)
Rnd 3	[Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)
Rnd 4	Sc in each st around.
Rnd 5	[Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)
	Follow instructions for finishing first lobe.

Wing spots

	Make 4 pieces starting at center. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With White yarn make 2 ch.
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook, Slst to next st. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	Join Black yarn in Slst, 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	With Mid Blue yarn, [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
	Fasten off, leaving a long tail of Mid Blue yarn for sewing, tie and trim all other ends at back of work. Sew one spot to each of the four lobes.
	Sew wings to back of Butterfly just above pants, spacing four stitches apart.

Ladybug

Head/Body

	With Black yarn follow pattern and instructions for Bumble Bee's Head/Body.
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Eyes

	With White and Black yarns follow pattern and instructions for Bumble Bee's Eyes.
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Antennae

	With Black and Red yarns follow pattern and instructions for Bumble Bee's Antennae.
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Pants

With **Red** yarn follow pattern and instructions for Bumble Bee's pants, omitting all color changes.

Make a running stitch for mouth with a single strand of **Red** yarn a few rows above top of pants.

Arms

With **Black** yarn follow pattern and instructions for Bumble Bee's arms.

Legs

With **Black** Yarn follow pattern and instructions for Bumble Bee's legs.

Sew to Ladybug 9 rounds down from top of pants, spacing 4 stitches apart.

Large Spots

Make 3 pieces, starting at center.

With **Black** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew one large spot at center front of Ladybug's pants. Sew the remaining two large spots either side at back of pants.

Small Spots

Make 2 pieces, starting at center.

With **Black** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook, Sl st to next st. (6 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew a small spot either side of large spot at front of pants.



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