



Lady Bug Amigurumi Pattern

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MATERIALS

- ✓ Small amounts of worsted weight yarn in black and red
- ✓ 4 mm Crochet Hook (US G/6)
- ✓ 2 Safety eyes or buttons for eyes (5-7mm)
- ✓ Small amount of black felt
- ✓ 1 black pipe cleaner
- ✓ Polyfill stuffing
- ✓ Craft Glue
- ✓ Black thread (either regular or preferably, embroidery)
- ✓ Sewing needle

GAUGE AND FINISHED SIZE

Gauge is not important. Just make sure you use a crochet hook sized to make it tight enough so the stuffing doesn't poke or show through.

The Lady Bug is about 3.5 inches long and 2.5-3 inches tall when complete, not including his or her little antennae.

ABBREVIATIONS

"in loop" = in the adjustable ring

sc = single crochet

st or sts = stitch(es)

sc2tog (sc decrease): Insert hook into st and draw up a loop. Insert hook into next st and draw up a loop. Yarn over, draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Invdec (invisible decrease): Like a regular decrease (sc2tog), but work through the front loops only: Insert hook into front loop only of next stitch and draw up a loop. Insert hook into front loop only of next stitch and draw up a loop. Yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on hook. Makes your decreases prettier.

ADJUSTABLE RING / LOOP:

I start all my amigurumi's with an adjustable loop as opposed to working into a chained stitch. You can tighten this loop so that there is no hole in the center of your work. If you are unfamiliar with this just Google "crochet tutorial adjustable loop".

Here are 3 tutorial sources that are each just as good as the other:

Adjustable Ring tutorial at Stitch Diva: <http://www.stitchdiva.com/custom.aspx?id=54>

at Crochetme: http://crochetme.com/Dec_Jan_0405/reads_round.html

at Planet June for right handed craftsters: <http://www.planetjune.com/blog/tutorials/magic-ring-right-handed/>

and for left handed craftsters: <http://www.planetjune.com/blog/tutorials/magic-ring-left-handed/>

NOTES

- 1) All rounds are worked continuously in a spiral; do not join or turn at the end of rows.
- 2) To help keep track of your stitches, instead of counting, it may be helpful to place a stitch marker at the beginning of each round.

Please note that this project contains small parts that
are not suitable for small children.
It's not meant as a toy for babies or small children.

Body

With Red, start with an adjustable loop

Round 1: 6 sc in loop

Round 2: 2 sc in each sc around - 12 scs

Round 3: *2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in next sc; repeat from * around - 18 scs

Round 4: *2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each of the next 2 sc; repeat from * around - 24 scs

Round 5: *2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each of the next 3 sc; repeat from * around - 30 scs

Round 6: * 2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each of the next 4 sc; repeat from * around - 36 scs

Rnds 7-10: Work even (36 sc each round)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing to bottom.

Bottom

With Black, start with an adjustable loop

Round 1: 6 sc in loop

Round 2: 2 sc in each sc around - 12 scs

Round 3: *2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in next sc; repeat from * around - 18 scs

Round 4: *2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each of the next 2 sc; repeat from * around - 24 scs

Round 5: *2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each of the next 3 sc; repeat from * around - 30 scs

Round 6: * 2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each of the next 4 sc; repeat from * around - 36 scs

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Head

With Black, start with an adjustable loop

Round 1: 6 sc in loop

Round 2: 2 sc in each sc around - 12 scs

Round 3: Work even (12 sc)

Round 4: Work even (12 sc)

Fasten off, leaving a tail long enough to sew head to body.

ASSEMBLING

Using the black yarn-tail from the body, sew bottom to body (matching stitch for stitch) about two-thirds of the way around. Stuff firmly with polyfill. Finish sewing around and fasten off, weaving in the end.

Attach eyes to head. Stuff the head and sew it to the body.

Cut 2 circles of desired size from the red felt and using the black embroidery thread, sew to the body. Also, embroider a line down the middle of the lady bug's back using the black embroidery thread.

Cut two pieces of pipe cleaner about 3 inches long. To shape in a spiral, wrap one end of the pipe cleaner around a pencil a few times. Glue into the top of lady-bug's head.



You are finished and ready to play!

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