



Love Bug Amigurumi Pattern

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MATERIALS

- ✓ Small amounts of worsted weight yarn in pink and red
- ✓ 4 mm Crochet Hook (US G/6)
- ✓ 2 Safety eyes or buttons for eyes (5-7mm)
- ✓ Small amount of red felt
- ✓ 1 red pipe cleaner
- ✓ Nylon stocking
- ✓ Polyfill stuffing
- ✓ PVC Pellets or other plastic beads
- ✓ 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 Love Bug is about 4 inches tall when complete, not including his or her little love-antennae.

ABBREVIATIONS

"in loop" = in the adjustable ring

st or sts = stitch(es)

sc = single crochet

dc = double crochet

sl st = slip stitch

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.
- 3) To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch.

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.

Head

First, cut 2 small hearts out of the red felt. Poke a little hole in the center to push the safety eye through when ready to attach them.

With Pink, make 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: Work 4 rows even (Sc in each sc around)

Round 7: *Invdec or sc2tog, sc in next 3 sc; rep from * around - 24 sc.

Round 8: * Invdec or sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around - 18 sc.

At this point, attach safety eyes to head through center of each felt heart. Embroider eyelashes on if you want.
Stuff the head firmly with polyfill stuffing.

Round 9: * Invdec or sc2tog, sc in next sc; rep from * around - 12 sc.

Round 10: (Invdec or sc2tog) around - 6 sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Using a needle, weave the tail through front loops of the last round and pull tightly. Knot to secure. Weave in ends.



Body

With Pink, make 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: Work 2 rows even (sc in each sc around)

Round 6: Change to Red, * Invdec or sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around - 18 sc.

Round 7: Work 1 row even (sc in each sc around)

Round 8: Change to Pink, work 1 row even (sc in each sc around)

Round 9: Change to Red, work 1 row even (sc in each sc around)

Round 10: Work this row even (sc in each sc around)

Round 11: Change back to Pink, work 2 Invdec or sc2tog over next 4 sc, sc in each of the next 10 sc, work 2 Invdec or sc2tog over next 4 sc - 14 sc

Round 12: Work this row even (sc in each sc around)

Round 13: Invdec or sc2tog, sc in each of the next 8 sc, invdec or sc2tog - 12 sc

Round 14: Work this row even (sc in each sc around)

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

Wings (Make 2)

With white, make 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

Fasten off leaving a long tail to sew wings to body.

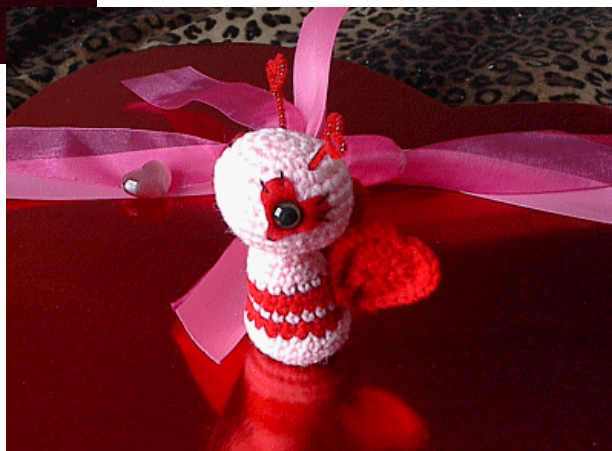
ASSEMBLING

Stuff the body: Push the nylon stocking into the body so that the opening is matched up with the opening of the body. Fill with the pvc pellets or plastic beads. This gives it a bit of weight in the body so it doesn't keep falling over due to his or her big head and the nylon stocking keeps the pellets or beads from falling out through any holes in the crochet. Knot the nylon and cut off any excess. Stuff any empty spots of the body with polyfill stuffing.

Sew head to body. Sew wings to body.

Cut the pipe cleaner in 2 pieces and shape a heart on one end. Cut the other end to desired length and poke into his or her little head. Add some dabs of glue to hold them in place.

You are finished and ready to play!



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