Crochet Amigurumi Rainbow Bee

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| **SUPPLIES:**   * Yarn   + Red (5 yards)   + Orange (5 yards)   + Yellow (16 yards)   + Green (5 yards)   + Blue (5 yards)   + Purple (5 yards)   + White (10 yards)   + Black (1 yard) * Polyfil (polyester filling, or cotton balls) * Safety Eyes (or felt or embroidery floss) * Yarn needle * Crochet Hook (B/C for fingering/DK weight yarn or E for worsted weight) * Scissors |  |
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| **BODY:** |  | Helpful hints |
| Row 1 | Starting with the YELLOW yarn,  **6 SC in MR** (6 sc) | Create a Magic Ring using the instructions on the “Tips & Tricks” page, and create 6 SC in it. |
| Row 2 | **INC in each SC around** (12 sc) | Place 2 SC in each stitch around, resulting in 12 stitches |
| Row 3 | **[SC, INC] 6 times around** (18 sc) | 1 SC in the next stitch, 2 SC in the following stitch, 6 times, resulting in 18 stitches |
| Row 4 | **[2 SC, INC] 6 times around** (24 sc) | 1 SC in each of the next 2 stitches, then 2 SC in the following stitch, 6 times, resulting in 24 stitches |
| Row 5 | **[3 SC, INC] 6 times around** (30 sc) | SC in each of the next 3 stitches, then 2 SC in the following stitch, 6 times, resulting in 30 stitches |
| Row 6 | **SC in each stitch around,** switching to Red yarn, **SL ST, CH 1** (30 sc) | SC in each stitch around, SL ST in the top of the next stitch using Red yarn |
| Row 7 | **SC in next 29 stitches, DEC, SL ST, CH 1** (30 sc) | The DEC will be done in the last stitch of this row and the base of the first stitch of the previous row to mask the color change |
| Row 8 | **SC in each stitch around,** switching to Orange yarn, **SL ST, CH 1** (30 sc) | SC in each stitch around, SL ST in the top of the beginning stitch using Orange yarn |
| Row 9 | **SC in next 29 stitches, DEC, SL ST, CH 1** (30 sc) | The DEC will be done in the last stitch of this row and the base of the first stitch of the previous row to mask the color change |
| Row 10 | **SC in each stitch around,** switching to Yellow yarn, **SL ST, CH 1** (30 sc) | SC in each stitch around, SL ST in the top of the beginning stitch using Yellow yarn |
| Insert plastic safety eyes where you would like (just above the center, between rows 3 & 4 of stitches.  Use black thread to embroider the mouth. | | |
| Row 11 | **SC in next 29 stitches, DEC, SL ST, CH 1** (30 sc) | The DEC will be done in the last stitch of this row and the base of the first stitch of the previous row to mask the color change. |
| Row 12 | **SC in each stitch around,** switching to Green yarn, **SL ST, CH 1** (30 sc) | SC in each stitch around, SL ST in the top of the beginning stitch using Green yarn |
| Row 13 | **SC in next 29 stitches, DEC, SL ST, CH 1** (30 sc) | The DEC will be done in the last stitch of this row and the base of the first stitch of the previous row to mask the color change. |
| Row 14 | **SC in each stitch around,** switching to Blue yarn, **SL ST, CH 1** (30 sc) | SC in each stitch around, SL ST in the top of the beginning stitch using Blue yarn |
| Row 15 | **SC in next 29 stitches, DEC, SL ST, CH 1** (30 sc) | The DEC will be done in the last stitch of this row and the base of the first stitch of the previous row to mask the color change. |
| Row 16 | **SC in each stitch around,** switching to Purple yarn, **SL ST, CH 1** (30 sc) | SC in each stitch around, SL ST in the top of the beginning stitch using Purple yarn |
| Row 17 | **SC in next 29 stitches, DEC, SL ST, CH 1** (30 sc) | The DEC will be done in the last stitch of this row and the base of the first stitch of the previous row to mask the color change |
| Row 18 | **[3 SC, INV DEC] 6 times around** (24 sc) | SC in each of the next 3 stitches, then working in the front loop only of the next 2 stitches make invisible decrease, 6 times, resulting in 24 stitches |
| Row 19 | **[2 SC, INV DEC] 6 times around** (18 sc) | SC in each of the next 2 stitches, then working in the front loop only of the next 2 stitches make invisible decrease, 6 times, resulting in 18 stitches |
| Row 20 | **[SC, INV DEC] 6 times around** (12 sc) | SC in the next stitch, then working in the front loop only of the next 2 stitches decrease, 6 times, resulting in 12 stitches |
| Add a little extra stuffing before you finish off (if needed) | | |
| Row 21 | **[INV DEC] 6 times around** (6 sc) | Working in the front loop only of the next 2 stitches decrease, 6 times, resulting in 6 stitches |
| Fasten off, leaving a bit of a long tail… use it to close up the remaining circle of stitches. | | |
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| **WINGS:** | | |
| Row 1 | Starting with the WHITE yarn,  **6 SC in MR** (6 sc) | Create a Magic Ring using the instructions below, and create 6 SC in it. |
| Row 2 | **INC in each SC around** (12 sc) | Place 2 SC in each stitch around, resulting in 12 stitches |
| Row 3 | **[SC, INC] 6 times around** (18 sc) | 1 SC in the next stitch, 2 SC in the following stitch, 6 times, resulting in 18 stitches |
| **FINISHING:**  Fasten off, leaving a bit of a long tail to attach to the body of the bee. Once both wings are completed, attach them together in 2-3 stitches, then attach them to the body on the middle yellow stripe of the body. | | |

