Crochet Amigurumi Bee

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| **SUPPLIES:*** Yarn
	+ Yellow (25 yards)
	+ Black (13 yards)
	+ White (10 yards)
* Crochet Hook (B/C for fingering/DK weight yarn or E for worsted weight)
* Polyfil (polyester filling, or cotton balls)
* Safety Eyes (or felt or embroidery floss)
* Yarn needle
* 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, SL ST in next stitch, CH 1** (30 sc) | This is changing from crocheting “in the round” in preparation for the seamless color change. |
| Row 7 | **SC in each stitch around, SL ST** using Black yarn**, CH 1** (30 sc) | SC in each stitch around, SL ST in the top of the beginning stitch using Black yarn |
| Row 8 | With Black, **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 9 | **SC in each stitch around, SL ST in first stitch, CH 1** (30 sc) |  |
| Row 10 | **SC in each stitch around, SL ST** using Yellow yarn**, 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 | With Yellow, **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, SL ST in first stitch, CH 1** (30 sc) |  |
| Row 13 | **SC in each stitch around, SL ST** using Black yarn**, CH 1** (30 sc) | SC in each stitch around, SL ST in the top of the beginning stitch using Black yarn |
| Row 14 | With Black, **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 15 | **SC in each stitch around, SL ST in first stitch, CH 1** (30 sc) |  |
| Row 16 | **SC in each stitch around, SL ST** using Yellow yarn**, CH 1** (30 sc) | SC in each stitch around, SL ST in the top of the beginning stitch using Yellow yarn |
| Row 17 | With Yellow, **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 | **SC in each stitch around, SL ST in first stitch, CH 1** (30 sc) |  |
| Row 19 | **[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 20 | **[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 21 | **[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 22 | **[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 |
| 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. |



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| Crochet Tips & Tricks

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| **CH** | Chain stitch | Yarn over, pull yarn through loop on hook |
| **SL ST** | Slip Stitch | Insert hook into stitch or space, yarn over, pull yarn through both loops on hook. |
| **SC** | Single Crochet | Insert hook into stitch or space, yarn over, pull yarn through stitch (resulting in 2 loops on hook), yarn over, pull yarn through both loops on hook. |
| **INC** | Increase | Place 2 stitches in the next stitch |
| **DEC** | Decrease | Insert hook into the next stitch, yarn over, pull yarn through the stitch (resulting in 2 loops on the hook), insert hook into the next stitch, yarn over, pull yarn through the stitch (resulting in 3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook |
| **INV DEC** | Invisible Decrease | Insert hook into the front loop of the next stitch, yarn over, pull yarn through the stitch (resulting in 2 loops on the hook), insert hook into the front loop of the next stitch, yarn over, pull yarn through the stitch (resulting in 3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook. |
| **MR**  | Magic Ring | Scan for video instructions: |

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