

Crochet your own Structured Data bee!



Express your love for structured data (and cuteness!) in the Wikiverse by adding your own bee to the swarm.
Officially approved by the [Wikimedia Cuteness Association!](#)



Materials:

1. Some yellow yarn (any thickness is OK. Cotton, wool, synthetic... it's all good.)
2. Some black yarn (same thickness as the yellow yarn's)
3. Some white or light grey yarn (for the bee's wings) (same thickness as the yellow and black, or just a bit thinner)
4. A string of red yarn (for embroidering the bee's mouth)
5. (Optional) Small safety eyes (if you don't have these, you can also embroider the bee's eyes)
6. Some stuffing material (I used 100% dacron stuffing, purchased at a hobby store)
7. Scissors, tapestry needle, and a crochet hook that is suitable for the yarn you chose
8. (Optional) Small safety pin

Note 1: It's best if you take a crochet hook that is a bit on the thinner side - that will make the bee's skin nice and tight.

Note 2: It's OK if you don't end up having the exact number of stitches in each row as indicated in the pattern below - you might have 1-2 stitches more or less, and that's perfectly fine.

Stitches used:

- Chain (ch)
- Slip stitch (sl)
- Single crochet (sc)
- Double crochet (dc)





The bee's face

Row 1. Start with the yellow yarn. Make a [Magic Loop](#), fill it with 8 sc, pull the yarn tail to close the ring, and attach your last sc to the first to make a neat circle. You have 8 sc stitches.

Row 2. (Yellow) Ch (your first stitch of the new row); then do 2 sc in each sc of the previous row. Sl to close. You have approx. 16 sc stitches.

Row 3. (Yellow) Ch (first stitch); then do 3x (1 sc in each sc), then one increase: 2 sc in the next sc. Repeat this 3 times. Sl to close. You have approx 20 stitches now.

Ch (first stitch) to start the next row.



The bee's body

Now take your black yarn.

Switch to the black yarn by pulling its loop through the ch you just made. Don't cut the yellow yarn!

Row 4. (Black) 1 sc in each sc (no increasing). Sl to close. You have approx 20 stitches.

Row 5. (Black) Ch (first stitch); then 1 sc in each sc (no increasing). Sl to close. You have approx. 20 stitches. Ch (first stitch) to start the next row.



Switch to the yellow yarn by pulling it through the ch you just made. Don't cut the black yarn!

Row 6. (Yellow) 1 sc in each sc (no increasing). Sl to close. You have approx 20 stitches.

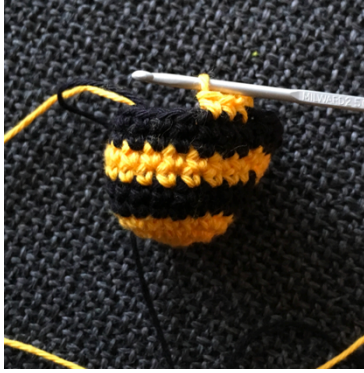
Row 7. (Yellow) Ch (first stitch); then 1 sc in each sc (no increasing). Sl to close. You have approx. 20 stitches. Ch (first stitch) to start the next row.



Switch to the black yarn by pulling its loop through the ch you just made. Don't cut the yellow yarn!

Row 8. (Black) 1 sc in each sc (no increasing). Sl to close. You have approx 20 stitches.

Row 9. (Black) Ch (first stitch); then 1 sc in each sc (no increasing). Sl to close. You have approx. 20 stitches. Ch (first stitch) to start the next row.



Switch to the yellow yarn by pulling it through the ch you just made. Don't cut the black yarn!

Row 10. (Yellow) 1 sc in each sc (no increasing). Sl to close. You have approx 20 stitches.

Row 11. (Yellow) Ch (first stitch); then 1 sc in each sc (no increasing). Sl to close. You have approx. 20 stitches. Ch (first stitch) to start the next row.



STOP HERE for a second.

You now have a partial bee, with a yellow face, and two black and two yellow stripes.

This is a good time to do two things:

1. If you use safety eyes, this is a good moment to attach them in a nice spot and to secure them. (If you decide to embroider the eyes: you can do that afterwards as well)
2. Stuff your bee with some stuffing already.



The bee's bum

Switch to the black yarn by pulling it through the ch you just made. It's safe to cut the yellow yarn now.

Row 12. Decrease row. Sc every sc, but skip every fifth sc. You have approx. 16 stitches.

Take more stuffing and stuff the bee as tightly as you can, before closing its bum!

Row 13. Decrease row. Sc every other sc (so: you are skipping every second stitch). You have approx. 8 stitches.

Cut off the yarn and close the remaining hole with your tapestry needle.



The bee's antennae

Cut off three strands of black yarn, each approx. 20 cm long. Take them together and make a knot in the middle. Thread the three strands of yarn through your tapestry needle together. Insert the yarn into the bee's head (above her/his eyes), pulling the knot into the middle. Make a 2-3 cm braid of each end (this is a bit fiddly) and tie the end of the braid with a knot. Cut off excess yarn.



The bee's wings

Make two wings as follows (basically you make two white ovals with dc stitches).

With your white yarn, ch 6 (3 foundation chain stitches + 3 stitches that serve as your first dc)

Insert 3-4 dc in the 3rd ch.

Insert a dc in the second ch.

Insert approx. 8 dc in the first ch (so that you get a half circle).

Insert a dc in the second ch (on the opposite side).

Insert 3-4 dc in the 3rd ch (on the opposite side). Close the oval with a sl.

Cut off the yarn, leaving a tail that is long enough to attach the wing to the bee's body.

Repeat for the second wing.

Next, insert the yarn tail in your tapestry needle and sew both wings to the bee's body with a few stitches.



The bee's mouth

Take the strand of red yarn, insert it in your tapestry needle, and give the bee a little red embroidered mouth. You can make the bee look unhappy now, but do you really want that? Right.

Optional: Bee as Brooch

Optionally, you can attach a small safety pin to the bee's bum, with a few embroidery stitches. This will allow you to proudly wear the bee as a brooch, confessing your love for structured data (and cuteness) very publicly and visibly.

Mandatory: Name your bee and ask her/him to join the Wikimedia Cuteness Association

Give your bee a cute name! Gently remind her/him of the possibility to join the [Wikimedia Cuteness Association](#) and to represent Structured Data on behalf of the Association at various Wikimedia events.

Cute reunions with other Structured Data bees are of course always a very good idea.

Credits



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