

Crochet Bees

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You are welcome to make items to sell using this pattern. I like to make them to give away at my local Pride Celebration.

# Supplies

• Yarn

- Yellow (10-15 yards)
- Black (1 yards)
- White (10 yards)
- Other desired colors (10 yards each)
- Crochet Hook (B/C for fingering/DK weight yarn or E for worsted weight)
- Stuffing (cotton or polyester)
- Safety Eyes (optionally felt or embroidery floss can be used)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

## Abbreviations

**ch** chain

slst slip stitch

- sc single crochet
- st/sts stitch/stitches
- inv dec invisible decrease working in Front Loops only, decrease (join next 2 stitches into 1)

## Helpful Techniques

Seamless color changes



Decreasing Methods



Magic Ring



X vs Y Stitches





**Row 1:** Starting with **YELLOW** yarn, 6 sc in MR (6 sts)

Row 2: 2 sc in each st around (12 sts)

**Row 3:** [sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times around (18 sts)

**Row 4:** [sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times around (24 sts)

**Row 5:** [sc in each of next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times around (30 sts)

Row 6-7: sc in each stitch around (30 sts)



Insert plastic safety eyes where you would like (just above the center, between rows 3 & 4 of stitches. Use black yarn/thread to embroider the mouth if desired. Note: Over the next 12 rows, your colors will vary based on the bee design you wish to do. You can do most any color combination as long as they are evenly spaced across these rows. See examples on the next page.

#### Row 8-19: sc in each st around (30 sts)

## Bumble Bee

Row 8-11: Black Row 12-14: Yellow Row 15-17: Black Row 18-end: Yellow Resume pattern at Row 20

#### Rainbow

Note: Works with any 6-color flag

Row 8-9: Red Row 10-11: Orange Row 12-13: Yellow Row 14-15: Green Row 16-17: Blue Row 18-end: Purple Resume pattern at Row 20





#### Asexual

Note: Works with any 4-color flag

Row 8-10: Black Row 11-13: Grey Row 14-16: White Row 17-19: Purple Row 20-end: Yellow Resume pattern at Row 20



### Transgender

Note: Works with any 5-color flag

Row 8-9: Blue Row 10-11: Pink Row 12-13: White Row 14-15: Pink Row 16-17: White Row 18-end: Yellow Resume pattern at Row 20

#### Genderqueer

Note: Works with any 3-color flag

Row 8-11: Purple Row 12-14: White Row 15-17: Green Row 18-end: Yellow Resume pattern at Row 20





## Non-Bee-nary

Note: Special case since it has yellow as the first color

Row 8-9: Yellow Row 10-13: White Row 14-17: Purple Row 18-end: Black Resume pattern at Row 20



#### Bisexual

Note: Special case because it has varying width lines

Row 8-11: Pink Row 12-13: Purple Row 14-17: Blue Row 18-end: Yellow Resume patten at Row 20



**Row 20:** [sc in the next 3 sts, **inv dec** in next st] 6 times around (24 sts)

**Row 21:** [sc in the next 2 sts, **inv dec** in next st] 6 times around (18 sts)

Add Stuffing

**Row 22:** [sc in the next st, **inv dec** in next st] 6 times around (12 sts)

**Row 23:** [**inv dec**] 6 times around (6 sts) Fasten off, leaving a long tail to stitch the remaining 6 stitches closed (adding more stuffing as needed)

# Wings

Note: Make 2

**Row 1:** Starting with the **WHITE** yarn, 6 sc in MR (6 sts)

Row 2: 2 sc in each st around (12 sts)

**Row 3:** [sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times around (18 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.



Once both wings have been completed, attach them together with 2-3 stitches, then attach them to the body centering them on the middle yellow stripe.

#### Diagram: Wing Placement



There is no end to the color combinations you can use. It can get tricky with more than 6 colors though, but try it if you are up to the challenge.



I hope you have enjoyed this pattern and that it helps make someone feel a little more accepted in this world.

-Kim



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