

# GARDEN INSECTS



**Skill level:** intermediate



**Yarn:** lace



**Gauge:** not necessary

**Measures:**

Butterfly: 4,3" (11cm) tall  
Beetle: 3,9" (10cm) tall  
Stag beetle: 3,9" (10cm) tall  
Bug: 2,3" (6cm) tall  
Worm: 3,3" (8,5cm) long

The pattern is written in US  
crochet terms.

**Crochet stitches:**

chain, slip stitch, single  
crochet, double crochet.

**Embroidery stitches:**

back stitch, twisted stitch.

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## Material needed:

• 1 ball (1,76 oz./ 50 gr.) of mercerized Scottish cotton yarn n. 5 in colors:

Mint green  
Lime green  
Banana yellow  
Lemon yellow  
Pink  
Lavender violet  
Orchid violet  
Wine Purple  
Turquoise  
Sky blue  
Baby blue  
Denim blue  
Light orange  
Orange  
Light gray  
Medium gray  
White  
Black

- Steel hook n° US 4 / UK 2 / mm 1,75
- Embroidery needle
- Scissors
- Polyester Fiberfill stuffing
- 59" (150cm) of black cotton waxed cord
- Pliers
- Metal wire
- Glue
- Black acrylic paint or black polish
- Little paintbrush
- Paper tape

If you desire a bigger toy for children, you can use another type of yarn and a bigger crochet. Consider always a ball for each color. Don't use metallic wire but replace it with waxed black cord or crochet antennas.

- ▶ start
- ▷ end
- sl st = slip stitch
- ch = chain(s)
- × sc = single crochet
- ┆ hdc = half double crochet
- ┆ dc = double crochet

inc = increase (work in the same stitch the written numbers of stitches)

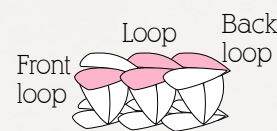
dec = decrease (work together the written numbers of stitches)

rep = repeat

st = stitch(es)

b.l. = back loop

f.l. = front loop



Crossed stitch



Back stitch



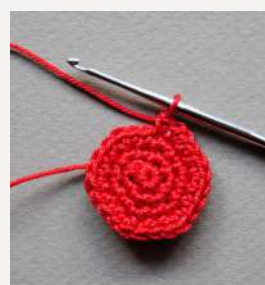
Twisted stitch



Regular work, from the outside.



Work from the inside.

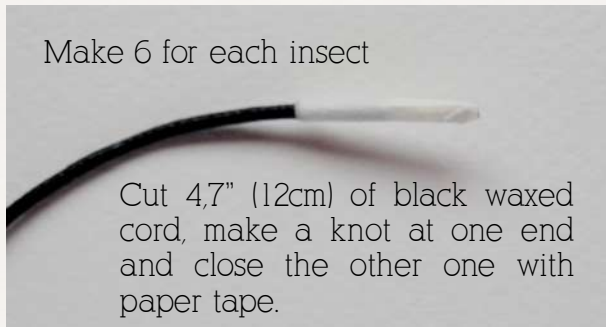


Work in spiral: continue working without closing the rounds.

## For each insect: (except the worm)

### LEGS:

Make 6 for each insect



### ANTENNAS:

Cut 4,7" (12cm) of metal wire and shape as in picture.



Insert the antennas in the head, between the stitches, and cut the excess part.

Shape the antennas with the pliers.

Insert the tips into the glue and let them dry. Repeat the operation three times.

When the head is jointed to the body, paint the antennas with the black acrylic and let dry.

Insert again the tips into the glue and let them dry. Repeat the operation two times.



## WORM

### Body:

With lime green yarn, work in spiral:

- 1- magic loop, 6sc in loop, tighten; (6)
- 2/3- 1sc in each st; (6)
- 4- 2scinc, 5sc; (7)
- 5/6- 1sc in each st; (7)
- 8- 2scinc, 6sc; (8)
- 9/10- 1sc in each st; (8)
- 11- 2scinc, 7sc; (9)
- 12/13- 1sc in each st; (9)
- 14- 2scinc, 8sc; (10)
- 15/28- 1sc in each st; (10)

Fasten off and weave the tail on the inside of the work.

Cut 3,93" (10cm) of metal wire, fold the tips and insert in the body. The excess wire is for the head.

Stuff with fiberfill, helping yourself with a little stick.

### Head:

With mint green yarn, work in closed rounds. Finish each round with a sl st in 1<sup>st</sup> st and start with a ch:

- 1- magic loop, 6sc in loop, tighten; (6)
- 2- 2scinc, 5sc; (7)
- 3- 2scinc, 6sc; (8)
- 4- 2scinc, 7sc; (9)
- 5- 2scinc, 8sc; (10)
- 6/8- 1sc in each st; (10)

Fasten off keeping enough thread to attach the head on the body.

Embroider the eyes with the black yarn.

### Collar:

With pink yarn, work in spiral:

- 14ch
- 1/10- 1sc in each st (14)

Fasten off keeping enough thread to close the collar.



Attach the head on the body with crossed stitches and weave the tail.

Cut 35,45" (90cm) of light green yarn, sew it on the tip of the body and roll it into the groove of the rounds all body length. Weave the thread between the stitches.

Insert the collar between the head and the body and attach it with few hide stitches.



## BUTTERFLY

### Work from the inside!

#### Body:

With sky blue yarn, work in spiral

1- magic loop, 6sc in loop, tighten; (6)

2- 2sc in each st; (12)

3/12- 1sc in each st; (12)

13- [2scdec, 4sc]\*, rep\* twice; (10)

14/16- 1sc in each st; (10)

change with light orange yarn:

17- in b.l. [2scinc, 1sc]\*, rep\* 5 times; (15)

18/20- 1sc in each st; (15)

21- [2scdec, 1sc]\*, rep\* 5 times; (10)

Fasten off and weave tail on the inside of the work.

#### Eyes (x2):

With white yarn, work in closed rounds.

1- magic loop, 6sc in loop, tighten; (6)

2- [1sc, 2scinc]\*, rep\* 3 times (9)

Fasten off keeping enough thread to attach the eyes on the head.

With the black yarn, embroider the pupils, keeping one st between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> round.

#### Head:

With light blue yarn, work in spiral.

1- magic loop, 5sc in loop, tighten; (5)

2- 2sc in each st; (10)

3- [1sc, 2scinc]\*, rep\* 5 times; (15)

4/8- 1sc in each st; (15)

9- [1sc, 2scdec]\*, rep\* 5 times; (10)

Fasten off keeping enough thread to attach the head on the body.

Lightly stuff the eyes with fiberfill and attach them on the head with hidden stitches.

Follow the description in 3<sup>rd</sup> page to made antennae and legs.

Stuff the head with fiberfill and join it on the body with crossed stitches. Pass the same thread around the base of the head and body tightening slightly, to shape the collar.

Weave the tail between the stitches.

#### Wing A (x2):

With turquoise yarn, work in rows. Keep 20cm of yarn before starting.

6ch

1- 1sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, 4sc; (5)

2- 2scinc, 3sc, 2scinc; (7)

3- 1sc in each st; (7)

4- 2scinc, 5sc, 2scinc; (9)

5- 1sc in each st; (9)

6- 2scinc, 7sc, 2scinc; (11)

7- 1sc in each st; (11)

8- 2scinc, 9sc, 2scinc; (13)

9/10- 1sc in each st; (13)

11- 1sc, 1hdc, 9dc, 1hdc, 1sc

Sl st around the perimeter.

Fasten off and weave the last tail on the wrong side of the work.

### Wing B (left):

With turquoise yarn, work in rows. Keep 20cm of yarn before starting.

6ch

- 1- 1sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, 4sc; (5)
- 2- 2scinc, 4sc; (6)
- 3- 1sc in each st; (6)
- 4- 2scinc, 5sc; (7)
- 5- 1sc in each st; (7)
- 6- 2scinc, 6sc; (8)
- 7- 1sc in each st; (8)
- 8- 1sc, 1hdc, 4dc, 1hdc, 1sc (8)

Sl st around the perimeter.

Fasten off weaving the last tail on the wrong side of the work.

### Wing B (right):

With turquoise yarn, work in rows. Keep 20cm of yarn before starting.

6ch

- 1- 1sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, 4sc; (5)
- 2- 4sc, 2scinc; (6)
- 3- 1sc in each st; (6)
- 4- 5sc, 2scinc; (7)
- 5- 1sc in each st; (7)
- 6- 6sc, 2scinc; (8)
- 7- 1sc in each st; (8)
- 8- 1sc, 1hdc, 4dc, 1hdc, 1sc (8)

Sl st around the perimeter.

Fasten off.

Weave the last tails on the wrong side of the wings.

Embroider the wings as in picture and attach them on the body.

### Patches (x2):

With pink yarn, work in closed rounds. Finish each round with a sl st in 1<sup>st</sup> st and start with a ch.

- 1- magic loop, 6sc in loop, tighten; (6)
- 2- 2sc in each st; (12)

Fasten off and twisted stitches all around. Weave the tails on the wrong side of the work.

Attach the patches on the A wings (be careful to the side) and weave the tails between the stitches on the opposite side.





## BEETLE

### Body:

With baby blue yarn, work in rows:

15cat

1- 1sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, 7hdc, 6sc; (14)  
change with denim blue yarn and work:

2- 6sc, 7hdc, 1sc; (14)

3/18- rep rows 1 and 2 (cut the yarn at the end of each row, keeping 3" - 7cm of thread)  
Turn the work and weave all tails between the stitches.

To close the body, keeping the wrong side at the outside, join the first and the last row with sl st along the edge, always with the denim blue yarn. Turn the work inside out and continue working in round on the stitches in this way (1 stitch for each row):  
ch

1- [1sc, 2scdec]\*, rep \* 6 times, sl st in 1<sup>st</sup> st, ch; (12)

2- 2scdec 6 times, sl st in 1<sup>st</sup> st (6)

Fasten off and close the last 6 stitches with the needle. Weave the tail on the inside of the work.

### Head:

With light orange yarn, work in closed rounds.

1- magic loop, 6sc in loop, tighten; (6)

2- 2sc in each st; (12)

3- [1sc, 2scinc]\*, rep \* 6 times; (18)

4- [1sc, 2scinc, 1sc]\*, rep \* 6 times; (24)

5- in b.l. 1sc in each st; (24)

6/10- 1sc in each st; (24)

11- [3sc, 2scdec, 3sc]\*, rep \* 3 times; (21)

12- [5sc, 2scdec]\*, rep \* 3 times (18)

Fasten off keeping enough thread to attach the head on the body.

With the black yarn, embroider the eyes.  
With the white yarn, embroider the spotlight.  
Weave all tails on the inside of the work.

### Wing right

With orange yarn, work in rows. Start each row with a ch. Turn at the end of each row.

18ch

1- 1hdc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, 9hdc, 7sc; (17)

2- in f.l. 7sc, 8hdc, 2hdcdec; (16)

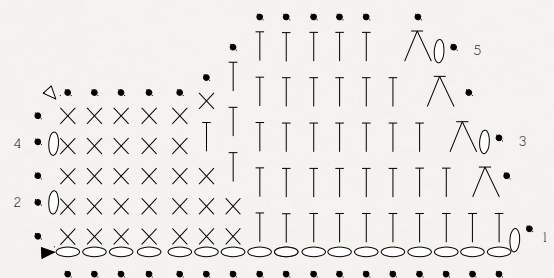
3- 2hdcdec, 8hdc, in b.l. 6sc; (15)

4- in f.l. 5sc, 8hdc, 2hdcdec; (14)

5- 2hdcdec, 6hdc, in b.l. 6sc; (13)

Sl st around the perimeter.

Fasten off keeping 10" (25cm) of thread to attach the wings on the body. Weave the starting tail between the stitches.



### Wing left

With orange yarn, work in rows. Start each row with a ch. Turn at the end of each row.

18ch

1- 1sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, 6sc, 10hdc; (17)

2- in f.l. 2hdcdec, 8hdc, 7sc; (16)

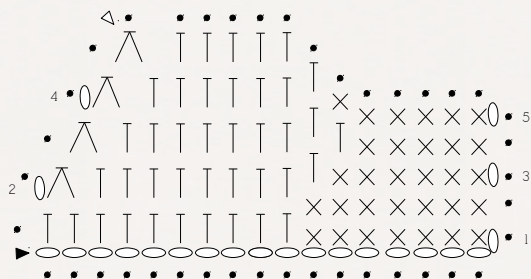
3- in b.l. 6sc, in both loops 8hdc, 2hdcdec; (15)

4- in f.l. 2hdcdec, 8hdc, 5sc; (14)

5- in b.l. 6sc, in both loops 6hdc, 2hdcdec; (13)

Sl st around the perimeter.

Fasten off and weave tails between the stitches.



Follow the description in 3<sup>rd</sup> page to made antennae and legs.

Attach the wings on the last row of the body with back stitches. Weave the tails on the inside of the work.

Stuff the head with fiberfill and join it on the body with crossed stitches. Pass the same thread around the base of head and body tightening slightly, to shape the collar.

Weave the tail between the stitches.



## BUG

### Body:

With light gray yarn, work in closed rounds. Finish with a sl st in 1<sup>st</sup> st and start with a chain.

- 1- magic loop, 6sc in loop, tighten; (6)
- 2- 2sc in each st; (12)
- 3- [1sc, 2scinc]\*, rep \* 6 times; (18)
- 4- [1sc, 2scinc, 1sc]\*, rep \* 6 times; (24)
- 5- in b.l. 1sc in each st; (24)
- 6- [3sc, 2scinc]\*, rep \* 3 times, 12sc; (27)
- 7- 1sc in each st; (27)
- 8- 15sc, 12hdc in the st of previous row; (27)
- 9/12- rep rows 7 and 8
- 13- [3sc, 2scdec]\*, rep \* 3times, 12sc; (24)
- 14- 12sc, 12hdc in the st of previous row; (24)
- 15- [3sc, 2scdec, 3sc]\*, rep \* 3 times; (21)
- 16- [5sc, 2scdec]\*, rep \* 3 times; (18)
- 17- 10sc, 8hdc in the st of previous row (18)

Fasten off and weave the tail on the inside of the work.

Embroider the chest with orchid yarn.





### Eyes (x2):

With white yarn, work in closed rounds.

- 1- magic loop, 6sc in loop, tighten; (6)
- 2- scinc 6 times; (12)
- 3- 1sc in each st; (12)
- 4- [1sc, 2scdec, 1sc]\*, rep \* 3 times (9)

Fasten off keeping enough thread to attach the eyes on the head.

With the black yarn, embroider the pupils.



### Head:

With medium gray yarn, work in closed rounds. Finish each round with a sl st in 1<sup>st</sup> st and start with a ch.

- 1- magic loop, 6sc in loop, tighten; (6)
- 2- 2sc in each st; (12)
- 3- [1sc, 2scinc]\*, rep \* 6 times; (18)
- 46- 1sc in each st; (18)

Fasten off keeping enough thread to attach the head on the body.

### Wings (x2)

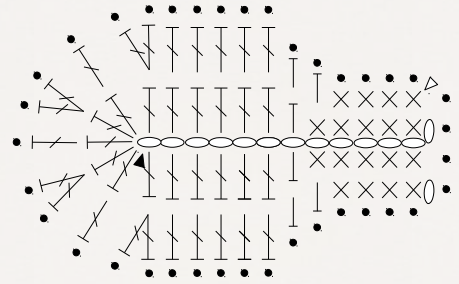
With orchid yarn, work in rows.

13ch

- 1- 1sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, 4sc, 1hdc, 5dc 7dcinc, (on th opposite side of chains) 5dc, 1hdc, 5sc, 1ch, turn; (29)
- 2- in f.l. 4sc, 2hdc, 5dc, [2dcinc, 1dc]\*, rep \*3 times, 2dcinc, 5dc, 2hdc, 4sc (33)

Sl st around the perimeter.

Fasten off keeping 10" (25cm) of thread (only one wing) to attach the wings on the body (only. Weave the other tails between the stitches.



Lightly stuff the eyes with fiberfill and attach them on the head.

Follow the description in 3<sup>rd</sup> page to made antennae and legs.

Attach the wings on the last row of the body with back stitches. Weave the tails on the inside of the work.

Stuff the head with fiberfill and join it on the body with crossed stitches.



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## STAG BEETLE

### Body:

With lavender yarn, work in closed rounds. Finish with a sl st in 1<sup>st</sup> st and start with a chain.

- 1- magic loop, 6sc in loop, tighten; (6)
  - 2- 2sc in each st; (12)
  - 3- [1sc, 2scinc]\*, rep \* 6 times; (18)
  - 4- [1sc, 2scinc, 1sc]\*, rep \* 6 times; (24)
  - 5- 1sc in each st; (24)
- change with banana yarn and work:
- 6- [3sc, 2scinc]\*, rep \* 6 times, 12sc; (30)
  - 7- 1sc in each st; (30)
- change with lavender and work:
- 8/9- 1sc in each st; (30)
- change with banana and work:
- 10- 1sc in each st; (30)
  - 11- [4sc, 2scdec, 4sc]\*, rep \* 3 times; (27)
- change with lavender and work:
- 12- 1sc in each st; (27)
  - 13- [7sc, 2scdec]\*, rep \* 3times; (24)
- change with banana and work:
- 14/15- 1sc in each st; (24)
- change with lavender and work:
- 16- [2sc, 2scdec, 2sc]\*, rep \* 4 times; (20)
  - 17- 1sc in each st; (20)

Fasten off and weave the tail on the inside of the work.

### Head:

With banana yarn, work in spiral.

- 1- magic loop, 5sc in loop, tighten; (5)
  - 2- 2sc in each st; (10)
  - 3- [1sc, 2scinc]\*, rep \* 5 times; (15)
  - 4- [1sc, 2scinc, 1sc]\*, rep \* 5 times; (20)
  - 5- [3sc, 2scinc]\*, rep \* 5 times; (25)
  - 6- [4sc, 2scinc]\*, rep \* 5 times; (30)
  - 7- [4sc, 2scdec]\*, rep \* 5 times; (25)
  - 8/10- 1sc in each st; (25)
  - 11- [3sc, 2scdec]\*, rep \* 5 times; (20)
- change with yellow lemon yarn and work:
- 12- in f.l. [1sc, 2scinc]\*, rep \* 10 times; (30)
  - 13/14- 1sc in each st; (30)
  - 15- [1sc, 2scdec]\*, rep \* 10 times (20)

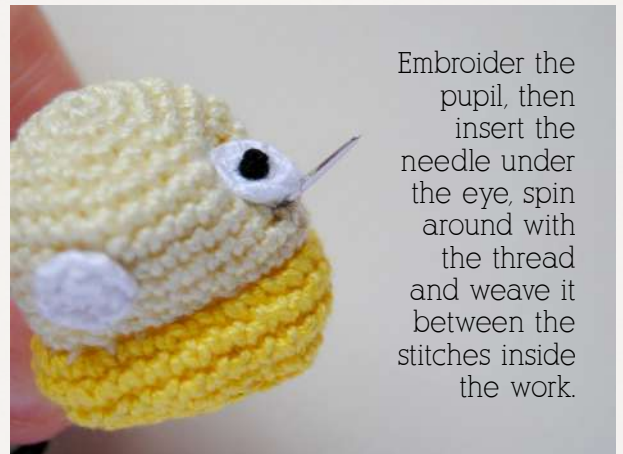
Fasten off keeping enough thread to attach the head on the body

### Eyes (x2):

With white yarn, work in closed rounds.

- 1- magic loop, 6sc in loop, tighten; (6)

Fasten off, twisted stitches all around, keeping enough thread to attach the eyes on the head, between 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> round, 5 stitches distant each other.



Embroider the pupil, then insert the needle under the eye, spin around with the thread and weave it between the stitches inside the work.



### Horns (x2)

With lemon yarn, work in spiral.

### Little horn (x2)

1- magic loop, 5sc in loop, tighten; (5)

2/4- 1sc in each st (5)

Fasten off and weave the tail between the stitches.

1- magic loop, 5sc in loop, tighten; (5)

2/6- 1sc in each st (5)

7- 1sc in each st, join the little horn and work 1 sc in each st: (10)

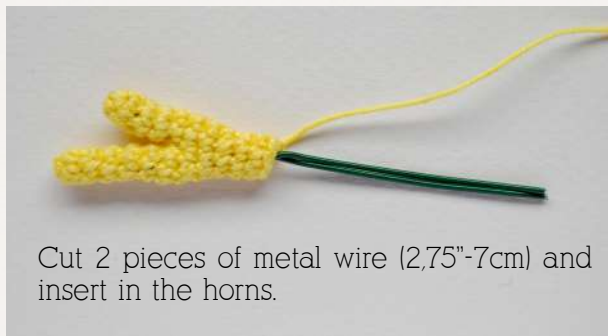
8- [2sc, 2scdec, 1sc]\*, rep \* twice; (8)

9- 1sc in each st; (8)

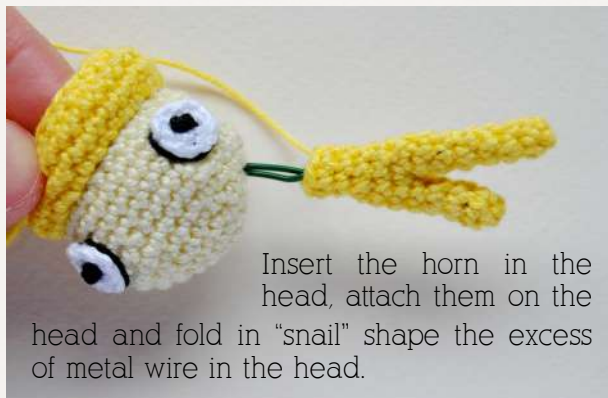
10- [2scdec, 2sc]\*, rep \* twice; (6)

11/12- 1sc in each st (6)

Fasten off keeping enough thread to attach the horn on the head.



Cut 2 pieces of metal wire (2,75"-7cm) and insert in the horns.



Insert the horn in the head, attach them on the head and fold in "snail" shape the excess of metal wire in the head.

### Wings (x2)

With wine purple yarn, work in rows.

12ch

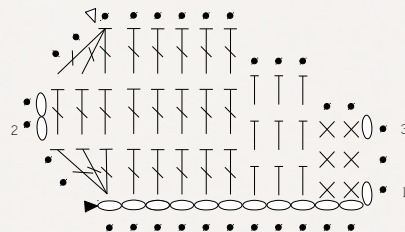
1- 1sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, 1sc, 3hdc, 5dc 3dcinc, 2ch, turn: (13)

2- 8dc, 3hdc, 2sc, ch, turn: (13)

3- 2sc, 3hdc, 5dc, 3dcdec (11)

Sl st around the perimeter.

Fasten off keeping 10" (25cm) of thread (only on one wing) to attach the wings on the body. Weave the other tails between the stitches.



Follow the description in 3<sup>rd</sup> page to made antennae and legs.

Attach the wings on the last row of the body with back stitches. Weave the tails on the inside of the work.

Stuff the head with fiberfill and join it on the body with crossed stitches.



Hidden stitches around the base of collar, slightly tighten to shape the roundness, then weave the tail between the stitches.

