

BOBBY  
THE BEE



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# BOBBY THE BEE



intermediate  
DK-CRO-TOY-001

## SIZES

**Actual measurements** Completed Bee stands approx 30 cm/11¾ in tall

## YOU WILL NEED

- 1 x 100g ball of Paintbox Yarns Simply DK in each of A – Daffodil Yellow, B – Pure Black and C – Paper White
- 3.00mm (UK 11 – US C2/D3) crochet hook
- Washable toy filling

## TENSION (GAUGE)

When making a toy such as this, it is not essential to work to the exact tension. If your tension is tight, with more stitches and rows than stated, your toy will be smaller. If your tension is loose, with less stitches and rows than stated, your toy will be larger. However, if your tension is too loose, the toy filling will show through the crochet and spoil the look of the finished item.

## GOOD TO KNOW

- Yarn quantities are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate
- Instructions are written using UK terminology with changes for US terminology given in italics in round brackets ( ) afterwards

## ABBREVIATIONS

**ch** = chain; **cm** = centimetres; **dc (sc)** = double (*single*) crochet; **dc2tog (sc2tog)** = (insert hook as indicated, yarn over hook and draw loop through) twice, yarn over hook and draw through all 3 loops on hook; **htr (hdc)** = half treble (*half double crochet*); **in** = inches; **rs** = right side; **ss** = slip stitch; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tr (dc)** = treble (double crochet); **ws** = wrong side.

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## HEAD

Make 2 ch using 3.00mm (US C2/D3) crochet hook and A.

**round 1 (rs)** 6 dc (sc) into 2nd ch from hook, ss to first dc (sc). 6 sts.

**round 2** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), 2 dc (sc) into each dc (sc) to end, ss to first dc (sc). 12 sts.

**round 3** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (1 dc (sc) into next dc (sc), 2 dc (sc) into next dc (sc)) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 18 sts.

**round 4** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (1 dc (sc) into each of next 2 dc (sc), 2 dc (sc) into next dc (sc)) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 24 sts.

**round 5** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (1 dc (sc) into each of next 3 dc (sc), 2 dc (sc) into next dc (sc)) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 30 sts.

**round 6** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (1 dc (sc) into each of next 4 dc (sc), 2 dc (sc) into next dc (sc)) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 36 sts.

**round 7** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (1 dc (sc) into each of next 5 dc (sc), 2 dc (sc) into next dc (sc)) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 42 sts.

**round 8** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (1 dc (sc) into each of next 6 dc (sc), 2 dc (sc) into next dc (sc)) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 48 sts.

**round 9** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (1 dc (sc) into each of next 7 dc (sc), 2 dc (sc) into next dc (sc)) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 54 sts.

**round 10** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), 1 dc (sc) into each dc (sc) to end, ss to first dc (sc).

**rounds 11 to 24** As round 10.

**round 25** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (1 dc (sc) into each of next 7 dc (sc), dc2tog (sc2tog) over next 2 sts) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 48 sts.

**round 26** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (1 dc (sc) into each of next 6 dc (sc), dc2tog (sc2tog) over next 2 sts) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 42 sts.

**round 27** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (1 dc (sc) into each of next 5 dc (sc), dc2tog (sc2tog) over next 2 sts) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 36 sts.

**round 28** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (1 dc (sc) into each of next 4 dc (sc), dc2tog (sc2tog) over next 2 sts) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 30 sts.

Insert toy filling so head is firmly filled. Now complete Head, inserting more toy filling as required, as follows:

**round 29** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (1 dc (sc) into each of next 3 dc (sc), dc2tog (sc2tog) over next 2 sts) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 24 sts.

**round 30** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (1 dc (sc) into each of next 2 dc (sc), dc2tog (sc2tog) over next 2 sts) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 18 sts.

**round 31** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (1 dc (sc) into next dc (sc), dc2tog (sc2tog) over next 2 sts) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 12 sts.

**round 32** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (dc2tog (sc2tog) over next 2 sts) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 6 sts.

Fasten off.

Making sure Head is firmly and evenly filled, and inserting extra toy filling if needed, run a gathering thread around top of last round worked. Pull up tight (to close the hole) and fasten off securely.

Using photograph as a guide and B, embroider french knot eyes onto Head level with rounds 18 and 19 and approx 11 sts apart.

## ANTENNAE (MAKE 2)

Make 2 ch using 3.00mm (US C2/D3) crochet hook and B.

**round 1 (rs)** 6 dc (sc) into 2nd ch from hook, ss to first dc (sc). 6 sts.

**round 2** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), 2 dc (sc) into each dc (sc) to end, ss to first dc. 12 sts.

**round 3** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), 1 dc (sc) into each dc (sc) to end, ss to first dc.

**rounds 4 to 6** As round 3.

**round 7** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (dc2tog (sc2tog) over next 2 sts) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 6 sts.

**rounds 8 to 12** As round 3.

Fasten off.

Insert a little toy filling inside each Antennae. Using photograph as a guide, sew Antennae to top of Head, positioning them level with round 5 of Head.

## BODY

Make 2 ch using 3.00mm (US C2/D3) crochet hook and A.

**round 1 (rs)** 6 dc (sc) into 2nd ch from hook, ss to first dc (sc). 6 sts.

**round 2** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), 2 dc (sc) into each dc (sc) to end, ss to first dc (sc). 12 sts.

**round 3** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (1 dc (sc) into next dc (sc), 2 dc (sc) into next dc (sc)) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 18 sts.

**round 4** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (1 dc (sc) into each of next 2 dc (sc), 2 dc (sc) into next dc (sc)) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 24 sts.

**round 5** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (1 dc (sc) into each of next 3 dc (sc), 2 dc (sc) into next dc (sc)) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 30 sts.

**round 6** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (1 dc (sc) into each of next 4 dc (sc), 2 dc (sc) into next dc (sc)) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 36 sts.

**round 7** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (1 dc (sc) into each of next 5 dc (sc), 2 dc (sc) into next dc (sc)) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 42 sts.

**round 8** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), 1 dc (sc) into each dc (sc) to end, ss to first dc.

**rounds 9 to 15** As round 8.

Break off A and join in B.

**rounds 16 to 18** As round 8.

Break off B and join in A.

**rounds 19 to 21** As round 8.

Break off A and join in B.

**round 22** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (1 dc (sc) into each of next 5 dc (sc), dc2tog (sc2tog) over next 2 sts) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 36 sts.

**round 23** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (1 dc (sc) into each of next 4 dc (sc), dc2tog (sc2tog) over next 2 sts) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 30 sts.

**round 24** As round 8.

Break off B and join in A.

**round 25** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (1 dc (sc) into each of next 3 dc (sc), dc2tog (sc2tog) over next 2 sts) 6 times, ss to first dc (sc). 24 sts.

**rounds 26 and 27** As round 8.

Fasten off.

Insert toy filling so Body is firmly filled then, using photograph as a guide, sew Body to Head.

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## ARMS AND LEGS (MAKE 4 IN TOTAL)

Make 2 ch using 3.00mm (US C2/D3) crochet hook and B.

**round 1 (rs)** 8 dc (sc) into 2nd ch from hook, ss to first dc (sc).  
8 sts.

**round 2** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), 1 dc (sc) into each dc (sc) to end, ss to first dc.

**rounds 3 to 16** As round 2.

Fasten off.

Using photograph as a guide, sew Arms to Body level with upper stripe in B and Legs to base of Body. (**Note:** There is no need to insert toy filling into Arms and Legs.)

## WINGS (MAKE 4)

Make 13 ch using 3.00mm (US C2/D3) crochet hook and C.

**row 1 (rs)** 1 dc (sc) into 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc (sc) into each of next 3 ch, 1 htr (hdc) into each of next 4 ch, 1 tr (dc) into each of next 3 ch, 5 tr into last ch, now working back along other side of foundation ch, cont as follows: miss ch just worked into, 1 tr (dc) into each of next 3 ch, 1 htr (hdc) into each of next 4 ch, 1 dc (sc) into each of next 4 ch – last ch worked into should be same ch as used for dc (sc) at beg of row, turn. 27 sts.

**row 2** 1 ch (does NOT count as st), 1 dc (sc) into each of first 12 sts, 2 dc (sc) into each of next 3 sts, 1 dc (sc) into each of last 12 sts.

Fasten off.

Make another 3 Wings in this way.

Join straight ends of 2 Wings pieces to form one double-wing shape, then join the other 2 Wing pieces in the same way.

Form the double-wing shapes into a shallow cross shape and then, using photograph as a guide, sew Wings to back of Body between the stripes in B.







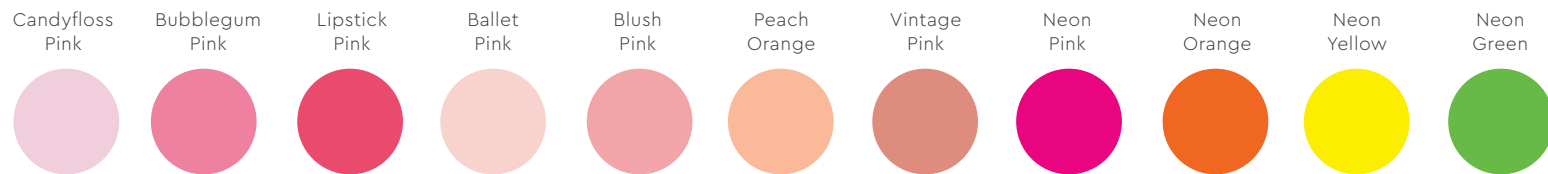
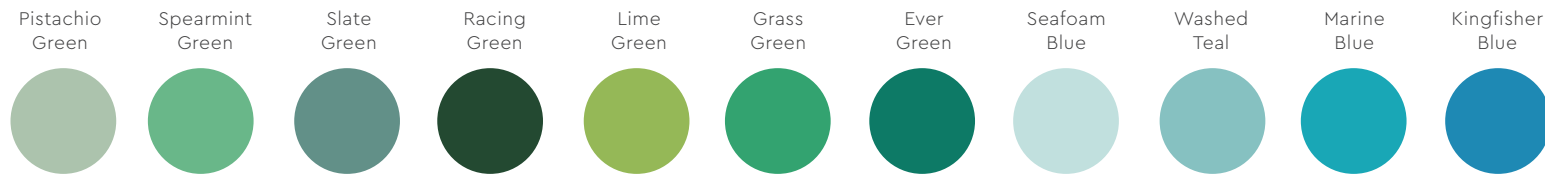
#### TOP TIP

Why not crochet  
Lola the Ladybird  
too, as they make a  
very cute set.



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