

BEES are Beautiful!



FINISHED SIZE Approx. 7.5cm/ 3in long

YARN A small amount from 25g ball Drops Brushed Alpaca Silk shade 01 Off-White

YARN B small amount from 25g ball Drops Kid-Silk shade 43 Blue Wind

YARN C small amount from 25g ball Drops Kid-Silk shade 02 Black

YARN D small amount from 50g ball Drops Sky shade 05 Black

YARN E small amount from 25g ball Drops Kid-Silk shade 30 Curry

YARN F small amount from 25g ball Drops Brushed Alpaca Silk shade 19 Curry

KNITTING NEEDLES Pair of 3.50mm/ US size 4 straight knitting needles

TENSION 16 rows and 14 stitches over 5cm with 3.50mm needles and yarn ABC

EXTRAS Toy filling (I use uncarded fibre filling and yarn endings); pair 8-11mm black oval 'toy safety eyes; *Optional* florists' wire for the legs - you'll need 1 x 75cm/ 29.5in, 22 gauge length of flexible wire and stick glue (like Pritt Stick) for to cover the wire with black yarn; *Optional* single length of fine black wire for the antennae (or use black yarn like I did)

NOTE:

I bought my yarn from Knitted Home: knittedhome.com

My toy eyes from here: Ebay: Ebay.co.uk

The florist's wire from here: Amazon: Amazon.co.uk

If you wish to find a substitute for this yarn then please visit Yarn Sub: Yarnsub.com-

However to create a similar fluffy effect use similar yarn to the yarn I've chosen

PATTERN NOTES:

. Use Cable Cast-on throughout

GENERAL ABBREVIATIONS:

K = knit

P = purl

inc = increase

dec = decrease

K2tog/ K3tog = knit two together/ knit three together

P2tog/ P3tog = purl two together/ purl three together

RH/LH = right hand/ left hand

RS/WS = right side/ wrong side

st/ sts = stitch/ stitches

Skpo = slip one stitch, knit next stitch, pass slipped stitch over knit stitch to decrease by one stitch

Kfb = knit into front then into back of stitch to increase by one stitch

Pfb = Purl into front then knit into back of stitch to increase by one stitch

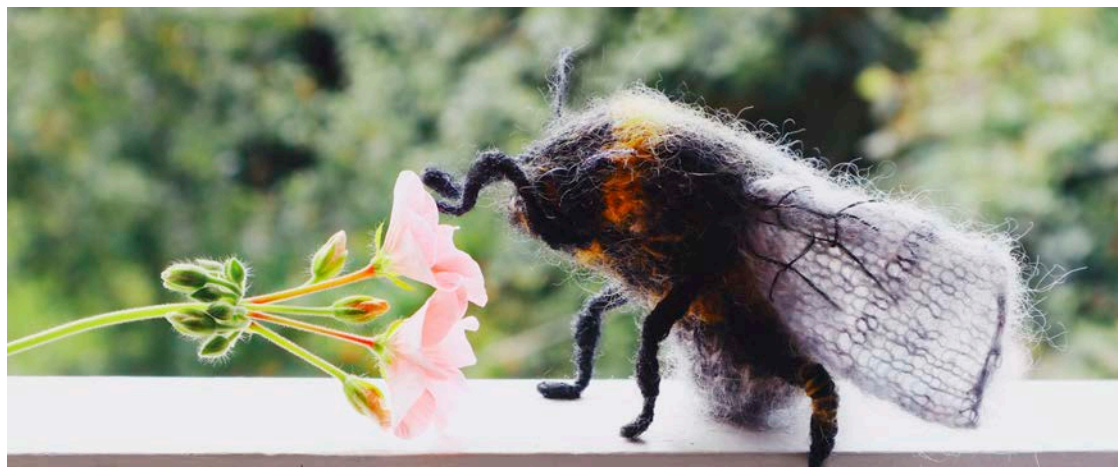
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

W+Tk bring working yarn to the front of the work, slip next stitch knit-wise onto the RH needle, take working yarn to the back, slip the slipped stitch back onto the LH needle, turn the knitting = W+Tk (wrap and turn knit)

W+Tp take working yarn to the back of the work, slip next stitch purl-wise onto the RH needle, bring working yarn to the front, slip the slipped stitch back onto the LH needle, turn the knitting = W+Tp (wrap and turn purl)

Visual tutorials for both these techniques can be found here:

[dotpebbles_knits W+Tk](#) and [here W+Tp](#):



ABDOMEN

Beginning with the bee's Abdomen with yarn **ABC** cast on 6 sts

Row 1 RS) inc) Kfb all sts - 12sts

Rows 2-4 Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

Row 5 inc) [K1, kfb] six times - 18sts

Row 6 Purl

Cut yarn **AB**, join yarn **DE**, continue with yarn **CDE** as follows:

Work short rows to shape the Back, Black Stripe #1

Short Row 1 K14, W+Tk (Wrap and Turn knit - see page 3)

Short Row 2 P10, W+Tp (Wrap and Turn purl)

Short Row 3 K9, W+Tk

Short Row 4 P8, W+Tp

Short Row 5 K13 to end of row

Cut yarn **CD**, join yarn **BF**, continue with yarn **BEF** as follows:

Row 7 inc) Pfb, p5, pfb, p4, pfb, p5, pfb - 22sts

Work short rows to shape the Back, Gold Stripe #1

Short Row 1 K18, W+Tk

Short Row 2 P14, W+Tp

Short Row 3 K18 to end of row

Cut yarn **BF**, join yarn **CD**, continue with yarn **CDE** as follows:

Shape the Abdomen

Row 8 dec) P4, [p2tog, p2] three times, p2tog, p4 - 18sts

Row 9 inc) Kfb, k to last st, kfb - 20sts

Work short rows to shape the Thorax, Black Stripe #2

Short Row 1 P16, W+Tp

Short Row 2 K12, W+Tk

Short Row 3 P11, W+Tp

Short Row 4 K10, W+Tk

Short Row 5 P9, W+Tp

Short Row 6 K8, W+Tk

Short Row 7 P14 to end of row

Row 10 dec) K2, k2tog, k12, k2tog, k2 - 18sts

Row 11 Purl

Cut yarn **CD**, join yarn **BF**, continue with yarn **BEF** as follows:

Work short rows to shape the Top of the Thorax, Gold Stripe #2

Short Row 1 K14, W+Tk

Short Row 2 P10, W+Tp

Short Row 3 K14 to end of row

Shape the Head

Cut yarn **BF**, join yarn **CD**, continue with yarn **CDE** as follows:

Row 12 dec) [P3, p2tog] three times, p3 - 15sts

Rows 13, 15 & 17 Knit

Row 14 dec) P4, p2tog, p3, p2tog, p to end - 13sts

Row 16 dec) P3, p2tog, p3, p2tog, p to end - 11sts

Row 18 dec) P2tog, p2, p3tog, p2, p2tog - 7sts

Row 19 dec) K2tog, k3tog, k2tog - 3sts

Cut yarn, thread end through all 3 sts.

Fasten off for Head Front.

TO MAKE UP

Push all the yarn endings into the body.

Fit the eyes in place at each side of the head using *Figs. 1 & 2* as position guides.

WS together mattress sew all along from the cast-off edge at the Head Front to cast-on edge at the Abdomen adding stuffing as you go - the bee is fairly firmly stuffed.

Also when you are sewing the seam give the thread that you're sewing the seam with a little tug so that the body curves in a little (*see Fig. 3*).



FIG. 1



FIG. 2



FIG. 3

WINGS Left Wing

With yarn **B** cast on 8 sts for Left Wing Top Edge

Rows 1, 3, 5 & 7 Knit

Row 2 inc) P7, pfb - 9sts

Row 4 inc) P8, pfb - 10sts

Row 6 inc) P9, pfb - 11sts

Row 8 inc) P10, pfb - 12sts

Work short rows to shape the Left Wing Tip

Short Row 1 K11, W+Tk

Short Row 2 inc) P10, pfb - 13sts

Short Row 3 K11, W+Tk

Short Row 4 inc) P10, pfb - 14sts

Short Row 5 K11, W+Tk

Short Row 6 inc) P10, pfb - 15sts

Row 9 dec) Knit to last 2 sts, k2tog - 14sts

Row 10 Purl

Rows 11-14 Repeat last 2 rows twice - 12sts

Row 15 dec) K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog - 10sts

Row 16 Purl

Rows 17-18 Repeat last 2 rows once - 8sts

Row 19 dec) K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog - 6sts

Cast off all 6 Left Wing Base Edge sts. purl-wise.

WINGS Right Wing

With yarn **B** cast on 8 sts for Right Wing Top Edge

Rows 1, 3, 5 & 7 Purl

Row 2 inc) K7, kfb - 9sts

Row 4 inc) K8, kfb - 10sts

Row 6 inc) K9, kfb - 11sts

Row 8 inc) K10, kfb - 12sts

Work short rows to shape the Right Wing Tip

Short Row 1 P11, W+Tp

Short Row 2 inc) K10, kfb - 13sts

Short Row 3 P11, W+Tp

Short Row 4 inc) K10, kfb - 14sts

Short Row 5 P11, W+Tp

Short Row 6 inc) K10, kfb - 15sts

Row 9 dec) Purl to last 2 sts, p2tog - 14sts

Row 10 Knit

Rows 11-14 Repeat last 2 rows twice - 12sts

Row 15 dec) P2tog, p to last 2 sts, p2tog - 10sts

Row 16 Knit

Rows 17-18 Repeat last 2 rows once - 8sts

Row 19 dec) P2tog, p to last 2 sts, p2tog - 6sts

Cast off all 6 Right Wing Base Edge sts.



FIG. 4



FIG. 5

Optional - With black or brown sewing thread, doubled, work some lines of embroidery onto the RS/ knit side of each wing for Wing Detail (see Fig. 4).

ATTACH THE WINGS TO THE BODY

Referring to Fig. 5 and making sure you have the correct wing for the side of the body - left wing to left side of the body for example, place the wing onto the body (near the Thorax Shaping) and join the cast-off edge of the Wing Base to the body by over-sewing in place (see Fig. 6).

Also make sure both wings are symmetrical. The gap between the inner edges of the wings is about 12mm/ 1/2 inch (see Figs. 7 & 8).



FIG. 6

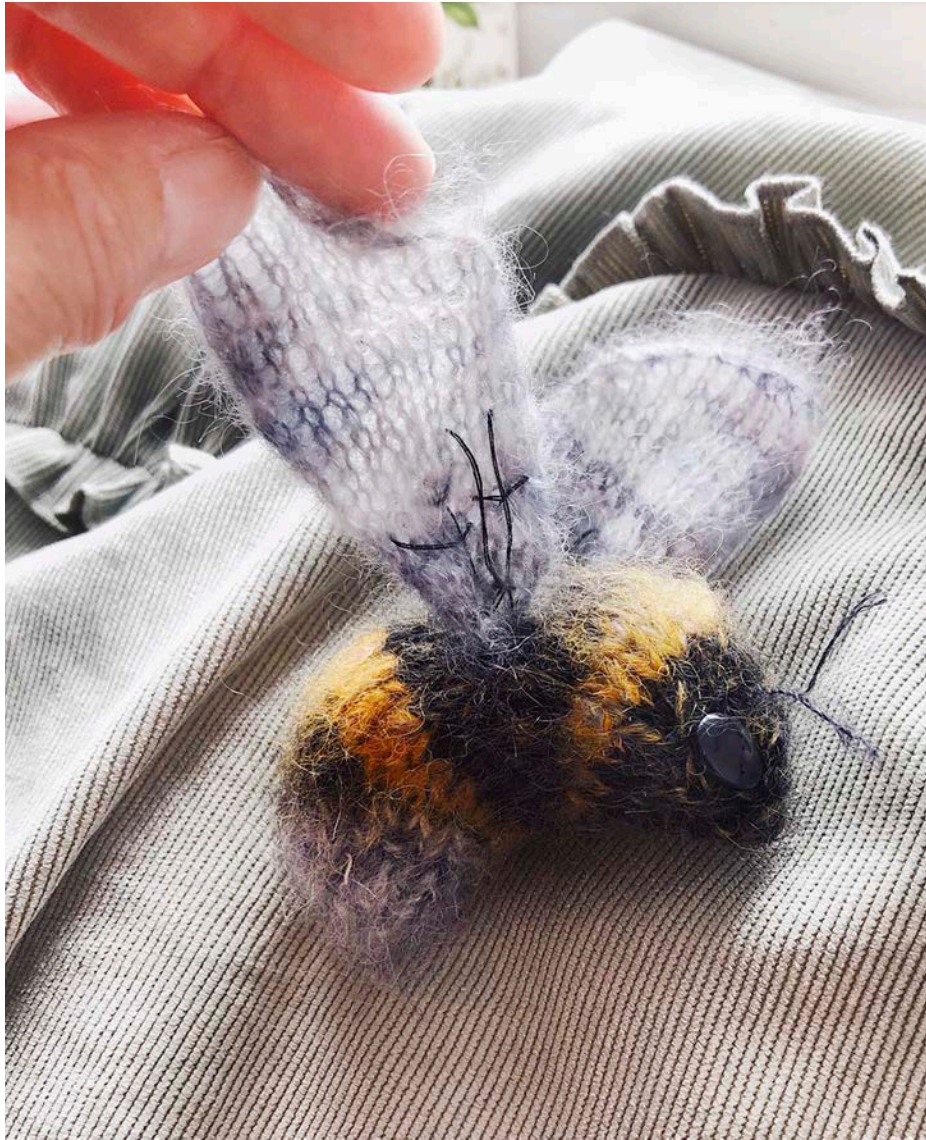


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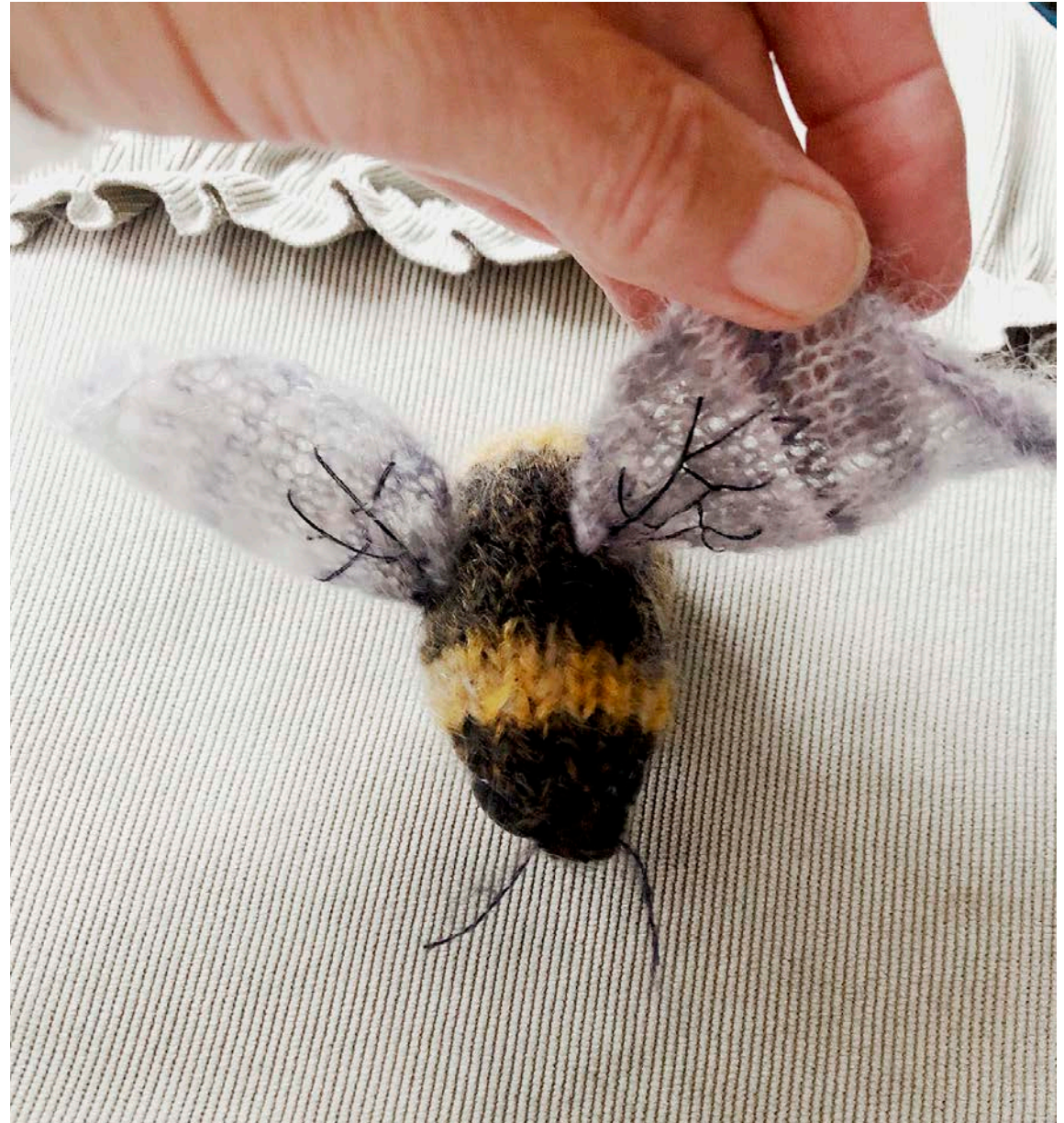


FIG. 8

Optional - LEGS

You need three 24cm/ 9.4in lengths of wire so trim your wire to size, continue as follows:

For each pair of legs (so make three pairs) fold the wire in half and twist to make the doubled-up wire look like one twisted length of wire.

Thread each wire into the body, through the knitted stitches, referring to *Fig. 9* for placements.

Adjust to make sure each leg is the same length.

Working with one leg at a time, smear the wire leg with stick glue and then wind black yarn (C or D and I also added yarn E for pollen effect on the back legs!) all around the wire to cover adding a little more glue to the end to make it secure - and if you want extra detail add more yarn around the bee's knees areas to make the legs more bee-shapely (*see Figs. 10 & 11*)!

NOTE: If you still have sharp ends from the cut wire sand them down with sandpaper or emery board to smooth off.

For the ANTENNAE either use black yarn and secure the yarn at the front of the head, above the eyes - or, use a single length of black wire threaded in and out of the front of the head and then secured in place with glue or a few stitches.



FIG. 9



FIG. 10

NOTE: If there is any part of this pattern that you do not understand then please feel free to email me:
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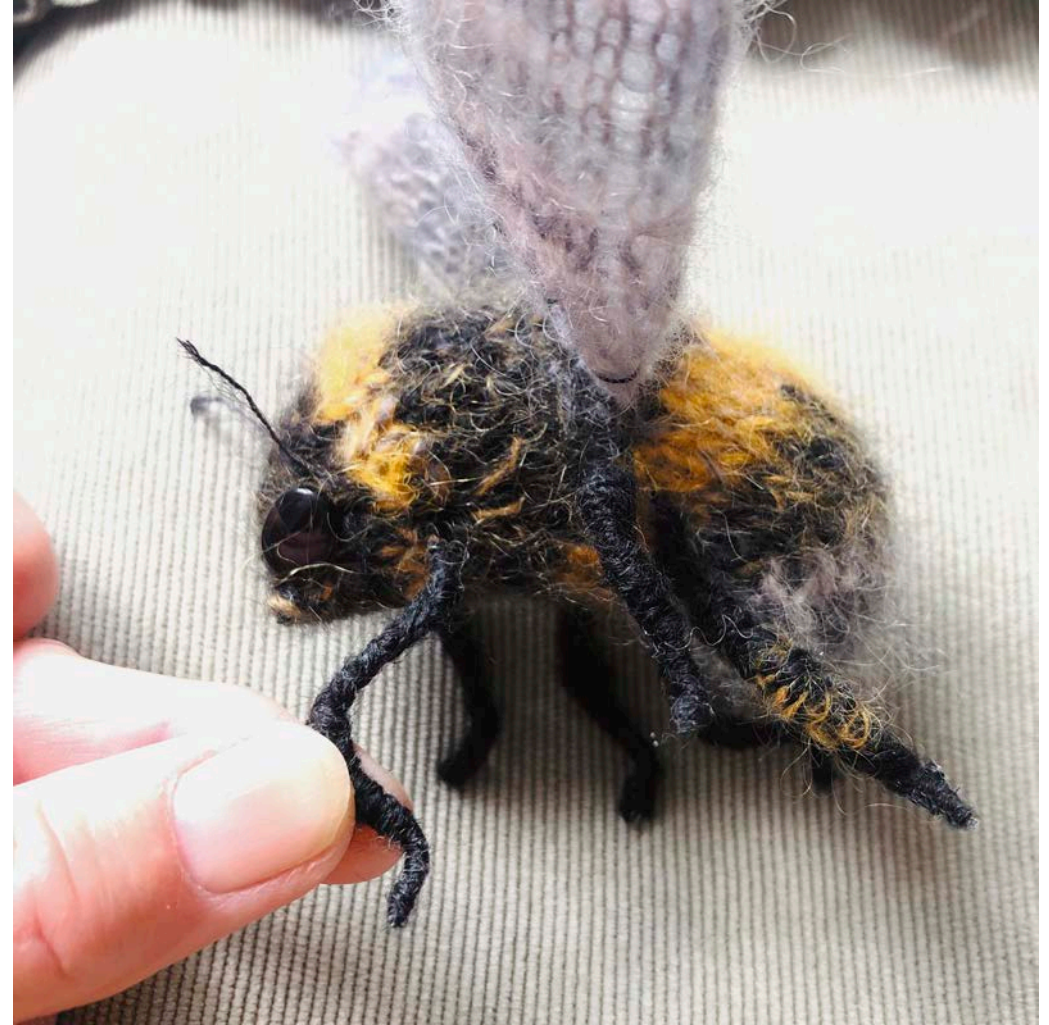


FIG. 11

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