

Bo The Bumblebee

**** Preparing Your Materials****

- **Materials Required:** Refer to your Amazon Starter Kit for the yarn, 5mm hook, stitch marker, and a pair of scissors. For Bo the Bumblebee, you'll need yellow, black, and white yarn.
- **Finding the End of the Yarn:** Gently pull out the loose end of the yarn from the center of the skein. This method prevents the yarn from tangling as you work.
- **Need Some Extra Help?** Each step will have a Q.R code and a URL to the specific time in the video to help during the written tutorial!
- **Missing Pieces?:** Please never to message us at YDT.Hobby@gmail.com, we promise to make things right ASAP <3



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Step 1. Creating the Magic Ring

Materials Required for This Step:

- ☐ Crochet Hook
- ☐ Yellow Yarn Spool
- ☐ A Few Stitch Markers

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Magic Ring Basics:

The magic ring is a crochet technique used to start projects that are worked in rounds. It allows you to pull the center tightly closed, ideal for amigurumi like Bo the Bumblebee. Some say this can be the hardest part of a crocheting pattern, so please be patient with yourself and take breaks if needed <3

Step 1: Prepare the yarn

1. Take some yarn from your ball, leaving a tail of about 6 inches

Step 2: Create the initial loop

1. Wrap the yarn around three fingers (index, middle, and ring).
2. Weave the working yarn (attached to the ball) through the loop created around your pinky.
3. Wrap the working yarn once over your fingers.
4. Wrap it a second time over your fingers.
5. Tuck the tail between your middle and ring fingers.

Step 3: Position your crochet hook

1. Hold the yarn securely with your left hand.
2. Take your crochet hook in your right hand.
3. Weave the hook under the first two strings of the loop.
4. Grab the third string (working yarn) with your hook.
5. Pull it underneath and up through the loop.

Step 4: Create the base stitch

1. With the loop on your hook, weave under the same yarn again.
2. Grab the yarn with your hook.
3. Pull it through the loop on your hook.

Step 5: Remove the loop from your fingers

1. Gently and loosely slide the yarn off your fingers, being careful not to disturb or twist anything.

Step 6: Make six single crochets into the magic ring

1. Insert your hook under the two strands of the circle.
2. Yarn over (wrap the working yarn over your hook).
3. Pull up a loop.
4. Yarn over again.
5. Pull through both loops on your hook.
6. Repeat steps 1-5 five more times, for a total of six single crochets.

Step 7: Close the magic ring

1. Hold onto the stitches you've made with your left hand.
2. Locate the tail end of your yarn.
3. Gently pull the tail to tighten the ring.
4. As you pull, one of the loops will start to get smaller - focus on this loop.
5. Continue pulling until the ring closes tightly, forming a small circle.
6. Give the tail one final tug to secure the ring.

Step 8: Add a stitch marker (optional)

1. Take a stitch marker (like a small safety pin).
2. Locate the last stitch you made (it will look like a "V" shape).
3. Insert the stitch marker through both loops of this last stitch.
4. Close the stitch marker to secure it in place.

Congratulations! You've now created a magic ring with six single crochet stitches. This forms the base for many crochet projects, especially when working in the round.

Remember, practice makes perfect. Don't worry if your first attempts aren't perfect - with time and practice, you'll get better at creating neat and tight magic rings.

Step 2: Making Bo's Face

Materials Required for This Step

- ☐ Crochet Hook
- ☐ Yellow Yarn Spool
- ☐ A Few Stitch Markers

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Knowledge for This Step

Single Crochet (sc) Explained:

1. **Insert the Hook:** Push the hook through the next stitch from your magic ring.
2. **Yarn Over:** Wrap the yarn over the hook from back to front.
3. **Pull Through:** Draw the yarn back through the stitch. You now have two loops on your hook.
4. **Yarn Over Again:** Wrap the yarn over the hook once more.
5. **Pull Through Both Loops:** Draw the yarn through both loops on your hook. This is one single crochet.

Increase Explained:

1. **Two Single Crochet in the Same Stitch:** Make another single crochet in the same stitch.
2. **Completed Increase:** You have now increased from one to two stitches in the same spot.

1. From Magic Ring to Bo's Face:

- **Round 2 (Yellow Yarn):** Increase in each stitch around (12 stitches at the end of this round).
 - ◆ **Tip:** Perform two single crochets in each of the six stitches from Round 1 (Magic Ring)
- **Round 3 (Yellow Yarn):** Single crochet in the first stitch, increase in the next. Repeat - around (18 stitches).
- **Round 4 (Yellow Yarn):** Single crochet in the next two stitches, then increase in the third stitch. Repeat - around (24 stitches).
- **Round 5 (Yellow Yarn):** Single crochet in the next three stitches, then increase in the fourth stitch. Repeat - around (30 stitches).
- **Round 6 (Yellow Yarn):** Single crochet throughout the entire round(30 stitches).
- **Round 7 (Yellow Yarn):** Single crochet throughout the entire round(30 stitches).

★Tips for Maintaining Shape and Tension★

- **Counting Stitches:** Always count your stitches at the end of each round. Consistent stitch counts are key to a symmetrical shape.
- **Smooth Surface:** Aim for an even surface. If you notice gaps or holes, you might need to tighten your stitches.

Part 3: Bo's First Stripes	
Materials Required for This Step	Knowledge for This Step
☐ Crochet Hook ☐ Yellow Yarn Spool ☐ Black Tarn Spool ☐ A Few Stitch Markers ☐ Scissors	Learning to Change Colors: Step by step in the instructions below
Tutorial Video: https://ydth.ca/pages/bo-the-bumblebee  Scroll Halfway And Click: First Color Change (Yellow to Black) Button	

1. Switching Colors for Stripes:

- **Preparing for Color Change:** When you're close to the end of the round before changing colors, cut the yellow yarn, leaving a tail for weaving in later.
- **Changing Colors:**
 1. **Insert Hook:** On the last stitch of the round with yellow, insert your hook and start your single crochet.
 2. **Yarn Over with New Color:** When you have two loops on your hook, drop the yellow yarn. Pick up the black yarn.
 3. **Complete the Stitch:** Pull the black yarn through the two loops to complete the stitch. This creates a neat and clean color change.
 4. **Secure the Yarns:** Tie the tails of the yellow and black yarn together on the inside of the work to secure them.

2. Continuing with Black Yarn:

After you've successfully changed to black yarn, you will work on creating the bumblebee's distinctive stripes.

- **Round 8 (Black Yarn):** Single crochet throughout the entire round(30 stitches)
- **Round 9 (Black Yarn):** Single crochet throughout the entire round(30 stitches)
- **Round 10 (Black Yarn):** Single crochet throughout the entire round(30 stitches)
 - ◆ **Final Black Round:** This is the last round using black yarn before switching back.
- **Preparing to Change Color:** Towards the end of this round, prepare to switch back to the yellow yarn. Cut the black yarn, leaving a tail for weaving in later.
- **Changing Back to Yellow Yarn:**
 - ◆ **Last Stitch in Black:** Start the single crochet stitch in black, but don't complete it.
 - ◆ **Introducing Yellow Yarn:** Drop the black yarn and complete the stitch with the yellow yarn, as done previously.
 - ◆ **Secure Yarns:** Tie the ends of the black and yellow yarns on the inside to secure them.

3. Continue with Yellow Yarn:

- **Round 11 (Yellow Yarn):** Single crochet throughout the entire round(30 stitches)
- **Round 12 (Yellow Yarn):** Single crochet throughout the entire round(30 stitches)
- **Round 13 (Yellow Yarn):** Single crochet throughout the entire round(30 stitches)
 - ◆ **Final Yellow Round:** This is the last round using yellow yarn before switching back.
- **Preparing to Change Color:** Towards the end of this round, prepare to switch back to the black yarn. Cut the yellow yarn, leaving a tail for weaving in later.
- **Changing Back to Black Yarn:**
 - ◆ **Last Stitch in Yellow:** Start the single crochet stitch in yellow, but don't complete it.
 - ◆ **Introducing Black Yarn:** Drop the yellow yarn and complete the stitch with the black yarn, as done previously.
 - ◆ **Secure Yarns:** Tie the ends of the yellow and black yarns on the inside to secure them.

4. Continue with Black Yarn:

- **Round 14 (Black Yarn):** Single crochet throughout the entire round(30 stitches)
- **Round 15 (Black Yarn):** Single crochet throughout the entire round(30 stitches)
- **Round 16 (Black Yarn):** Single crochet throughout the entire round(30 stitches)
 - ◆ **Final Black Round:** This is the last round using black yarn before switching back.
- **Preparing to Change Color:** Towards the end of this round, prepare to switch back to the yellow yarn. Cut the black yarn, leaving a tail for weaving in later
- **Changing Back to Yellow Yarn:**
 - ◆ **Last Stitch in Black:** Start the single crochet stitch in black, but don't complete it.
 - ◆ **Introducing Yellow Yarn:** Drop the black yarn and complete the stitch with the yellow yarn, as done previously.
 - ◆ **Secure Yarns:** Tie the ends of the black and yellow yarns on the inside to secure them.

Part 4: Closing Up Bo

Materials Required for This Step

- ☐ Crochet Hook
- ☐ Yellow Yarn Spool
- ☐ Stuffing (Polyfilling)
- ☐ Yarn Needle
- ☐ A Few Stitch Markers
- ☐ Scissors

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Knowledge for This Step

Decrease Explained:

1. **Insert the Hook:** Push the hook into the next stitch where you plan to start the decrease.
2. **Yarn Over:** Wrap the yarn over the hook from back to front.
3. **Pull Through:** Draw the yarn back through the stitch. You now have two loops on your hook.
4. **Insert the Hook into the Next Stitch:** Push the hook into the following stitch, continuing the decrease.
5. **Yarn Over Again:** Wrap the yarn over the hook from back to front once more.
6. **Pull Through:** Draw the yarn back through the stitch. You should now have three loops on your hook.
7. **Yarn Over and Pull Through All Loops:** Wrap the yarn over the hook again and draw it through all three loops on your hook at once.

1. Time For The Stuffing:

- **Stuffing Between The Rounds:** Between round 16 and 17 we are going to start stuffing Bo with our polyester filling.
- **Fill to Your Desired Firmness:** Fill up Bo with a nice firm amount of filling, making sure you can still crochet without grabbing stuffing.
- **Won't be your last chance:** We will be filling Bo one more time later, so don't worry about a lack of stuffing. Just ensure it is evenly spread throughout the body.

2. Finishing Bo's Body:

- **Round 17 (Yellow Yarn):** Begin with 30 single crochets (sc), no need to worry about decreases yet
- **Round 18 (Yellow Yarn):** Single crochet for three stitches, decrease in the fourth. Repeat - around (24 stitches).
- **Round 19 (Yellow Yarn):** Single crochet for two stitches, decrease in the third. Repeat - around (18 stitches).

- **Round 20 (Yellow Yarn):** Single crochet for one stitch, decrease in the second. Repeat - around (12 stitches).
- **Between Round Stuffing:** Let's put the last of the stuffing we need in Bo, you may have lots left over but that is ok.
- **Round 21 (Yellow Yarn):** Decrease each in each stitch. Repeat - around (6 stitches).

3. Closing The Loop:

- **Cut Five Inches of Yellow Yarn:** Before cutting, ensure at least five inches of yarn is left for wiggle room.
- **Insert the Yarn Needle:** Thread the tail of your yarn through a yarn needle. Make sure the tail is long enough for weaving.
- **Weave Through Front Loops Only (FLO):** Insert the needle under the front loops only (FLO) of the first of the remaining six stitches. Continue weaving the needle through the front loops only of the next five stitches in the same manner.
- **Pull Tight to Close:** Gently pull the yarn tail to draw the stitches together, closing the opening. Ensure the tension is even to avoid bunching.
- **Tie Off:** Secure the closure by making a small knot close to the last stitch you pulled tight.
- **Weave Tail Through Body:** Weave the remaining tail of yarn back and forth through several stitches inside the body of your project to hide the end securely.
- **Trim Excess Yarn:** Cut off any excess yarn close to the body, being careful not to snip the fabric of your project.

Part 5: Making The Wings And Smile

Materials Required for This Step

- ☐ Crochet Hook
- ☐ White Yarn Spool
- ☐ Black Yarn Spool
- ☐ Yarn Needle
- ☐ A Few Stitch Markers
- ☐ Scissors

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[Starting The Wings Button](#)

Knowledge for This Step

You already know it all ;)

1. Two Magic Rings For The Wings (Create Two Wings Following These Steps):

- **Start with a Magic Ring:** Create a magic ring and work 6 single crochets (sc) into it. You will have 6 stitches at the end of this round.
- **Round 2 (White Yarn):** Increase in each stitch around. To do this, make two single crochets in each of the previous round's 6 stitches, ending with 12 stitches.
- **Round 3 (White Yarn):** Single crochet in the first stitch, increase in the next. Repeat - around (18 stitches).
- **Leave 5 Inches of White Yarn:** Ensure 5 inches of yarn is left after cutting the white yarn off of the first wing.
- **Rinse and Repeat:** Repeat the four steps to make a second wing out of white yarn.

2. Attaching The Wings:

- **Finish Off:** Once you have completed the crocheting of the wing, cut the yarn, leaving approximately 5 inches of tail. Pull the tail through the last loop on your hook to secure it.
- **Prepare for Sewing:** Thread the yarn tail through a yarn needle. This tail will be used to sew the wing onto the body of your project.
- **Position the Wings:** Place each wing between rows 11 and 13 of the body. Ensure that the wings are positioned 1 to 2 stitches apart for proper alignment.
- **Sew Wings Onto Body:** Attach each wing by sewing through the stitches on the body and the edge of the wing. Use small stitches and make sure to pass through several layers of yarn to secure the wings firmly.
- **Secure and Hide the Yarn Tail:** After sewing, make a few knots to ensure the wings are securely attached. Weave the remaining yarn tail through several stitches inside the body to hide and lock the end.

★Tips for Even Wing Placement★

- **Wings aren't winging?:** If you are finding it difficult to find the right placement for the wings or the wording is coming off confusing, please see the video link above for a visual representation!

3. Time to Make Bo Smile:

- **Prepare the Yarn:** Grab your black yarn and thread it through a yarn needle.
- **Position the Smile:** Determine the placement of the smile on the lower half of the face, specifically between rows 2 and 4. The smile should span about 3 stitches in width and be positioned over the space of 1 stitch in height.
- **Sew the Smile:** Start sewing at one end of where you want the smile to begin. Insert the needle from the inside of the piece to hide the knot, then stitch across to create a slight curve or straight line, depending on the desired expression. Pass through the fabric corresponding to about 3 stitches wide and 1 stitch high.
- **Secure and Finish:** Once the smile is sewn to your satisfaction, make a small knot on the inside of the crochet piece to secure the end of the yarn. Weave in the remaining tail through some of the inner stitches to hide it and prevent unraveling.