Dizzy Bee

KNITTING PATTERN BY AMANDA BERRY

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NOTES

Introduction: Knit a busy Dizzy Bee as a key chain charm or as a quick to knit little toy. As this only uses small amounts of yarn, it is a super stash-busting project.

Casting on: Use a cable cast on throughout.

Work flat: This pattern is knitted flat (back and forth) on a pair of single pointed knitting needles, not in the round.

Stockinette: Also known as stocking stitch, knit the RS rows and purl the WS rows.

Seaming: Use mattress stitch for seams.

One size: 6cm long.

Tension: 7 sts x 9 rows to measure 2.5cm x 2.5cm in stockinette stitch using 2.75mm needles. Don't worry about tension for this pattern, it is not critical.

YARN ⬜ ⬛ 🟡

- This bee uses DK weight cotton yarn (double knitting/ light worsted weight/3 - light), in a few metres in each of four shades: **White**, **Black**, and **Yellow**.

- The bee photographed was knitted in **Paintbox Yarns Cotton DK,** 100% cotton, in shades *Light Champagne, Pure Black,* and *Buttercup Yellow.*

NEEDLES & NOTIONS

- A pair of 2.75mm (US 2) single pointed needles, minimum length 20cm

- A darning or tapestry needle for seaming

- A small handful of toy filling or a cotton wool ball to stuff

- A pair of 1cm stick on wobbly eyes

- Black embroidery thread for the mouth

ABBREVIATIONS

k	Knit
k2tog	Knit two stitches together (decrease by 1)
kfb	Knit into front and back (increase by 1)
p	Purl
RS	Right side
st(s)	Stitch(es)
St st	Stockinette
WS	Wrong side

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BODY

Make 1. Cast on 9 sts in Yellow on 2.75mm needles. Start at the bottom end.

Row 1 (RS): K1, [kfb] 7 times, k1. (16 sts)

Row 2 (WS): Purl.

Row 3: K1, [kfb, k1] 7 times, k1. (23 sts)

Rows 4 to 6: Starting on a WS purl row, work 3 rows in St st.

Break the Yellow yarn and join Black.

Rows 7 to 8: Starting on a RS knit row, work 2 rows in St st.

Break the Black yarn and join Yellow.

Rows 9 to 10: Starting on a RS knit row, work 2 rows in St st.

Break the Yellow yarn and join Black.

Rows 11 to 12: Starting on a RS knit row, work 2 rows in St st.

Break the Black yarn and join Yellow.

Rows 13 to 14: Starting on a RS knit row, work 2 rows in St st.

Break the Yellow yarn and join Black.

Rows 15 to 16: Starting on a RS knit row, work 2 rows in St st.

Break the Black yarn and join Yellow.

Rows 17 to 20: Starting on a RS knit row, work 4 rows in St st.

Row 21: K1, [k2tog, k1] 7 times, k1. (16 sts)

Row 22: Purl.

Row 23: [K2tog] 8 times. (8 sts)

Break yarn and thread through remaining sts. Pull tight to fasten.

WINGS

Make 2. Cast on 24 sts in White on 2.75mm needles. Cast off all sts to make a strip of knitting.

MAKING UP

Body: Sew the side edges together, adding stuffing as you sew. This seam runs down the underside. Gather the cast on sts together at the bottom end of the body. Stick on two eyes on the front (cast off end) and embroider the mouth in black embroidery thread.

Wings: For each strip, sew the two ends together to make a small loop, and sew the two wing loops onto the top of the body over the middle black stripe.