

BUMBLEBEE PATTERN

Yarn A – Yellow, Yarn D – Black/Brown, Yarn E – White

Body

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on ten sts

Row 1-2: beg with a k row, work in st st

Row 3: k1, (kfb) eight times, k1. 18sts

Row 4: p

Join yarn D

Row 5-6: rep Rows 1-2

Row 7-8: using yarn A, rep Rows 1-2

Row 9-10: using yarn D, rep Rows 1-2

Rows 11-14: using yarn A and beg with a k row, work in st st

Row 15: (k2tog) nine times. Nine sts

Row 16: p9

Cut yarn leaving a 30cm tail, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off



Wings (make two)

Using 4mm needles and yarn E, cast on five sts

Row 1-2: beg with a k row, work in st st

Row 3: k1, (kfb) three times, k1. Eight sts

Row 4-5: beg with a p row, work in st st

Row 6: (p2tog) four times

Four sts

Row 7: (k2tog) twice. Two sts

Cut yarn leaving a 30cm tail, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

Legs (make six)

Using 4mm needles and yarn D, cast on four sts

Cast off

To make up

Stitch long edges of body together. Stuff using yarn A, then gather at bottom end. Sew wings to centre back, between black stripes. Sew three legs to each side of underbelly, placing first two in line with stripes. Embroider eyes and mouth in yarn D, then add a short white stitch to centre of each eye LK

TIP: Strong stripes

When working a sequence of stripes, be sure to carry unused yarn up the side of the work, twisting the threads together every two rows. Not only does this save you weaving in your ends, but it is also much more economical.