



Help us to create a swarm of crochet bees for Rochdale!

We would like your help to create a swarm of 500 crochet bees to be displayed in the galleries of Touchstones Rochdale in 2020.

Dippy, the famous Diplodocus from the Natural History Museum, will be visiting Rochdale from February to June 2020. He will be on display at Number One Riverside with an accompanying exhibition at Touchstones Rochdale in Rochdale town centre. We'd like to create an installation of knitted bees to highlight the importance of bees and why we need to look after our world. Can you help us by crocheting us a bee? Below are patterns for two different size bees.

At the end of the exhibition, we will raise money for a biodiversity project in Rochdale by selling the bees by suggested donation.

Small Bee (approximately 4cm long)

Head and Body

With **yellow** yarn make 2 ch

Rnd 1 6sc in second ch from hook (6 sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 st (12 sts)

Rnd 3 sc in each st around

Change to **black** yarn

Rnd 4 sc in each st around

Change to **yellow** yarn

Rnd 5 sc in each st around

Change to **black** yarn

Rnd 6 sc in each st around

Change to yellow yarn

Rnd 7 sc in each st around

Change to **black** yarn

Rnd 8 [sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 3 times (9 sts)

Stuff bee

Rnd 9 [sc in each st, invdec] 3 times (6 sts)

Fasten off, leave a long yarn tail for finishing.

Thread yarn on tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close hole. Fasten off, weave in end.

Wings—make 2 pieces

With **white** yarn make 2 ch

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook (6 sts)

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew wings to upper back of bee. Embroider mouth and eyes with a strand of black yarn.



Materials and equipment needed:

Light worsted wool (DK/8 ply) yarn in yellow, white and black
 Stitch marker Large yarn needle
 Polyester toy stuffing Size D (3.25mm) crochet hook

Abbreviations and Symbols:

Ch chain **sc** single crochet
Invdec invisible decrease **Rnd(s)** Round(s)
Mm millimetres **St(s)** stitch(es)

() Round brackets indicate a group of stitches to be worked into the same stitch or space, or the amount of stitches you should have on completion of the round or row it follows, or explanatory notes within the pattern.

[] Square brackets contain a group of stitches to be worked the amount of times indicated after the brackets

Special Stitch Explanations

Invdec—Insert the hook into front loop only of first stitch, do not wrap yarn, insert hook into front loop only of next stitch. You will now have a total of three loops on your hook. Wrap your yarn around hook and pull through both of the 2 front loops on the hook, wrap yarn around hook again and pull through last 2 loops on hook. You have now 'invisibly' decreased by one stitch.

Large Bee (approximately 8cm long)

Head and Body

With **yellow** yarn make 2 ch

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook (6sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 st (12 sts)

Rnd 3 [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times (18 sts)

Change to **black** yarn

Rnd 4-5 Sc in each st around (2 rounds)

Change to **yellow** yarn

Rnd 6-7 Sc in each st around (2 rounds)

Change to **black** yarn

Rnd 8-9 Sc in each st around (2 rounds)

Change to **yellow** yarn

Rnd 10 [Sc in each of next 4 st, invdec] 3 times (15 sts)

Rnd 11 [Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 3 times (12

sts)

Change to **black** yarn

Rnd 12 [Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 3 times (9 sts)

Stuff bee

Rnd 13 [Sc in next st, invdec] 3 times (6 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for finishing.

Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close hole.

Fasten off, weave in end.

Wings – make 2 pieces

With **white** yarn make 2 ch

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook (6 sts)

Rnd 2-4 Sc in each st around (3 rounds)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Oversew ends of each wing flat. Sew wings to upper back of bee. Embroider mouth and eyes with a strand of black yarn.

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Thank you for making us a bee! It will be displayed in the gallery at Touchstones Rochdale from 10 February to 28 June 2020 as part of the 'Dippy on Tour: A Natural History Adventure' exhibition. We will be displaying so many bees that you might not be able to see yours but please be assured it will be displayed. Please note that we cannot return any bees. Please send the form below and your bee to:

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Bees for Rochdale! Please let us have some details so we can thank you for your help.

Name

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How did you hear about the bees for Rochdale project?.....

Please tick this box if you would like to be kept up to date (by email) about plans for Dippy's visit to Rochdale.