

## Knit a bumblebee

You need 4 double-ended needles, size 10 or thereabouts, some black DK wool and some yellow DK wool for the body and some white DK wool for the wings, also some polyester stuffing.

### Starting at the head:

1. Cast on 6 sts in **black**
2. K 1 round
3. Increase in every stitch on the next round (12 sts)
4. K 1 round
5. Increase in every stitch on the next round (24 sts)
- 6 and 7. K 2 rounds
8. (K6, K2tog) 3 times (21 sts)
9. K 1 round
10. K2, K2 tog, K5, K2 tog, K5, K2 tog, K3 (18 sts)
11. K 1 round
12. (K1, K2 tog) 6 times (12 sts)
13. K 1 round



### Moving on to the body:

Switch to **yellow** for the next 4 rounds

1. Increase in every stitch on the first round (24 sts)
2. K 1 round
3. K1, Increase in next stitch, K8, Increase in next stitch, K2, increase in next stitch, K8, increase in next stitch, K1 (28 sts)
4. K 1 round

Switch to **black** for the next 4 rounds

1. K1, increase in next stitch, K10, increase in next stitch, K2, Increase in next stitch, K10, increase in next stitch, K1 (32 sts)
- 2-4. K 3 rounds

Switch to **yellow** for the next 4 rounds

1. K1, K2 tog, K10, K2 tog, K2, K2 tog, K10, K2 tog, K1 (28 sts)
2. K 1 round
3. K1, K2 tog, K8, K2 tog, K2, K2 tog, K8, K2 tog, K1 (24 sts)
4. K 1 round

Switch to **black** for the rest of the body

1. (K2, K2 tog) 6 times (18 sts)
2. K 1 round
3. (K1, K2 tog) 6 times (12 sts)

### Stuff the head and body now

4. K2 tog all the way (6 sts)
  5. K2 tog all the way (3 sts)
  6. K a couple of rounds on these 3 to make the sting
- Pull the end of the wool through the last stitches and fasten off.

### **Wings:**

Using the double-ended needles, cast on 4 sts in **white** wool.

K 15 rounds. Cast off.

Attach cast on end to cast off end to make a loop.

Repeat for second wing.

Sew them onto the body at the neck, forming a bow-like arrangement.