

# Mini Beehive

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## SIZE

To fit an innocent smoothie

## YARN

- Cotton 2 Ply yarn/thread in cream
- Small amounts of fine crochet thread in red, white, black and yellow.

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## YOU WILL ALSO NEED

- A 3mm (UK11/US - ) Pony crochet hook
- Yarn needle to darn in ends
- Toy stuffing

## TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project

## ABBREVIATIONS

ch	chain
dc	double crochet
htr	half treble
ss	slip stitch
rep	repeat

## STITCHES USED

**Magic ring**

## PATTERN:

### Instructions

- Using a 3mm crochet hook and cream 2 ply yarn:
- **Round 1:** Work 11dc into magic ring.
- **Round 2:** work 2dc into each dc to end. (22dc).
- **Round 3:** \* 1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc rep from \* to end. (29dc).
- **Rounds 4 – 11:** work into the back loop of every dc of the previous round to end. This creates the ridged effect of the beehive.  
Then working in spiral:
- **Rounds 12 – 15:** work ss into every stitch.  
ss into next st and close.

## Bee Body

- Use a 3mm crochet hook and yellow crochet thread.
- **Round 1:** 2ch, 6dc in second chain from the hook, ss into first st of round. (6dc).
- **Round 2:** 1ch, 2dc into each st, ss into first st of round. (12dc). Change to black.
- **Rounds 3 – 4:** 1ch, dc into every stitch, ss into first st of round. (12dc). Change to yellow.
- **Rounds 5 – 6:** 1ch, dc into every stitch, ss into first st of round. (12dc). Change to black.
- **Rounds 7 – 8:** 1ch, dc into every stitch, ss into first st of round. (12dc). Change to yellow and work in a spiral, filling bee with stuffing as you are working.
- **Rounds 9 – 11:** 1ch, (dc2tog over next 2sts) rep until you have 1 stitch on your hook. Weave in end to close. Fasten off.
- Embroider mouth using a small length of black and work two French knots for the eyes.

### Bee Wings: Make 2.

- Use a 3mm crochet hook and white and working in a spiral.
- **Round 1:** 2ch, 6dc in second chain from the hook. (6dc).
- **Round 2:** (2dc into first st of previous round, 1dc into each of next 2sts) rep to end. (8dc).  
Fasten off.
- Stitch wings onto centre back.
- Weave in ends.

### Mini Flowers: Make 2.

- Use a 3mm hook and start with yellow.
- Make a magic ring and work 6 dc into the ring.
- Change to red.
- **Round 1:** \* 1ss, 1htr, 1ss repeat to end. ss to join with 1st stitch.  
Fasten off.

### Making Up

1. Thread a length of cream 2 ply yarn into the top of the beehive. Make 10 chain and carefully attach to the centre of the yellow body of the bee in between the wings.
2. Attach the flowers to the outside of the beehive.

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