

# amigurumi toys

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Not intended for small children

Amigurumi is the Japanese art of knitting or crocheting small stuffed animals, but may also include artistic renderings or inanimate objects endowed with human features. The word is derived from a combination of the Japanese words *ami*, which means “crocheted or knitted”, and *igurumi*, meaning “stuffed doll”.

Amigurumi are usually made with crochet hooks or knitting needles that are slightly smaller than normal; this is to achieve a tight gauge that retains stuffing. They are usually worked in sections and then joined, except for some amigurumi that are only a head and torso—these are worked as one piece.

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## Bumblebee

### materials

- *Caron International*  
Simply Soft (100% Acrylic) yarn in No. 9727 Black (A), and No. 9755 Sunshine (B), 1/2 oz. of each  
Simply Soft Collection (100% Acrylic) yarn in No. 0001 Vanilla (C), 1 oz.
- One size US F-5 (3.75mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge
- Fiberfill stuffing, stitch marker, yarn needle

### instructions

#### Notes:

Finished size of piece is approximately 3-1/2"/9cm across.

Gauge: In single crochet, 20 sts and 24 rows = 4"/10 cm.  
(Gauge is not critical for this project.)

Stitches used are chain (ch), single crochet (sc), and slip stitch (sl st). Special stitch is sc2tog: Single crochet 2 together—Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, (2 loops on hook), insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Bee is worked in continuous rounds with RS facing at all times. Do not turn and do not join at ends of rounds. Place a marker for beginning of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

Though gauge is not critical, make sure to work tightly so stuffing will not show through stitches.

To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Proceed with new color. Do not fasten off old color; carry color not in use up WS of work until next needed.

#### Body

1. With A, ch 2.
  2. Round 1 (RS): Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook—6 sc. Place marker for beginning of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.
  3. Round 2: Work 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.
  4. Rounds 3 and 4: Sc in each sc around.
  5. Round 5: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times; change to B in last sc—18 sc.
  6. Round 6: With B, [sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times; change to A in last sc—24 sc.
  7. Round 7: With A, sc in each sc around; change to B in last sc.
  8. Round 8: With B, [sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—30 sc.
- Note:** Continue to change color at the end of every round,

alternating between A and B.

9. Rounds 9 – 16: Sc in each sc around.

**Note:** Begin to stuff piece. Continue to stuff as piece is completed, if needed.

10. Round 17: [Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sc] 6 times—24 sc.

11. Round 18: Sc in each sc around.

12. Round 19: [Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times—18 sc.

13. Round 20: Sc in each sc around.

14. Round 21: [Sc2tog, sc in next sc] 6 times—12 sc.

15. Round 22: Sc in each sc around.

16. Round 23: [Sc2tog] 6 times—6 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Weave tail through stitches of last round and pull gently, but firmly, to close opening. Secure end.

#### Wings (make 2)

1. With C, ch 2.
2. Rounds 1 and 2: With C, work same as Rounds 1 and 2 of bee body—12 sc.
3. Round 3: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sc.
4. Round 4: [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—24 sc.
5. Round 5: [Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—30 sc. Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

#### Finishing

1. Using yarn tails, sew wings to sides of bee. With C, make French knots for eyes.

2. Weave ends into bee. Roll bee in hands to evenly distribute stuffing.

## Sun

### materials

- *Caron International* Simply Soft Brites (100% Acrylic) yarn in No. 9605 Mango, 2 oz.
- One size US F-5 (3.75 mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge.
- 9mm diameter safety eyes (one pair), black yarn or embroidery floss (a small amount), fiberfill stuffing, stitch marker, yarn needle

### instructions

#### Notes:

Finished size of piece is approximately 4"/10cm across.

Gauge: In single crochet, 20 sts and 24 rows = 4"/10 cm.  
(Gauge is not critical for this project.)

Stitches used are chain (ch), half double crochet (hdc), single crochet (sc), and slip stitch (sl st). Special stitch is sc2tog: Single crochet 2 together—Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, (2 loops on hook), insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

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Sun is worked in continuous rounds with RS facing at all times. Do not turn and do not join at ends of rounds. Place a marker for beginning of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

Though gauge is not critical, make sure to work tightly so stuffing will not show through stitches.

## Center

1. Ch 2.
2. Round 1 (RS): Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook—6 sc. Place marker for beginning of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.
3. Round 2: Work 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.
4. Round 3: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sc.
5. Round 4: [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—24 sc.
6. Round 5: [Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—30 sc.
7. Round 6: [Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—36 sc.
8. Round 7: [Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—42 sc.
9. Rounds 8 and 9: Sc in each sc around.
10. Rounds 10 and 11: Working in back loops only, sc in each sc around.

**Note:** The unused front loops form the base for the sun's rays.

11. Rounds 12 and 13: Sc in each sc around.
  12. Round 14: [Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sc] 6 times—36 sc.
- Note:** Attach safety eyes between Rounds 4 and 5. With black yarn, embroider a straight stitch mouth, centered below the eyes. Begin to stuff piece, and continue to stuff as piece is completed, if needed.
13. Round 15: [Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sc] 6 times—30 sc.
  14. Round 16: [Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sc] 6 times—24 sc.
  15. Round 17: [Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times—18 sc.
  16. Round 18: [Sc2tog, sc in next sc] 6 times—12 sc.
  17. Round 19: [Sc2tog] 6 times—6 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Weave tail through stitches of last round and pull gently, but firmly, to close opening. Secure end.

## Rays

1. With front facing you, and working through both unused front loops (at the same time) of Rounds 9 and 10, join with an sc in any pair of front loops.
  2. Row 1: Sc in each pair of unused front loops around; join with sl st in first sc—42 sc.
  3. Row 2: Ch 2, hdc in each sc around; join with sl st in first hdc.
- Note:** Each ray is worked back and forth in rows over 6 sc of Round 2. When one ray is completed, yarn is fastened off and rejoined to work next ray.
4. Row 3: Ch 1, sc in next 6 sts, turn; leave remaining sts unworked (for remaining rays).
  5. Row 4: Ch 1, sc in next 6 sc, turn.
  6. Row 5: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog, turn—4 sc.
  7. Row 6: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.
  8. Row 7: Ch 1, [sc2tog] twice, turn—2 sc.
  9. Row 8: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

10. Row 9: Ch 1, sc2tog, turn—1 sc.

11. Row 10: Ch 1, sc in sc. Fasten off.

12. Next Ray: With front facing you, join yarn with sc in next unworked st following previous ray, sc in next 5 sts (for a total of 6 sc), turn. Repeat Rows 4–10. Fasten off.

13. Repeat 5 more times for remaining rays. Do not fasten off at end of last ray.

14. Edging: Ch 1, sc evenly spaced across edges of all rays around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

## Finishing

1. Using yarn needle, weave in all ends. Roll sun in hands to evenly distribute stuffing. Bend rays toward front.

## Sunflower

### materials

- Caron International Simply Soft (100% Acrylic) yarn in No. 9750 Chocolate (A) and No. 9755 Sunshine (B), 1 oz. of each
- One size US F-5 (3.75 mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge.
- 9mm diameter safety eyes (one pair), fiberfill stuffing, stitch marker, yarn needle

### instructions

#### Notes:

Finished size of piece is approximately 3-1/2"/9cm across.

Gauge: In single crochet, 20 sts and 24 rows = 4"/10cm. (Gauge is not critical for this project.)

Stitches used are chain (ch), and single crochet (sc). Special stitch is sc2tog: Single crochet 2 together—Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, (2 loops on hook), insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Sunflower center is worked in continuous rounds with RS facing at all times. Do not turn and do not join at ends of rounds. Place a marker for beginning of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

Though gauge is not critical, make sure to work tightly so stuffing will not show through stitches.

### Sunflower Center

1. With A, ch 2.
2. Round 1 (RS): Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook—6 sc. Place marker for beginning of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.
3. Round 2: Work 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.
4. Round 3: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sc.
5. Round 4: [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—24 sc.
6. Round 5: [Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—30 sc.

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7. Round 6: [Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—36 sc.

8. Rounds 7-10: Sc in each sc around.

**Note:** Attach safety eyes between Rounds 6 and 7. Begin to stuff piece, and continue to stuff as piece is completed, if needed.

9. Round 11: [Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sc] 6 times—30 sc.

10. Round 12: [Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sc] 6 times—24 sc.

11. Round 13: [Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times—18 sc.

12. Round 14: [Sc2tog, sc in next sc] 6 times—12 sc.

13. Round 15: [Sc2tog] 6 times—6 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Weave tail through stitches of last round and pull gently, but firmly, to close opening. Secure end.

## Petal Cup

1. With B, ch 2.

2. Row 1 - 6: With B, work same as Rounds 1-6 of sunflower center—36 sc.

3. Row 7 - 9: Sc in each sc around.

**Note:** Each petal is worked back and forth in rows over 6 sc of Round 9. When one petal is completed, the yarn is fastened off and rejoined to work next petal.

4. Row 10: Ch 1, sc in next 6 sts, turn; leave remaining sts unworked (for remaining petals).

5. Row 11: Ch 1, sc in next 6 sc, turn.

6. Row 12: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog, turn—4 sc.

7. Row 13: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

8. Row 14: Ch 1, [sc2tog] twice, turn—2 sc.

9. Row 15: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

10. Row 16: Ch 1, sc2tog, turn—1 sc.

11. Row 17: Ch 1, sc in sc. Fasten off.

12. Next petal: With front facing you, join yarn with sc in next unworked sc following previous petal, sc in next 5 sc (for a total of 6 sc), turn. Repeat Rows 11 - 17.

13. Fasten off. Repeat 4 more times for remaining petals.

## Finishing

1. Sew center to petal cup. With B, make French knots on center for eyes. Using yarn needle, weave in all ends. Roll sunflower in hands to evenly distribute stuffing. ★