



# Bee Mobile

AMIGURUMI PATTERN

Skill Level: ★★☆☆

# BEFORE START

## Supplies



Alabama 1



Alabama 2



Alabama 35



Alabama 71



Paris 14

- Colored yarn\*: brown (1 ball), yellow (2 balls), orange yellow (3 balls), black (1 ball) and white (1 ball), for a 4-4.5 mm crochet hook.

- A little yarn to embroider the details of the bees' faces: white, pink and black.

- 3.5 mm crochet hook.

- A 17 cm diameter frame and a larger one (I used a 30 cm frame).

- A 45x45 cm piece of cotton fabric (or the size needed to hold it in the large frame).

- Waxed white thread or a thin rope to hang the mobile (3 meters approximately).

- Fiberfill.

- Tapestry needle, pins, scissors and a stitch marker.

- Concentrated nylon starch sizing (to harden sunflower petals).

\*I used Drops Paris yarn for the petals and Katia Alabama for everything else.

## Size

The finished sunflower mobile with bees measures approximately 30 cm wide by 50 cm high (depending on what you want the bees to hang from), if you make it with the same threads and needle as recommended, and use a frame of the same diameter as I did.

## Stitch key

This pattern is written using US crochet terms.

Crochet in continuous rows (spiral), unless otherwise indicated.

ch	chain.
sc	single crochet.
hdc	half double crochet.
dc	double crochet.
inc	increase, 2 sc in one stitch.
dec	decrease, 2 sc together.
slst	slip stitch.
BLO	Back Loops Only.



## Bee head-body

Start at the head with yellow yarn.

RND		
1	6 sc in a magic ring	(6)
2	6 inc	(12)
3	(1 sc, 1 inc) x 6	(18)
4	(1 sc, 1 inc, 1 sc) x 6	(24)
5	(3 sc, 1 inc) x 6	(30)
6-12	30 sc (7 rounds)	(30)
13	(3 sc, 1 dec) x 6	(24)
14	(1 sc, 1 dec, 1 sc) x 6	(18)
15	18 sc	(18)

Place the eyes between rounds 4 and 5, one on each side of the head.

Embroidery on the outside of the eyes with white yarn (PHOTO 1).

Embroider cheeks with pink yarn (PHOTO 2).

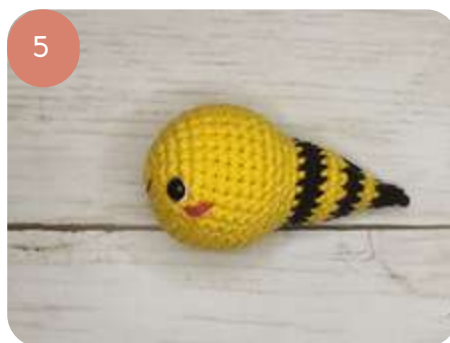
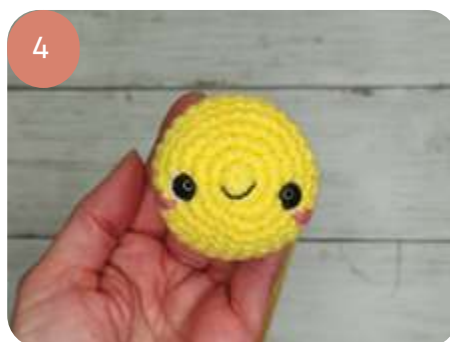
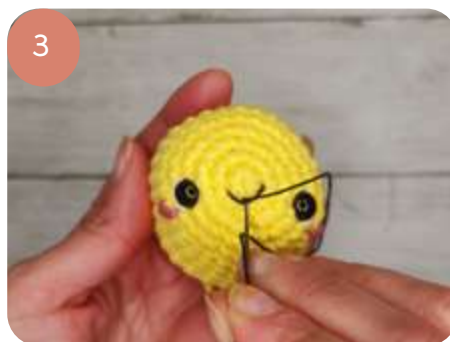
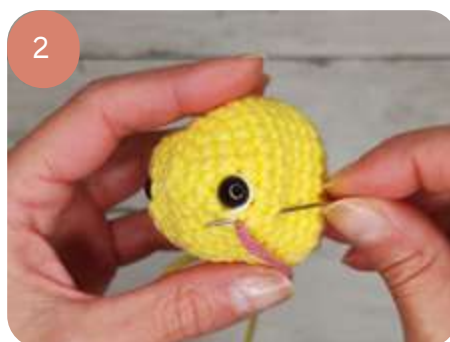
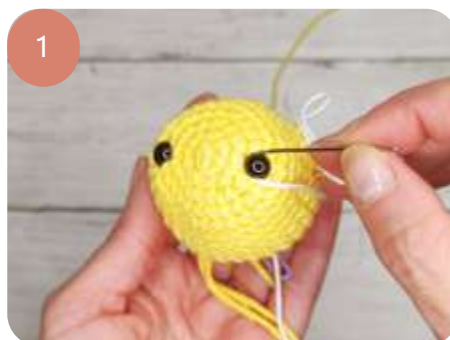
Embroider the mouth with black yarn (PHOTO 4).

Stuff and continue stuffing as you go.

From the next round we will start alternating with black and yellow stripes.

RND		
16-17	With black: 18 sc (2 rounds)	(18)
18-19	With yellow: 18 sc (2 rounds)	(18)
20	With black: (1 sc, 1 dec) x 6	(12)
21	With black: 12 sc	(12)
22	With yellow: 12 sc	(12)
23	With yellow: 6 dec	(6)
24	With black: 6 sc	(6)
25	With black: 3 dec	(3)

Fasten off, cut the yarn and hide the yarn end. It is not necessary to close the opening (PHOTO 5).



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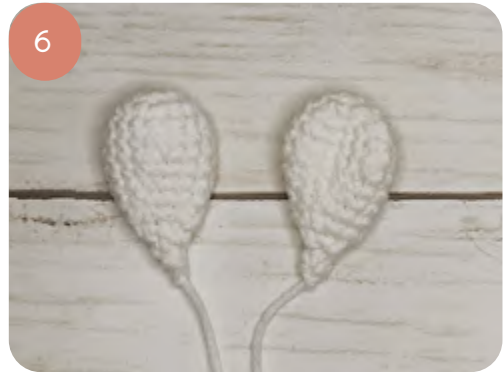
## Wings

Make 16 with white yarn (2 for each bee).

RND		
1	6 sc in a magic ring	(6)
2	6 inc	(12)
3	(1 sc, 1 inc) x 6	(18)
4-5	18 sc (2 rounds)	(18)
6	(4 sc, 1 dec) x 3	(15)
7	15 sc	(15)
8	(3 sc, 1 dec) x 3	(12)
9	12 sc	(12)
10	(2 sc, 1 dec) x 3	(9)
11	(1 sc, 1 dec) x 3	(6)
12	3 dec	(3)

Cut the yarn leaving a long strand for sewing (PHOTO 6).

Sew the 2 wings together at the base, joining them at rounds 11 and 12 (PHOTOS 7-8).



## Antennae

Make 16 with black yarn (2 for each bee).

Make 10 ch, in the fourth ch from the hook, crochet back along the chains:

1 hdc, 6 slst

Fasten off, cut the yarn leaving a long strand for sewing (PHOTO 9).



## Sunflower

We will make a sunflower and mount it on a frame.

To do this, we start by mounting the fabric on the large frame (PHOTO 10).

Then we will place the inner hoop of the small frame and mark the outer edge with a marker pen (it can be erasable or not, because it will not be visible), in the center of the fabric (PHOTOS 11-12).



Now we can start crocheting the sunflower.

### WARNING!

We will crochet increasing rounds until it reaches a diameter a little smaller than the drawn circumference (about half a cm from the edge) and then we will continue crocheting rounds without increases.

This way you will be able to adjust it well, according to your tension and the size of your frame.

If your sunflower has more or less rounds than mine, it will also have more or less petals than mine.



# MAKING

Start with brown yarn.

RND		
1	6 sc in a magic ring	(6)
2	6 inc	(12)
3	(1 sc, 1 inc) x 6	(18)
4	(1 sc, 1 inc, 1 sc) x 6	(24)
5	(3 sc, 1 inc) x 6	(30)
6	(2 sc, 1 inc, 2 sc) x 6	(36)
7	<b>BLO:</b> (5 sc, 1 inc) x 6	(42)
8	<b>BLO:</b> (3 sc, 1 inc, 3 sc) x 6	(48)
9	<b>BLO:</b> (7 sc, 1 inc) x 6	(54)
10	<b>BLO:</b> (4 sc, 1 inc, 4 sc) x 6	(60)
11	(9 sc, 1 inc) x 6	(66)
12	(5 sc, 1 inc, 5 sc) x 6	(72)
13	(11 sc, 1 inc) x 6	(78)
14	(6 sc, 1 inc, 6 sc) x 6	(84)
15	(13 sc, 1 inc) x 6	(90)
16	(7 sc, 1 inc, 7 sc) x 6	(96)
17	(15 sc, 1 inc) x 6 Check the size, if it is close to the circumference you have marked on the fabric, make more rounds of increases or less, depending on how it looks.	(102)
18-24	102 sc (7 rounds)	(102)
25-26	<b>BLO:</b> 102 sc (2 rounds)	(102)

Fasten off, cut the yarn leaving a long strand for sewing (PHOTO 13).

Now we will crochet in the front loops of rounds 7 to 10, as follows:

1 slst, \*3 ch, skip 1 stitch, 1 slst\*

Repeat the sequence between \* until there are no more free front strands (PHOTOS 14-16).



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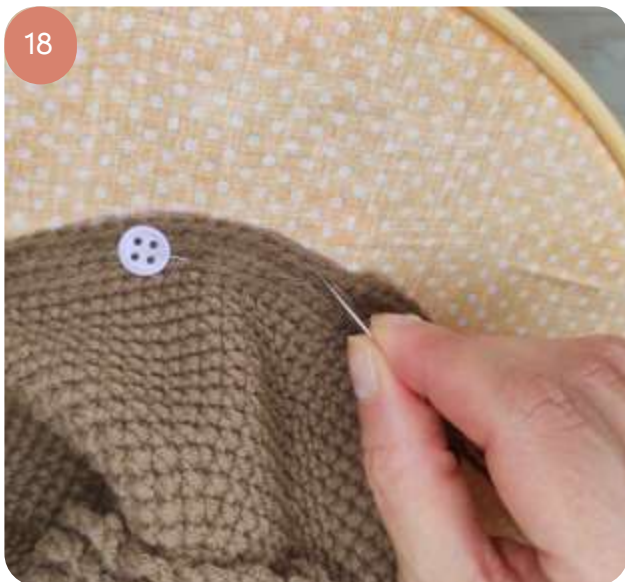
Pin onto the fabric, adjusting the edge to the drawn circumference (PHOTO 17).

Sew all around the edge (PHOTO 18) and when there are about 5 cm left to close the opening, stuff firmly (PHOTO 19).

Finish sewing.

You can now detach the fabric from the frame.

(PHOTOS 20-21).



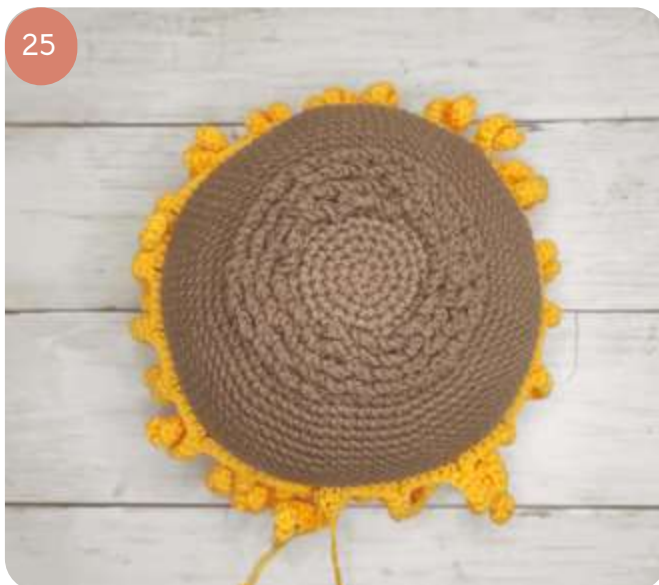
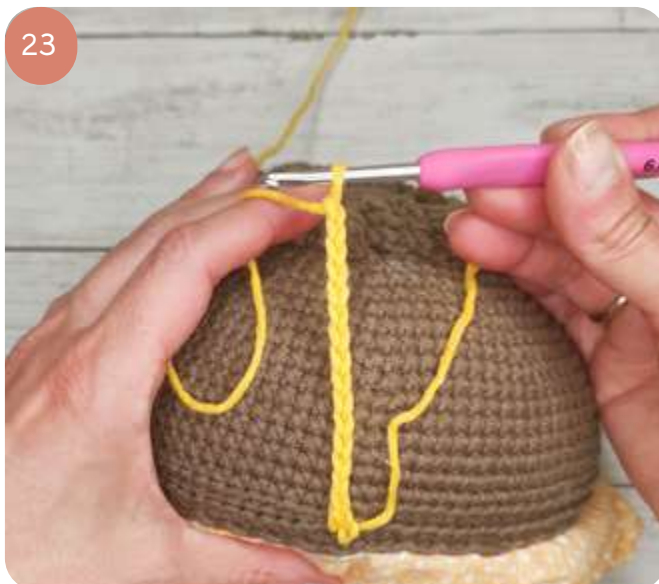
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Now we will make the petals, crocheting through the front loops of rounds 25 and 26.

With the fabric side facing you, attach the yellow orange yarn to the last free loop of the 26th row (PHOTO 22). And make:

ROW	
1	2 sc, (15 ch [PHOTO 23], in the second ch from the hook, crochet back along the chains 14 sc, 5 sc on the base [PHOTO 24]) x 39, in the second ch from the hook, crochet back along the chains 14 sc, 2 sc on the base, 1 ch and turn [PHOTO 25]
2	Skip 2 stitches and <b>*on the side of the petal make:</b> <b>9 dc, 3 hdc, 2 sc [PHOTO 26]</b>  <b>At the tip of the petal:</b> <b>3 ch [PHOTO 27], 1 slst in the first ch we just made [PHOTO 28]</b>  <b>Going down the other side of the petal:</b> <b>2 sc, 3 hdc, 9 dc [PHOTO 29]</b>  <b>Skip 2 stitches, 1 slst in the base [PHOTO 30], skip 2 stitches* x 40</b>  Repeat the sequence between * until the end.

Fasten off, cut the yarn and hide the yarn ends (PHOTO 31)



# MAKING

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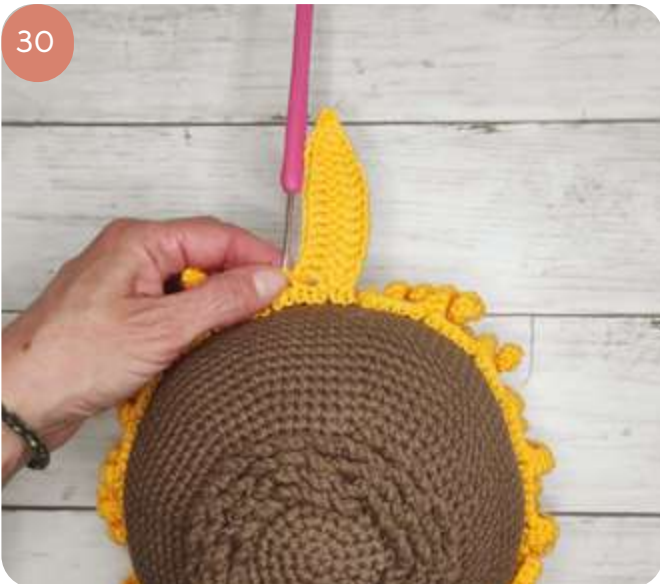
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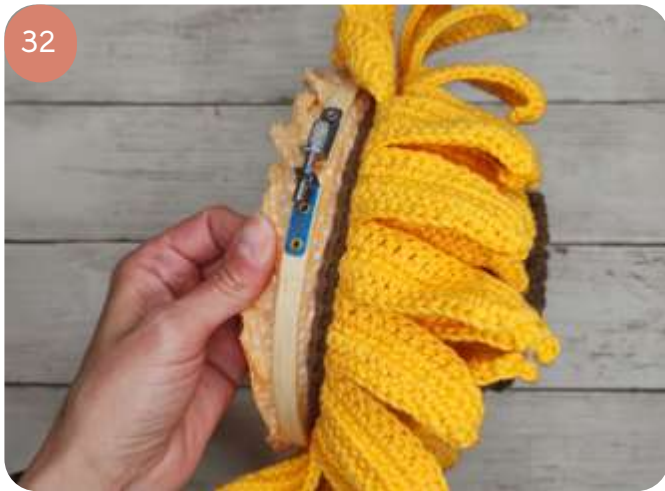


# MAKING

Place the small frame, and adjust so that the sunflower is completely on edge (PHOTOS 32 AND 33).

Trim the fabric about 3-4 cm from the edge (PHOTO 34).

Roll up the fabric and glue it to the frame (PHOTOS 35-37).



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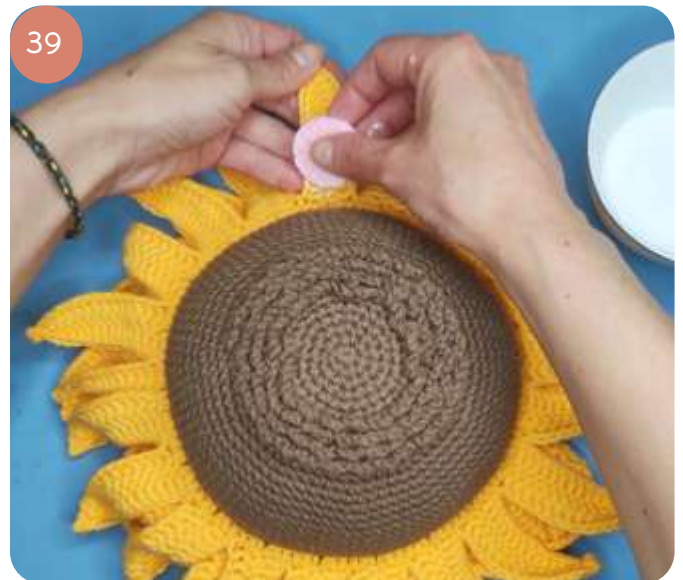
Now we will harden the petals.

This part is optional but highly recommended.

With undiluted concentrated nylon starch sizing (PHOTO 38), and with the help of a sponge, wet all the petals 1 by 1 (PHOTO 39).

Start at the bottom and finish at the top.

Allow to dry 24 hours or until completely dry for firmness (PHOTOS 40 AND 41).



# ASSEMBLY

## Assembly of the bees

Let's prepare the 8 bees.

First pin and then sew the wings on top of the first black stripe (PHOTOS 42-44).

Now pin the antennae between rounds 6 and 7, 6 sc apart. Make sure they are aligned with the eyes and slightly curved outward (PHOTOS 45 - 48).

Sew them.

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## Assembly of the mobile

First cut 4 strong threads (I used waxed thread) 65 cm long (or longer, depending on how long you want it to hang).

With a needle pass each of the threads through the red dots marked on PHOTO 49 and tie a tight knot at the edge.

Join the 4 threads and tie a knot leaving a loop to hang the mobile (PHOTO 50). Make sure that the knot is at the same distance on all the threads. Tie the end of the threads together to make sure that the knot does not unravel (PHOTO 51).



The time has come to place the bees.

Cut long strands of yarn and tie a knot, thread through each bee and pull the yarn out about 3 rounds above the wings (PHOTO 52).

Check that it stays straight when hanging on the thread. If it doesn't, rectify it so that when it hangs on the thread it is straight.

My advice is to hang the mobile somewhere you have handy to place the bees. Once you are sure you like them that way, you can sew them on.

Tie each bee around the sunflower, making sure that they are about the same distance apart. I have placed them so that each one hangs a little more than the previous one, all around the sunflower.

If you wish, you can also put the mobile with the frame hanging on the wall, as if it were a tapestry, and let the bees hang down.



And your mobile is FINISHED! ❤️

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