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Amigurumi press
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es-BEE-lotta

An Amigurumi crochet pattern

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Notes

Materials

- yarn/wool in crème, white, yellow, orange
- crochet hook in fitting size
- filling
- embroidery floss or yarn in brown, red
- if desired: some pink powder (e.g. blusher, chalk) for the cheeks
- tapestry needle, scissors, stitch marker

Skills level: *easy to intermediate.*

The basic figure is worked in single crochet only. For the wings half double crochet and double crochet are additionally used. This pattern does not include basic crochet tutorials.

For up-to-date information, free patterns, interesting links and recommended tutorials (e.g. "*Magic Ring*") please visit my website:

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Some tips for making Amigurumis

- I recommend beginning all rounds with an adjustable ring ("*Magic Ring*"). (Alternatively you can also start with 2 chains.)
- All rounds are worked in a continuous spiral; do not join rounds with a slip stitch, **unless indicated**.
- You may find it useful to use a stitch marker (e.g. a piece of yarn) for counting your rounds.
- When stuffing your Amigurumi (or parts of it), take care to give each part a nice shape, don't just put the filling in randomly.
- I also recommend taking your time when making (embroidering) your Amigurumi's face.

Pattern

Abbreviations

US notation

st	stitch
sl st	slip stitch
ch	chain
sc	single crochet
hdc	half double crochet
dc	double crochet
inc	increase (2 sc in next stitch)
dec	decrease (2 sc worked off together)
FO	fasten off

Head and Body (one piece)

*With **crème**:*

Round 1: 6 sc
Round 2: inc (12)
Round 3: (sc, inc) repeat around (18)
Round 4: (2 sc, inc) repeat around (24)
Round 5 – 7: sc around (24)
Round 8: (2 sc, dec) repeat around (18)
Round 9: dec around (9)

*Change color to **orange**:*

Round 10: (2 sc, inc) repeat around (12)
Round 11: (sc, inc) repeat around (18)

Stuff head firmly.

*Change color to **yellow**:*

Round 12 – 13: sc around (18)

*Change color to **orange**:*

Round 14 – 15: sc around (18)

*Change color to **yellow**:*

Round 16 – 17: sc around (18)

Stuff body before closing completely.

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*Change color to **orange**:*

Round 18: (sc, dec) repeat around (12)
Round 19: dec around (6)

FO, leave a long yarn tail. With tapestry needle, weave yarn tail through front loops of last round and pull tight, so that the hole is closed. Weave in loose end.

Wings *(make 2)*

*With **white**:*

ch 8 (= beginning-ch)

sc in 2nd ch from hook, 2 sc, 2 hdc, dc, 5 dc in last ch (work "around the corner") – continue crocheting on the other side of the beginning-ch: dc, 2 hdc, 3 sc

FO, leave a long yarn tail, sew to the back of the bee. Weave in loose ends.

(*Note:* For detailed information about starting with a beginning-ch please see my tutorial "How to crochet an oval").

Antennas *(make 2)*

Cut about 30 cm (12 inches) of **orange** yarn and fold it in half.

Use a smaller hook (just because this is easier to do with a smaller hook) and insert it right in front of the stitch where you want to attach the antenna. Put the hook out again right behind this stitch. (You should do this with your hook pointing to the back of your es-BEE-lotta.)

Now grab the middle of the yarn with the hook and pull a small loop of yarn through (from back to front).

Take the normal sized hook again and put it in the loop. Grab the two yarn tails together (as if they were one piece of yarn) and ch 8 (or as much ch as needed to reach the desired length).

FO, cut yarn tails (not too short to keep the end securely fixed).

Finishing

- Embroider eyes with brown and a biiig smile with red embroidery floss or yarn. (You will need to attach the mouth with some tiny stitches to keep the yarn in place.)

- If you want to, give *es-BEE-lotta* two tiny pink cheeks.

Congrats!

Your little **es-BEE-lotta** is now finished! – Enjoy your little colourful critter!