

Honey Bee Coaster

This step-by-step guide will walk you through creating a beautiful honey bee coaster from start to finish. Even if you're a beginner, you'll be able to follow along and complete this adorable project with confidence!

COMPLETE TUTORIAL: CROCHET HONEY BEE COASTER

MATERIALS & MEASUREMENTS



YARN:
Size 10 Cotton Thread
(approx. 50g Yellow, 20g Black, small amount Silver)



RECOMMENDED HOOK:
B-1 / 2.25mm or smaller



FINISHED SIZE:
Approx. 11 cm (4.3 in) diameter



ACCESSORIES:
Stitch markers, tapestry needle, small embroidery needle for wings

YARN COLOR PALETTE:



1. Rich Yellow



2. Jet Black



3. Metallic Silver Thread

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS (US TERMS)

- 1



CREATE CENTER DISC (Yellow):
Start with Magic Ring (MR).
Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR. Join, ch 1. (6 sts).
Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (12 sts).
- 2



INCREASE ROUNDS (Yellow):
Continue sc rounds with 6 increases per round, the inc. points.
Rnd 3-7: Follow sc inc pattern (e.g., [sc 1, inc] x 6).
Total rounds: 7, total sts: 42.
- 3



EDGE BORDER (Black):
Fasten off yellow. Join black.
3 dc in 1st st, sl st in next.
Repeat from * to * around.
Fasten off and weave ends.
- 4



BEE AB-DOME & THORAX (Black):
Sc in MR for **Rnd 1**.
Sc inc rnds to shape.
Total of approx 15 sts, decreas.
Thorax: smaller sc ball.
- 5



SILVER WINGS (Metallic Silver & Black):
(Using a finer needle for silver)
Ch 5, sc in chain. Then surface sl with silver to create wing pattern.
Border with black sc.
- 6



FINAL ASSEMBLY & EMBROIDERY:
Place bee body. Use black yarn and tapestry needle for legs (3 pairs) and antennae. Sew wings. Add black stripes with surface sl st onto the abdomen. Sew entire bee to center disc.

LEGEND & STITCH GUIDE (US TERMS)

MR (Magic Ring)

1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 

Ch (Chain)



sl st (Slip Stitch)

1. 
2. 

sc (Single Crochet)

3. 
3. 

dc (Double Crochet)

4. 
5. 

inc (Increase)

2 sc in 1 st. 

Surface sl st (for stripes & wings)



Weave Ends





Materials & Measurements

Before starting, gather all your materials to make the process smooth and enjoyable:

- **Yarn:** Size 10 cotton thread
 - Approx. 50g Rich Yellow
 - Approx. 20g Jet Black
 - Small amount of Metallic Silver thread
- **Recommended Hook:** B-1 / 2.25 mm (or smaller if you crochet tightly)
- **Finished Size:** Approximately 11 cm (4.3 inches) in diameter
- **Accessories:**
 - Stitch markers
 - Tapestry needle
 - Small embroidery needle (for wings)



Stitch Abbreviations (US Terms)

- MR = Magic Ring
 - ch = chain
 - sl st = slip stitch
 - sc = single crochet
 - dc = double crochet
 - inc = increase (2 sc in the same stitch)
 - surface sl st = surface slip stitch (used for embroidery details)
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Step 1: Create the Center Disc (Yellow)

Start by making the base of your coaster:

1. Begin with a **Magic Ring (MR)**. If you're not familiar, wrap yarn around your fingers to form a loop and insert your hook into it.
2. **Round 1 (Rnd 1):** Work 6 single crochets (sc) into the magic ring.
3. Pull the ring tightly to close the center.
4. Join with a slip stitch (sl st) into the first stitch.
5. Chain 1 (ch 1).

You should now have **6 stitches**.

6. **Round 2 (Rnd 2):** Make 2 sc in each stitch around (increase in every stitch).
7. Join with sl st and ch 1.

You now have **12 stitches**.



COMPLETE CROCHET CHART TUTORIAL: THE DETAILED BEE COASTER



MATERIALS & PREPARATION

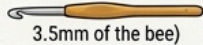


Yellow
(Color A)
Category 3
Light/DK

Black
(Color B)
Category 3
Light/DK

Silver/Gold Thread
(4 Medium/
Worsted)

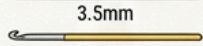
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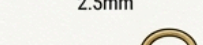
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2.5mm of the bee



3.5mm

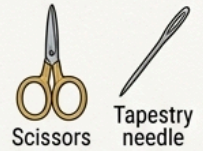


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Scissors

NOTIONS



Scissors

Tapestry needle

DIMENSIONS (FINISHED)



~10 cm

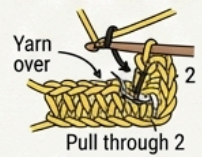
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Finished Coaster Diameter:
~10 cm (4 inches)

STITCH LEGEND & KEY

(Detailed US terminology)

SC: Single Crochet



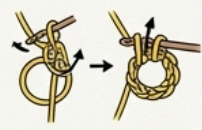
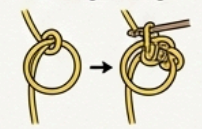
HDC: Half Double Crochet



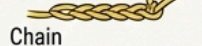
DC: Double Crochet



MR: Magic Ring



CH



SL ST



BLO



Back Loop Only

FLO



Front Loop Only

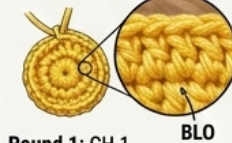
Picot



STEP-BY-STEP COASTER BASE

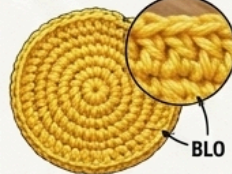
(Concentric Yellow Disk)

Round 1 (MR)



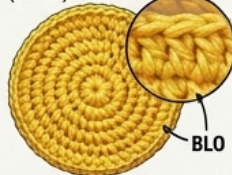
Round 1: CH 1, Make MR, CH 1, work [e.g., 6 SC] into MR. Join with SL ST. (6 sts)

Round 2 (Increases):



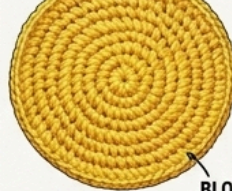
CH 1, 2 SC in each st around (BLO). Join. (12 sts)

Round 3:

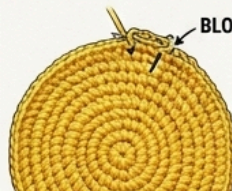


CH 1, [1 SC, 2 SC in next st (inc)] around (BLO). Join. (18 sts)

Continue for X more rounds with increases (BLO).



Round 3: CH 1, 1 SC, 2 SC in next st (inc) around (BLO). Join. (18 sts)



Continue for X more rounds with increases (BLO).

STEP-BY-STEP BLACK BEE APPLIQUE & BORDER

Bee Body & Stripes

Body: Start with Black, CH 5, work SC around an 6. (illustrative steps). Back to Yellow st. around st, work SC around. (8 st sts)

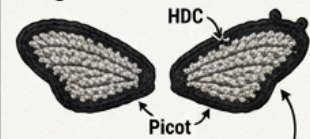


Color-Changing Technique

• Back Color-Changing Technique



Wings:



Wings: Using Black, work [detailed pattern, e.g., HDC and Picot details]. Surface slip stitch accents using Silver Thread

Assemble:

Sew bee onto coaster using Black yarn. Head slightly overlaps. Work



Work **Black Shell Border** (5 SC into slightly overlaps.). Work **Black Shell Border** (5 SC into next st, sk 1 st, SL ST into next st, FLO) around entire edge.

TIPS & TROUBLESHOOTING

GLOSSARY for additional context


Take your time here—this forms the foundation of your coaster.

Step 2: Increase Rounds (Yellow)

Now you'll expand the circle evenly:

1. Continue working in rounds, increasing by **6 stitches per round**.
2. Follow this pattern:
 - **Rnd 3:** (sc 1, inc) repeat 6 times → 18 sts
 - **Rnd 4:** (sc 2, inc) repeat 6 times → 24 sts
 - **Rnd 5:** (sc 3, inc) repeat 6 times → 30 sts
 - **Rnd 6:** (sc 4, inc) repeat 6 times → 36 sts
 - **Rnd 7:** (sc 5, inc) repeat 6 times → 42 sts
3. After each round, join with sl st and ch 1.

By the end, you should have a flat circle with **42 stitches total**.

 Tip: If your circle starts to curl, your tension may be too tight—try loosening slightly or using a larger hook.

Step 3: Add the Edge Border (Black)

Now let's give your coaster a bold outline:

1. Fasten off the yellow yarn neatly.
2. Join black yarn to any stitch on the edge.
3. Work the following pattern:
 - *3 double crochets (dc) in the first stitch,*
 - *slip stitch (sl st) in the next stitch*
4. Repeat from * to * all the way around.





This creates a scalloped edge.

5. Once complete, fasten off and weave in all ends using a tapestry needle.
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

CROCHET TUTORIAL: BUMBLEBEE COASTER

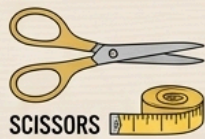
1 SUPPLIES & MEASUREMENTS

YARNS

-  **YELLOW:** Mercerized Cotton (e.g., fingering weight)
-  **BLACK:** Mercerized Cotton
-   **METALLIC:** Black/Silver Blended Thread

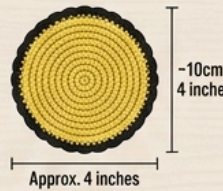
HOOKS

- RECOMMENDED:**
 3.0mm (D/3) for Coaster,
 2.5mm for Bee



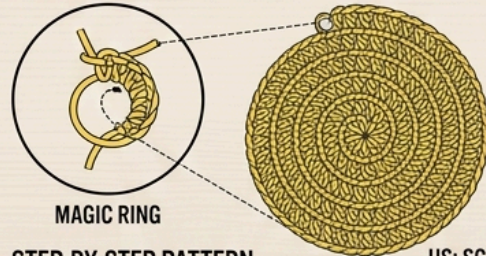
SCISSORS

MEASURING TAPE



Approx. 4 inches

2 PART 1: COASTER BASE (YELLOW)



MAGIC RING

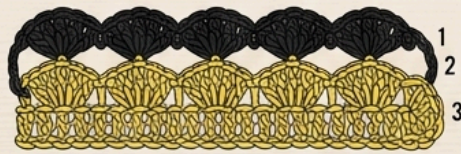
STEP-BY-STEP PATTERN

- RND 1: MR, 6 SC in ring.
 RND 2: 2 SC in each st (12 sts).
 RND 3: [SC, INC] x6 (18 sts).
 RND 4: [2 SC, INC] x6 (24 sts).
 Continue until diameter is reached.







US: SC

Stitches are tightly joined for a flat circle. Join final round with a slip stitch (US: SL ST) to first stitch of rnd.

3 PART 2: BLACK BORDER (BLACK)



- RND 1: SC around base.
 RND 2 (Border):
 *SC in first st, [HDC, DC, HDC] in next st, SL ST in next st.
 Repeat from * to end.

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|---|--------|---|-----|
|  | US: SC |  | SC |
|  | HDC |  | HDC |
|  | DC |  | DC |

4 PART 3: THE BUMBLEBEE (BLACK & METALLIC)

HEAD & THORAX



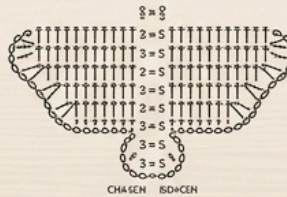
Tight SC in magic ring
 tight SC in magic ring

ABDOMEN



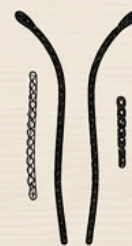
Black SC body over metallic thread surface stitching (color changes or post stitches)

WINGS



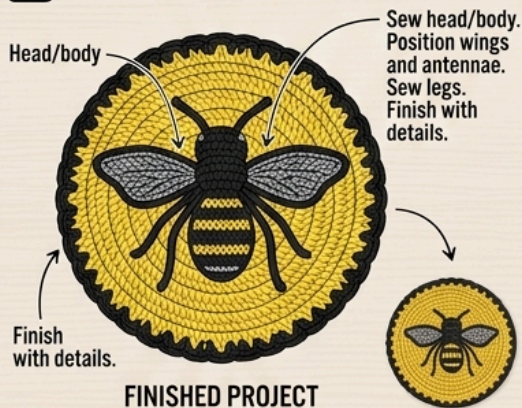
Increasing chains, decreasing, five chains, Diversing/decreasing stitches, and diverse to shape wings.

LEGS/ANTENNAE



Chain-and-and-slip-stitch

5 FINAL ASSEMBLY & LEGEND



US CROCHET TERMS & METHODS LEGEND

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|---|--------------------|---|---|
|  | SC |  | Magic Ring in magic ring |
|  | HDC |  | INC increasing after st |
|  | DC |  | DEC (increasing single stitches or post stitches) |
|  | SL ST (Magic Ring) | | |

WORKING METHODS

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|---|---|---|--|
|  | Working in spiral where the coaster or working in spiral. |  | Working in spiral, in coaster and color changes. |
|  | Working in spiral and with in water and color changes. |  | Color changes with in wings and color changes. |

● Step 4: Crochet the Bee Body (Abdomen & Thorax)

Now we create the 3D bee:

Abdomen:

1. Using black yarn, make a **Magic Ring (MR)**.
2. **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in MR (6 sts).
3. **Rnd 2+:** Continue increasing slightly to shape a rounded oval:
 - Add increases gradually to reach about **15 stitches total**.
4. Once the shape is formed, begin decreasing slightly if needed to close the form.

You want a small, slightly oval ball shape.

Thorax:

1. Make a smaller version of the abdomen using the same method.
2. Keep it compact and rounded.

Fasten off both pieces, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Step 5: Make the Silver Wings

This part adds a delicate touch to your bee:

1. Using metallic silver thread and a finer needle:
2. Chain 5.
3. Work **single crochet (sc)** into each chain stitch.
4. Turn your work and repeat for a second row if desired.
5. Create two identical wing shapes.

To enhance the design:

6. Use **surface slip stitch** with silver thread to add texture or vein-like details.
7. Switch to black yarn and crochet a border around each wing using sc stitches.

Fasten off and leave a small tail for sewing.

Step 6: Final Assembly & Embroidery

Now bring everything together:

1. Position the bee body (abdomen and thorax) in the center of your coaster.
2. Use a tapestry needle and black yarn to sew the pieces securely in place.
3. Attach the wings on top of the thorax.

Add Details:

4. Use black yarn to embroider:
 - **Legs (3 pairs)** along the sides
 - **Antennae** on the head
 5. Add **black stripes** to the abdomen using surface slip stitch:
 - Insert hook into the surface
 - Pull yarn through and create slip stitches across the body
 6. Make sure all parts are securely attached.
 7. Weave in all remaining ends neatly.
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Final Result

You now have a charming **Honey Bee Coaster!** 

Perfect for decorating your table, gifting, or selling as a handmade item.

Take pride in your work—this project combines multiple techniques and creates a beautiful, textured piece. If you'd like, you can experiment with different colors or make a whole set.