

Bugs & friends

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Materials:

When using the suggested materials, it will be about 12 cm tall (measured without antennae).

The listed wool and hook sizes are only suggestions. It is, of course, entirely your personal choice, which yarn you use.

Please keep in mind that different yarn may result in a bigger or smaller piece. Make sure to adapt your hook size according to your yarn and personal tension.

- Wool sport weight, e. g. Schachenmayr Catania (black, red, skin color (no. 263), yellow, white, green)
- Crochet hook in suitable size (for me: 2.0 mm)
- Stuffing
- Some pieces of pipe cleaner
- Eyes in suitable size (5-6 mm) or some thin black thread to embroider the eyes

Abbreviations (US Terms):

MR = magic ring

inc = increase

sc = single crochet

dec = decrease

ch = chain

BLO = back loop only

slst = slip stitch

FLO = front loop only

st = stitch

(-) x = repeat inside of () for x nr of times

Crochet in continuous rounds (spirals), unless otherwise stated.

For help with invisible color changes, increases and decreases, please visit the „Tips, Tricks and Tutorials“section on my website www.zhaya.de.

I hope, it's understandable and I'm really sorry if something sounds weird. 😊

Head, legs, body and arms are worked for all bugs the same way. Only the colors are different.

Ladybug

Head:

Skin color

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
- 7.-12. (6 Rounds) sc in each st around (36)

If you use safety eyes attach them between round 8 and 9 with a distance of 5 stitches.

13. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
14. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
15. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)

Stuff and shape the head.

16. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)

Finish stuffing.

17. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for embroidering.

If not done yet, attach or embroider the eyes.

Mark the spots for nose with pins (see picture). The nose comes a round deeper in the middle under the eyes over 2-3 stitches. Thread the end thread into a wool needle and insert it at the bottom, come out at your nose marker, insert at the second marker and come out at the first marker, repeat this several times until the nose is formed. Go back to the bottom and fasten off.

Mark the line of the mouth with some pins and embroider with thin black thread mouth and if desired eyebrows - see also „Tips, tricks, tutorials“ section at my website, there is shown how to embroider faces.



Foot / Leg (make 2):

Black

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
- 4.-6. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)
7. sc 2, dec x4, sc 8 (14)
8. sc 2, dec x2, sc 8 (12)



Stuff and shape the foot.

9.-12. (4 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)

Fasten off invisibly the first leg. Don't fasten off the second leg. Hold both legs next to each other, foot tips pointing up, the 1st leg is on the left, the 2nd leg on the right (if necessary, fix in the correct position with a long needle). Now insert the hook into the next stitch of the active leg from the inside and through the touching stitch of the other leg. If the stitches are not in the middle of the legs, please adapt them by crocheting or ripping some stitches. Now connect the legs with a slip stitch and fix it with a chain, tighten well. Place your round marker here.

Body:

13. sc 1 in the same stitch, but through the leg to the left only, sc 11 around this leg, sc 12 around the other leg (first stitch in the connecting stitch again, also through 1 leg only) (24)

14. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)

15. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)

16.-21. (6 Rounds) sc in each st around (36)

If not done yet: stuff the legs.

22. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)

23. sc in each st around (30)

24. (sc 8, dec) x3 (27)

25. (sc 7, dec) x3 (24)

26. (sc 6, dec) x3 (21)

27. (sc 5, dec) x3 (18)

28. (sc 4, dec) x3 (15)

Fasten off, don't close, leave a long tail for sewing.

Stuff the body.

Cap:

Black

1. sc 6 in MR (6)

2. inc x6 (12)

3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)

4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)

5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)

6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)

7.-13. (7 Rounds) sc in each st around (36)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Sew the cap to the head and then the head to the body or the other way around - just as you like.



Antennae (make 2):

Black

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
- 3.-4. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)

Add stuffing.

5. dec x6 (6)
- 6.-9. (4 Rounds) sc in each st around (6)

Fasten off, don't close, leave a long tail for sewing.

Insert a piece of pipe cleaner (maybe doubled and twisted) or just stuff it. Sew antennae to the head.

Wing (make 2):

Red

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
- 7.-9. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (36)

Flatten the wing and crochet through both edges with sc together to close the opening.

Fasten off invisibly the first wing.

Fasten off the second wing and leave a long tail for sewing.

Sew the wings together as shown at the pictures below.



Points (make 6):

Black

1. sc 6 in MR (6)

Now sew the wings on the back of the body, directly under the head. I really only connected the wings on the top.

Hand / Arm (make 2):

Skin color

1. sc 6 in MR (6)

2. inc x6 (12)

3.-5. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)

Stuff the hand.

6. (sc 2, dec) x3 (9)

Color change to black.

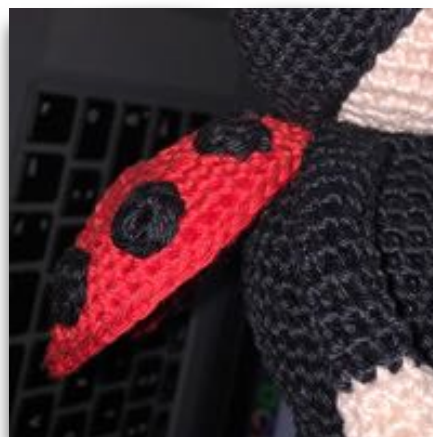
7.-17. (11 Rounds) sc in each st around (9)

Insert a piece of (maybe doubled and twisted) pipe cleaner into the arm or just stuff it.

18. (sc 1, dec) x3 (6)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Sew arms left and right directly under the head to the body or attach them movable.



Little bee

Head:

Skin color

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
- 7.-12. (6 Rounds) sc in each st around (36)

If you use safety eyes attach them between round 8 and 9 with a distance of 5 stitches.

13. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
14. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
15. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)

Stuff and shape the head.

16. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)

Finish stuffing.

17. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for embroidering.

If not done yet, attach or embroider the eyes.

Mark the spots for nose with pins (see picture). The nose comes a round deeper in the middle under the eyes over 2-3 stitches. Thread the end thread into a wool needle and insert it at the bottom, come out at your nose marker, insert at the second marker and come out at the first marker, repeat this several times until the nose is formed. Go back to the bottom and fasten off.

Mark the line of the mouth with some pins and embroider with thin black thread mouth and if desired eyebrows - see also „Tips, tricks, tutorials“ section at my website, there is shown how to embroider faces.



Foot / Leg (make 2):

Black

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
- 4.-6. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)
7. sc 2, dec x4, sc 8 (14)
8. sc 2, dec x2, sc 8 (12)

Stuff and shape the foot.

- 9.-12. (4 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)

Fasten off invisibly the first leg. Don't fasten off the second leg. Hold both legs next to each other, foot tips pointing up, the 1st leg is on the left, the 2nd leg on the right (if necessary, fix in the correct position with a long needle). Now insert the hook into the next stitch of the active leg from the inside and through the touching stitch of the other leg. If the stitches are not in the middle of the legs, please adapt them by crocheting or ripping some stitches. Now connect the legs with a slip stitch and fix it with a chain, tighten well. Place your round marker here.



Body:

13. sc 1 in the same stitch, but through the leg to the left only, sc 11 around this leg, sc 12 around the other leg (first stitch in the connecting stitch again, also through 1 leg only) (24)

14. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)

15. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)

Color change to yellow - from here every 2 rounds change the color between black and yellow, the last three rounds are black.

16.-21. (6 Rounds) sc in each st around (36)

If not done yet: stuff the legs.

22. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)

23. sc in each st around (30)

24. (sc 8, dec) x3 (27)

25. (sc 7, dec) x3 (24)

26. (sc 6, dec) x3 (21)

27. (sc 5, dec) x3 (18)

28. (sc 4, dec) x3 (15)

*Fasten off, don't close, leave a long tail for sewing.
Stuff the body.*



Cap:

Start with yellow.

1. sc 6 in MR (6)

2. inc x6 (12)

3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)

Color change to black.

4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)

5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)

Color change to yellow.

6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)

7. sc in each st around (36)

Color change to black.

8.-9. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (36)

Color change to yellow.

10.-11. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (36)

Color change to black.

12.-13. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (36)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Sew the cap to the head and then the head to the body or the other way around - just as you like.



Antennae (make 2):

Black

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
- 3.-4. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)

Add stuffing.

5. dec x6 (6)

Color change to yellow.

- 6.-9. (4 Rounds) sc in each st around (6)

Fasten off, don't close, leave a long tail for sewing.

Insert a piece of pipe cleaner (maybe doubled and twisted) or just stuff it. Sew antennae to the head.

Wings:

White

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
- 4.-7. (4 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)
8. (sc 4, dec) x3 (15)
9. sc in each st around (15)
10. (sc 3, dec) x3 (12)
- 11.-12. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)
13. (sc 3, inc) x3 (15)
14. sc in each st around (15)
15. (sc 4, inc) x3 (18)
- 16.-19. (4 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)
20. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)
21. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off invisibly, don't stuff the wings but just flattened.

Sew the wings at the back (see picture).



Hand / Arm (make 2):

Skin color

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
- 3.-5. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)

Stuff the hand.

6. (sc 2, dec) x3 (9)

Color change to black.

- 7.-17. (11 Rounds) sc in each st around (9)

Insert a piece of (maybe doubled and twisted) pipe cleaner into the arm or just stuff it.

18. (sc 1, dec) x3 (6)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Sew arms left and right directly under the head to the body or attach them movable.



Cricket

Head:

Skin color

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
- 7.-12. (6 Rounds) sc in each st around (36)

If you use safety eyes attach them between round 8 and 9 with a distance of 5 stitches.

13. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
14. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
15. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)

Stuff and shape the head.

16. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)

Finish stuffing.

17. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for embroidering.

If not done yet, attach or embroider the eyes.

Mark the spots for nose with pins (see picture). The nose comes a round deeper in the middle under the eyes over 2-3 stitches. Thread the end thread into a wool needle and insert it at the bottom, come out at your nose marker, insert at the second marker and come out at the first marker, repeat this several times until the nose is formed. Go back to the bottom and fasten off.

Mark the line of the mouth with some pins and embroider with thin black thread mouth and if desired eyebrows - see also „Tips, tricks, tutorials“ section at my website, there is shown how to embroider faces.

Cap:

green

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
- 7.-13. (7 Rounds) sc in each st around (36)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Sew the cap to the head and then the head to the body or the other way around - just as you like.



Antennae (make 2):

Green

1. ch 3, join round with a slst, sc 2 in each chain (6)
- 2.-16. (15 Rounds) sc in each st around (6) - sc 90 continuously counted

Fasten off, don't close, leave a long tail for sewing.

Insert a piece of pipe cleaner (maybe doubled and twisted) or just stuff it. Sew antennae to the head.

Foot / Leg (2x):

Green

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
- 4.-6. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)
7. sc 2, dec x4, sc 8 (14)
8. sc 2, dec x2, sc 8 (12)

Stuff and shape the foot.

- 9.-12. (4 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)

Fasten off invisibly the first leg. Don't fasten off the second leg. Hold both legs next to each other, foot tips pointing up, the 1st leg is on the left, the 2nd leg on the right (if necessary, fix in the correct position with a long needle). Now insert the hook into the next stitch of the active leg from the inside and through the touching stitch of the other leg. If the stitches are not in the middle of the legs, please adapt them by crocheting or ripping some stitches. Now connect the legs with a slip stitch and fix it with a chain, tighten well. Place your round marker here.



Body:

13. sc 1 in the same stitch, but through the leg to the left only, sc 11 around this leg, sc 12 around the other leg (first stitch in the connecting stitch again, also through 1 leg only) (24)

14. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)

15. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)

- 16.-21. (6 Rounds) sc in each st around (36)

If not done yet: stuff the legs.

22. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)

23. sc in each st around (30)

24. (sc 8, dec) x3 (27)

25. (sc 7, dec) x3 (24)

26. (sc 6, dec) x3 (21)

27. (sc 5, dec) x3 (18)

28. (sc 4, dec) x3 (15)

Fasten off, don't close, leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff the body.

Wing (make 2):

Green

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. (sc 2, inc) x2 (8)
3. (sc 3, inc) x2 (10)
4. (sc 4, inc) x2 (12)
5. (sc 5, inc) x2 (14)
- 6.-13. (8 Rounds) sc in each st around (14)
14. dec, sc 12 (13)
15. dec, sc 11 (12)
16. dec, sc 10 (11)
17. dec, sc 9 (10)
18. dec x5 (5)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing, don't stuff.

Flatten the wings and sew them with a few stitches next to each other directly under the head on the back of the body.



Hand / Arm (make 2):

Skin color

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
- 3.-5. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)

Stuff the hand.

6. (sc 2, dec) x3 (9)

Color change to green.

- 7.-17. (11 Rounds) sc in each st around (9)

Insert a piece of (maybe doubled and twisted) pipe cleaner into the arm or just stuff it.

18. (sc 1, dec) x3 (6)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Sew arms left and right directly under the head to the body or attach them movable.

