



BEE FRIENDLY KNITTED BEES

KNIT YOUR OWN HONEY BEES FOR THE BEE FRIENDLY TRUST

Firstly, may we take this opportunity to thank you for your support towards the work of the Bee Friendly Trust. Every knitted bee that is sold, raises funds towards our vital work – creating wildlife gardens and planters on areas of neglected land, around the UK.

Please find below an example knitting pattern for our Bee Friendly Knitted Bees. This is for your personal use only – and for knitting bees for the Trust. As you will see from the two images, the wings of the bees and the faces are open to personal interpretation – so do feel free to give your bees character; our supporters love that they are all unique!

Finished knitted bees should be sent to Emma Pritchard of the Bee Friendly Trust at Unit 10, Woodborough Yard, Woodborough, Nr Pewsey, Wiltshire, SN9 5PF.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to email Emma at emma@beefriendlytrust.org.

Many thanks in advance,
From all at the
Bee Friendly Trust





BEE FRIENDLY TRUST KNITTED HONEY BEE KNITTING PATTERN



You will need:

- Aran weight yarn in yellow and black
- White felt (for the wings)
- Four double-pointed needles, two sizes smaller than what is suggested on the yarn label
- Scissors, yarn needle and tape measure
- Stuffing – such as wool roving
- Pins (optional)

Knit the Bees' Body

Using your yellow yarn, cast on 6 stitches, leaving a 10-inch tail.

Round 1: Knit all stitches (2 stitches per needle / 6 total)

Round 2: Knit all stitches front and back (4 stitches per needle / 12 total)

Round 3: Knit all stitches

Round 4: Knit, Knit front and back, Knit 2 (5 stitches per needle / 15 total)

Round 5: Knit all stitches

Round 6: Attach black yarn, leaving a 6-inch tail. Using black yarn, knit all stitches

Round 7: Twist the black and yellow yarn, leaving the black on top. Still using black yarn, Knit 2, Knit front and back, Knit 2 (6 stitches per needle / 18 total)

Round 8: Twist the black and yellow yarn, now leaving the yellow on top. Knit all stitches using yellow.

Round 9: Using yellow, knit all stitches

Round 10: Using yellow, knit all stitches

Round 11: Twist the yarn and knit all stitches in black.

Round 12: Using black, knit all stitches

Round 13: Twist the yarn and knit all stitches in yellow. Cut the black yarn, leaving a 5-inch tail and weave it in to secure.

Start stuffing the bee.



Round 14: Knit 2, Knit 2 together, Knit 2 on each needed (5 stitches per needle)

Round 15: Knit

Round 16: Knit 2 together, Knit, Knit 2 together on each needle (3 stitches per needle, 9 total)

Round 17: Knit

Cut the yarn then finish stuffing the bee. When your honey bee is nice and plump, close the hole by gathering the remaining stitches, weaving the ends inside the bee's body and trimming any excess. Thread your yarn needle with the yarn tail from your cast-on and pick-up every other stitch, pulling tightly as you go. Weave and trim any leftover yarn.

Knot the Bees' Eyes

You'll need two 8-inch pieces of black yarn to make two eyes.

To make an eye: loosely tie one 8-inch segment. Repeat two more times. Pull tight to form a small ball.

Repeat with the second 8-inch piece.

Attach the eyes using your yarn needle: Insert the needle, threaded with the 'eye', where you want the eye to sit and weave it in.

Make the Bees' Wings

Cut heart-shaped wings out of felt and attach to your bee using a regular sewing needle and thread. Stitch from both sides to ensure a firm fix.

