



**MANCHESTER
SURVIVORS CHOIR**

Queenie Knitting Pattern

Designed with love for Manchester Survivors Choir by Mary Glencross

A complete knitting pattern for creating a soft, cuddly bee toy with detailed instructions for each component.

Materials

Yarn: Double knitting

Approx: 50g yellow, 50g black, 25g white

Stuffing Approx: 125g

- k – knit
- p – purl
- st – stitch
- tog – k2 together
- st-st – stocking stitch (k1 row, p1 row)
- inc – increase (knit into the front and back of the stitch)

Finished Size

Approx. 38 cm tall when sitting (to top of antennae)

Approx. 42 cm overall length

Head & Body (worked in one piece)

Using 3¼ mm needles and yellow yarn:

Cast on 4 sts. Purl 1 row.

Increase section:

- Next: inc into every st (8 sts)
 - Purl 1 row
 - Next: (k1, inc1) to end (12 sts)
 - Purl 1 row
 - Next: (k2, inc1) to end (16 sts)
 - Purl 1 row
 - Next: (k3, inc1) to end (20 sts)
 - Purl 1 row
 - Next: (k4, inc1) to end (24 sts)
 - Purl 1 row
 - Next: (k5, inc1) to end (28 sts)
 - Purl 1 row
 - Next: (k6, inc1) to end (32 sts)
 - Purl 1 row
 - Next: (k7, inc1) to end (36 sts)
 - Purl 1 row
 - Next: (k8, inc1) to end (40 sts)
 - Purl 1 row
 - Next: (k9, inc1) to end (44 sts)
 - Purl 1 row
 - Next: (k10, inc1) to end (48 sts)
- starting with a purl row. Work 5 rows in st-st



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Body Stripes

- Change to black, st-st 8 rows
- Change to yellow, st-st 8 rows
- Change to black, st-st 10 rows

Head

Change to yellow. St-st 2 rows.

Next: k2, (inc1, k1) to last 2 sts, k2 (71 sts). St-st 25 rows, starting with a purl row.

Shaping the Top of the Head

- Next: (k5, k2tog) to last st, k1 (61 sts)
- Purl 1 row
- Next: (k4, k2tog) to last st, k1 (51 sts)
- Purl 1 row
- Next: (k3, k2tog) to last st, k1 (41 sts)
- Purl 1 row
- Next: (k2, k2tog) to last st, k1 (31 sts)
- Purl 1 row
- Next: (k1, k2tog) to last st, k1 (21 sts)
- Purl 1 row
- Next: (k2tog) to last st, k1 (11 sts)

Break yarn, draw through remaining stitches, and pull tight.

Sew down the side seams, leaving a gap at the centre of the body. Turn right-side out, stuff firmly, and sew the gap closed. Cut 2 long strands of yellow wool, using both strands sew a running st between the yellow of the head and the black of the body pull tight and tie off.



Legs (Make 2)

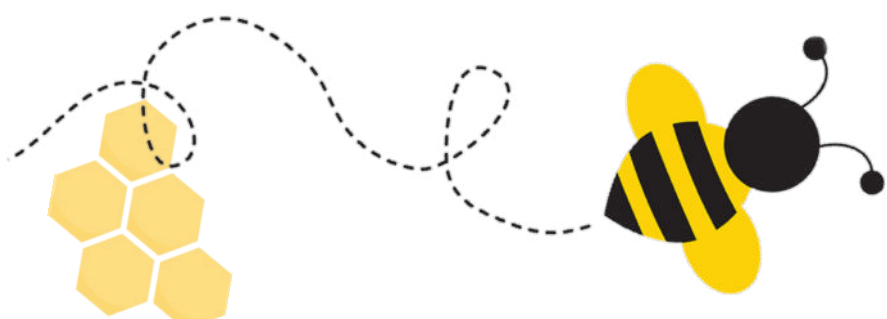
Using black yarn:

Cast on 27 sts. st st 8 rows.

- Next: (k2, inc1) to end (36 sts)
- St-st 19 rows
- Next: (k2, k2tog) to end (27 sts)
- Purl 1 row
- Next: (k1, k2tog) to end (18 sts)
- Purl 1 row
- Next: (k2tog) to end (9 sts)

Draw thread through remaining stitches. Sew row ends together, stuff and attach legs to the front of the body.

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Antennae (Make 2)

Using black yarn:

Cast on 10 sts., starting with a purl row. st-st 15 rows

Next row: inc into every st (20 sts). st-st 7 rows. Next: (k2tog) to end (10 sts).

Draw thread through remaining stitches. Sew seam and stuff lightly.

Attach to top of head approx. 4 cm apart.

Wings (Make 2)

Using white yarn:

Cast on 12 sts. Purl 1 row.

Increase as follows:

- Next: (k1, inc1) to end (18 sts)
- Purl 1 row
- Next: (k2, inc1) to end (24 sts)
- Purl 1 row
- Next: (k3, inc1) to end (30 sts)
- Purl 1 row
- Next: (k4, inc1) to end (36 sts)
- Purl 1 row
- Next: (k5, inc1) to end (42 sts)
- Starting with a purl row. st- st 17 rows

Decrease as follows:

- Next: (k5, k2tog) to end (36 sts)
- Purl 1 row
- Next: (k4, k2tog) to end (30 sts)
- Purl 1 row
- Next: (k3, k2tog) to end (24 sts)
- Purl 1 row
- Next: (k2, k2tog) to end (18 sts)
- Purl 1 row
- Next: (k1, k2tog) to end (12 sts)
- Purl 1 row
- Next: (k2tog) to end (6 sts)

save a long thread and draw through the remaining 6 sts fold in half length ways,
sew row ends together leaving a small gap to turn through.

Sew wings together at cast-on edge, then attach to the centre back of the bee.

Also put a tacking stitch in both wings to hold in place.



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Arms (Make 2)

Using black yarn:

Cast on 16 sts. P 1 row

Next: (k1, inc1) to end (24 sts)

Starting with a P row st st 25 rows

- Next: (k1, k2tog) to end (16 sts)
- Purl 1 row
- Next: (k2tog) to end (8 sts)

Draw thread through remaining stitches.

Sew row ends together and turn right side out and stuff

Attach arms between the neck and bod.

Assembly

- Sew legs to the lower front of the body.
- Attach arms at the sides between the neck and body.
- Sew antennae to the top of the head.
- Attach wings to the centre back.



Your Bee Busy toy is now complete and ready to buzz into someone's day!

Dear Supporter,

On behalf of everyone at Manchester Survivors Choir CIC, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for taking part in our Bee Busy project and for knitting a bee.

As we mark this important milestone, our goal is to bring people together through the creation of 2,000 knitted bees, each representing resilience, hope, and unity. Your contribution is helping to make this vision a reality, and we are truly grateful for your time, creativity, and generosity.

The Bee Busy project is about much more than knitting. It is about connection, healing, and strengthening communities. Thanks to supporters like you, local knitting groups and volunteers can come together, share skills, build friendships, and contribute to something meaningful that reflects the spirit of Manchester.

Your bee is now part of a larger story, and your support is making a real difference to everyone involved in the choir and the wider community we serve.

Thank you once again for your kindness, support, and for being part of this special anniversary project.

With warmest thanks and appreciation,

10th Anniversary Management Team
On behalf of Manchester Survivors Choir CIC

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