

Bumblebee

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Gauge: 22 sts in 10 cm/4 inches in stockinette stitch with 4mm/US 6 needles.

Materials:

3 mm/US 2.5 of your preferred needles for knitting in the round (DPNs, 40cm/16" circulars, magic loop).

4 mm/US 6 of your preferred needles for knitting in the round (DPNs, 40cm/16" circulars, magic loop).

4 mm/US 6 double pointed needles for shaping the crown (or long circulars for magic loop).

Stitch marker.

Tapestry needle.

Approximately 50 - 100 g DK-weight yarn.

Sizes:

	Baby	Toddler	Teen/ Small adult	Big adult
Head circumference	39 – 44 cm 15.5" – 17.5"	45-50 cm 18" - 19.5"	51 – 56 cm 20" - 22"	57 – 62 cm 22.5" – 24.5"

Abbreviations:

k - knit

p - purl

st(s) - stitch(es)

pm – place marker

k2tog - knit 2 stitches together

ssk – slip slip knit (slip the next two sts one after the other knitwise and knit them together through the back loop)

2/2 LC - slip 2 sts onto cable needle, holding it in front, k2 from the left needle, k2 from cable needle

2/2 RC - slip 2 sts onto cable needle, holding it in back, k2 from the left needle, k2 from cable needle

Instructions:

Cast on **84** (96, **108**, 120) stitches on smaller needles. Place beginning of the row marker (BOR) and join for working in the round.

Brim:

p1, k3, p4, k3, p1 Repeat to the end of the round.

Knit in established pattern for 9 rows.

Switch to bigger needles.

Row 1: *p1, k3, p4, k3, p1* Repeat to the end of the round.

Row 2: *2/2 LC, p4, 2/2 RC* Repeat to the end of the round.

Row 3: *k4, p4, k4* Repeat to the end of the round.

Begin knitting the 8 rows of the honeycomb pattern:

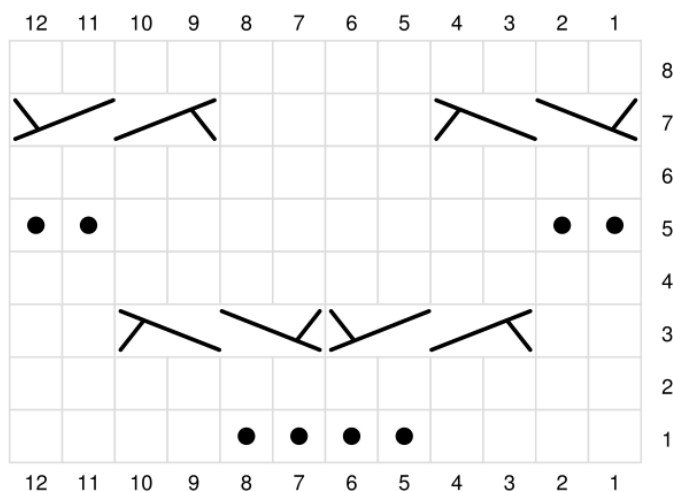
Row 1: *k4, p4, k4* Repeat to the end of the round.

Row 2 and every even row: Knit

Row 3: *k2, 2/2 RC, 2/2 LC, k2* Repeat to the end of the round.

Row 5: *p2, k8, p2* Repeat to the end of the round.

Row 7: *2/2 LC, k4, 2/2 RC* Repeat to the end of the round.



Knit



Purl



slip 2 sts onto cable needle, holding it in front, k2 from the left needle, k2 from cable needle



slip 2 sts onto cable needle, holding it in back, k2 from the left needle, k2 from cable needle

Knit in pattern until you have 10 (13, 16, 19) cm from the cast on edge, ending with row 8 of the pattern.

Shaping the crown:

When the circumference is too small for comfortable knitting on 40cm/16” circulars, switch with DPNs or longer circulars for magic loop.

Row 1: *k3, ssk, k2, k2tog, k3* *Repeat to the end of the round.* **70** (80, **90**, 100) sts.

Row 2 and every even row: Knit

Row 3: *k3, ssk, k2tog, k3* *Repeat to the end of the round.* **56** (64, **72**, 80) sts.

Row 5: *k2, k2tog, ssk, k2* *Repeat to the end of the round.* **42** (48, **54**, 60) sts.

Row 7: *k1, k2tog, ssk, k1* *Repeat to the end of the round.* **28** (32, **36**, 40) sts.

Row 9: *k2tog, ssk* *Repeat to the end of the round.* **14** (16, **18**, 20) sts.

Row 11: *k2tog* *Repeat to the end of the round.* **7** (8, **9**, 10) sts.

Cut the yarn leaving long tail. Weave in the tail into tapestry needle and thread it through the remaining live stitches. Cinch stitches together and pull tail through centre to the inside.

Finishing:

Weave in the ends and block as desired.