BENNY THE BEE

Complete Digital Crochet Amigurumi Pattern

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Skill level: Confident Beginner | US crochet terminology

Designed for bulky-weight amigurumi yarn and continuous spiral rounds

2. Digital Download Notice

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Pattern Roadmap

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Project at a Glance

Design	Rounded striped bee with integrated head/body, two white wings, two brown antennae, black eyes, embroidered smile, and pink cheeks.
Method	All crocheted pieces are worked in continuous spiral rounds; no turning.
Main piece	One-piece head/body worked from crown to underside.
Separate pieces	2 wings and 2 antennae.
Assembly	Complete face and body first, then wings, then antennae, then final symmetry checks.

3. Finished Measurements

Calculated design targets using the recommended bulky yarn, 4.5 mm hook, and firm amigurumi tension:

Body height	Approx. 15-16 cm / 6-6.25 in, crown to base.
Body width	Approx. 13-14 cm / 5-5.5 in at the widest point.
Overall height	Approx. 20-22 cm / 8-8.75 in including antennae.
Overall width	Approx. 24-26 cm / 9.5-10.25 in from wing tip to wing tip.
Head/upper yellow region	Approx. 8.5-9.5 cm / 3.25-3.75 in from crown to first brown stripe.
Each wing	Approx. 8-9 cm / 3.25-3.5 in tall and 6-7 cm / 2.5-2.75 in wide when lightly stuffed and flattened.
Each antenna	Approx. 6-7 cm / 2.5-2.75 in from base to tip.
Eye diameter	18 mm recommended safety eyes; embroidered alternative described below.

SIZE NOTE
These measurements are targets, not guarantees. Plush/chenille yarn thickness varies widely by brand, and firmer stuffing can change width and height.

4. Materials and Tools

Yarn	Bulky / Category 5 plush or chenille-style yarn. A smooth bulky acrylic or cotton-blend may also be used if it produces dense fabric.
Yellow	Approx. 75-90 g / 90-110 m.
Dark brown	Approx. 30-40 g / 35-50 m.
White	Approx. 20-30 g / 25-35 m.
Black	Approx. 2-3 m for mouth; more if embroidering eyes.
Blush pink	Approx. 2-3 m for cheeks.
Hook	4.5 mm crochet hook, or size needed to create dense amigurumi fabric.
Eyes	2 x 18 mm black safety eyes OR black yarn/embroidery floss for embroidered eyes.
Stuffing	Approx. 80-120 g polyester fibre filling.
Tools	Tapestry needle, stitch marker, pins, scissors, measuring tape; row/round counter optional.

Safety

Safety eyes, buttons, beads, wire, and other small or rigid parts may not be suitable for children under 3 years old. For items intended for young children, omit safety eyes and embroider the eyes securely with black yarn or embroidery floss. Check all seams, embroidered features, and yarn tails carefully before use. This digital pattern is not a toy-safety certification.

5. Gauge and Tension

Target gauge: approximately 11 sc x 11 rounds = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4 in in firm single crochet worked in continuous spiral rounds with a 4.5 mm hook. Measure on the side of a small practice tube without stretching the fabric. Exact gauge is not mandatory, but it strongly affects finished size and yarn usage.

- Use a hook small enough that stuffing does not show through the stitches.
- The fabric should feel firm but still flexible enough to shape smoothly.
- If your stitches are very tight and stiff, move up 0.5 mm; if gaps show, move down 0.5 mm.

6. Crochet Method and Terminology

- US crochet terminology is used throughout.
- All crocheted pieces are worked in continuous spiral rounds. Do not join rounds with a slip stitch unless specifically stated.
- Place a removable stitch marker in the first stitch of every round and move it after every round. This marker is the BOR.
- On the body, keep BOR at the centre back (CB). Centre front (CF) is directly opposite the BOR.
- Standard yarn-over single crochet is intended. A yarn-under X-stitch may be used consistently, but it usually produces a denser, slightly smaller piece.
- Keep the right/finished side of the crochet facing outward. Pieces are not turned.

7. Abbreviations

MR	Magic ring.
sc	Single crochet.
inc	Increase: work 2 sc in the same stitch.
inv dec	Invisible decrease: insert hook through the front loops of the next 2 stitches and complete them together as 1 sc.
st / sts	Stitch / stitches.
rnd / rnds	Round / rounds.
FO	Fasten off.
BOR	Beginning of round.
CB	Centre back.
CF	Centre front.

8. Construction Overview

Head + body	One continuous piece worked from the yellow crown downward through the stripes to the brown underside. Firmly stuffed.
Wings - make 2	Crocheted separately in white. Lightly stuffed, flattened at the base, and sewn to the side of the body.
Antennae - make 2	Crocheted separately in dark brown. Tip is firmly stuffed; stem is lightly stuffed; lower base remains flexible for sewing.
Face	Safety eyes or embroidered eyes, embroidered black smile, and embroidered pink cheeks.
Openings	Body remains open at the underside until all face tails are secured and stuffing is complete. Wing bases are flattened and closed with 6 sc through both layers before assembly. Antenna bases remain open until assembly.

Orientation

- Right and left are described from Benny's point of view unless stated otherwise.
- When Benny faces you, Benny's right is on the viewer's left and Benny's left is on the viewer's right.
- BOR/CB runs down the back of the body. CF is directly opposite.
- Keep colour changes at CB so the small spiral step is hidden at the back.

Recommended Assembly Order

1. Crochet Body Rnds 1-12 and install the eyes while the opening is accessible.
2. Complete Body Rnds 13-23, add initial stuffing, embroider mouth and cheeks, and secure all face tails inside.
3. Finish Body Rnds 24-28, stuff fully, close the underside, and shape the body.
4. Crochet and finish both wings and both antennae.
5. Pin and sew the wings, checking front/back symmetry.
6. Pin and sew the antennae, checking top and side angles.
7. Remove markers, secure and bury all tails, and complete final visual checks.

9. Stitch-Count Validation

All shaped rounds in the written pattern below were digitally checked for complete stitch consumption and stated final counts. The body reaches 48 sts, the wings reach 24 sts each, and the antennae reduce to 8-st stems without unexplained jumps. These checks support internal consistency but do not replace a physical test crochet.

10. Complete Written Crochet Pattern

A. Head + Body - Rnds 1-12

Use yellow. Work in a continuous spiral. Place the BOR marker in the first stitch of every round and keep it at CB.

Rnd	Instruction	Colour	Count
1	6 sc in MR.	Yellow	6
2	Inc in each st around.	Yellow	12
3	(Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times.	Yellow	18
4	(Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	Yellow	24
5	(Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	Yellow	30
6	(Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	Yellow	36
7	(Sc in next 5 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	Yellow	42
8	(Sc in next 6 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	Yellow	48
9	Sc in each st around.	Yellow	48
10	Sc in each st around.	Yellow	48
11	Sc in each st around.	Yellow	48
12	Sc in each st around.	Yellow	48

Install the eyes before continuing

1. With BOR at CB, identify CF between sts 24 and 25 of Rnd 10.
2. For safety eyes, insert the stems between Rnds 9 and 10 with centres aligned beneath approximately st 20 and st 29 of Rnd 10. This gives a balanced spacing of about 9 stitches between centres.
3. Check the face from the front and both sides. Adjust one stitch left or right if your yarn compresses differently.
4. When satisfied, attach the safety-eye backs from inside the body.
5. For embroidered eyes, instead stitch two rounded black eyes in the same positions, each about 2 sts wide x 2 rnds high. Secure and bury both yarn tails inside while the body is still open.

DO NOT STUFF YET
The opening is still wide and the first brown stripe begins next. Keep the inside accessible for colour tails and face finishing.

B. Head + Body - Rnds 13-28

Change colour only at BOR/CB. On each colour change, complete the final pull-through of the last stitch of the previous round with the new colour. Cut the old colour, leaving about 10 cm / 4 in, and secure the tail inside.

Rnd	Instruction	Colour	Count
13	Sc in each st around.	Brown	48
14	Sc in each st around.	Brown	48
15	Sc in each st around.	Yellow	48
16	Sc in each st around.	Yellow	48
17	Sc in each st around.	Brown	48
18	Sc in each st around.	Brown	48
19	Sc in each st around.	Yellow	48
20	Sc in each st around.	Yellow	48
21	Sc in each st around.	Brown	48
22	(Sc in next 6 sts, inv dec over next 2 sts) 6 times.	Brown	42
23	(Sc in next 5 sts, inv dec over next 2 sts) 6 times.	Brown	36

Pause after Rnd 23 - initial stuffing and face embroidery

1. Add small amounts of filling to the crown and upper yellow section. Stuff firmly enough to round the face without stretching the stitches.
2. Check that the eyes remain level. Reposition only if you have not yet locked safety-eye backs.
3. With black yarn, embroider a shallow U-shaped smile centred on CF. Place the two upper endpoints between Rnds 10 and 11, about 3 sts apart, with the lowest point dipping toward Rnd 11 at CF.
4. With blush pink yarn, embroider one small horizontal oval cheek on each side between Rnds 10 and 11, centred near st 18 and st 31. Build each cheek with 3-5 snug satin stitches over roughly 2 sts.
5. Secure the mouth and cheek yarn ends on the inside and bury the tails before the opening becomes smaller.

Finish the underside - Rnds 24-28

Continue with brown at BOR/CB and work the remaining decrease sequence below.

Rnd	Instruction	Colour	Count
24	(Sc in next 4 sts, inv dec over next 2 sts) 6 times.	Brown	30
25	(Sc in next 3 sts, inv dec over next 2 sts) 6 times.	Brown	24
26	(Sc in next 2 sts, inv dec over next 2 sts) 6 times.	Brown	18

Rnd	Instruction	Colour	Count
27	(Sc in next st, inv dec over next 2 sts) 6 times.	Brown	12
28	Inv dec over each pair of sts around.	Brown	6

Add more stuffing after Rnds 25, 26, and 27. Keep the lower body firmly filled but not stretched. Before Rnd 28, check that the brown base remains centred under the body.

After Rnd 28: FO leaving a 20 cm / 8 in tail. Thread the tail through the front loops of the remaining 6 sts, pull the opening closed, secure with two small passes, and bury the tail inside the brown underside.

C. Wings - make 2

Use white. Work in a continuous spiral. The wings are lightly stuffed and flattened near the base to match the soft oval look in the reference.

Rnd	Instruction	Colour	Count
1	6 sc in MR.	White	6
2	Inc in each st around.	White	12
3	(Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times.	White	18
4	(Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	White	24
5	Sc in each st around.	White	24
6	Sc in each st around.	White	24
7	Sc in each st around.	White	24
8	Sc in each st around.	White	24
9	(Sc in next 2 sts, inv dec over next 2 sts) 6 times.	White	18
10	(Sc in next st, inv dec over next 2 sts) 6 times.	White	12

1. Add only a small pinch of stuffing, concentrating it in the rounded outer half. Keep the base flatter.
2. Flatten the 12-st opening so 6 stitches line up on each side.
3. Working through both layers, sc across 6 stitch pairs to close the base. These joining sc are a seam, not an additional round.
4. FO, leaving a 35 cm / 14 in tail for sewing.

D. Antennae - make 2

Use dark brown. Work from the rounded tip downward toward the body.

Rnd	Instruction	Colour	Count
1	6 sc in MR.	Brown	6

Rnd	Instruction	Colour	Count
2	Inc in each st around.	Brown	12
3	Sc in each st around.	Brown	12
4	(Sc in next st, inv dec over next 2 sts) 4 times.	Brown	8
5	Sc in each st around.	Brown	8
6	Sc in each st around.	Brown	8
7	Sc in each st around.	Brown	8
8	Sc in each st around.	Brown	8
9	Sc in each st around.	Brown	8
10	Sc in each st around.	Brown	8

1. Stuff the rounded tip firmly. Add a narrow amount of stuffing through the stem so it holds a gentle upright curve.
2. Leave the lowest 1 cm / 3/8 in near the open base lightly filled or unstuffed; this makes the base easier to flatten against the crown.
3. FO, leaving a 30 cm / 12 in tail for sewing. Do not close the base.

11. Shaping and Proportions

- The body should read as a rounded oval/egg, slightly taller than it is wide, with the fullest point around Rnds 10-18.
- The yellow face occupies the upper half; the first brown stripe begins below the cheeks and smile.
- The two brown mid-body stripes should remain approximately level around the body. Keep the colour-change step at CB.
- The white wings should sit high enough to frame the face but not cover the eyes. Their outer edges may angle slightly upward.
- Antennae should emerge symmetrically from the crown and lean outward rather than straight forward.
- The brown underside should form a small centred base, not a wide flat disk.

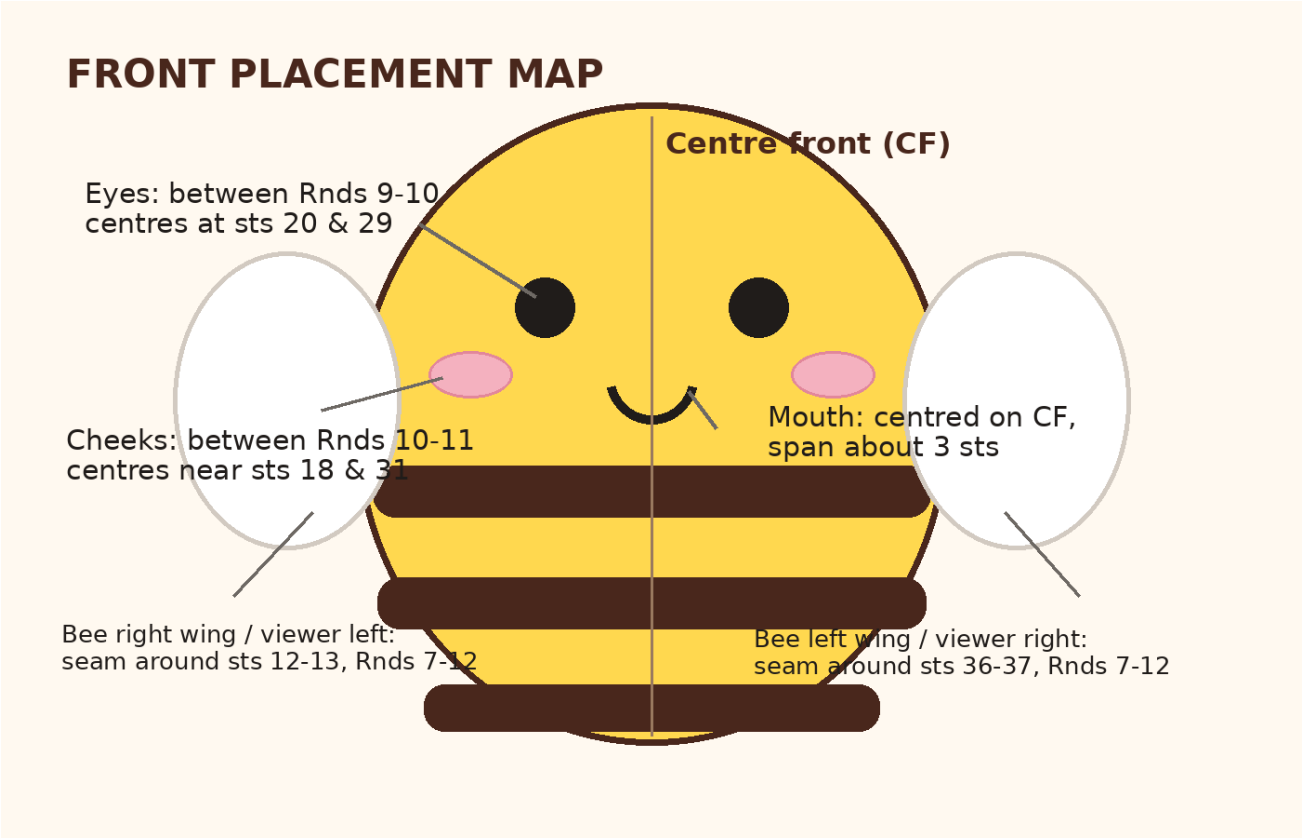
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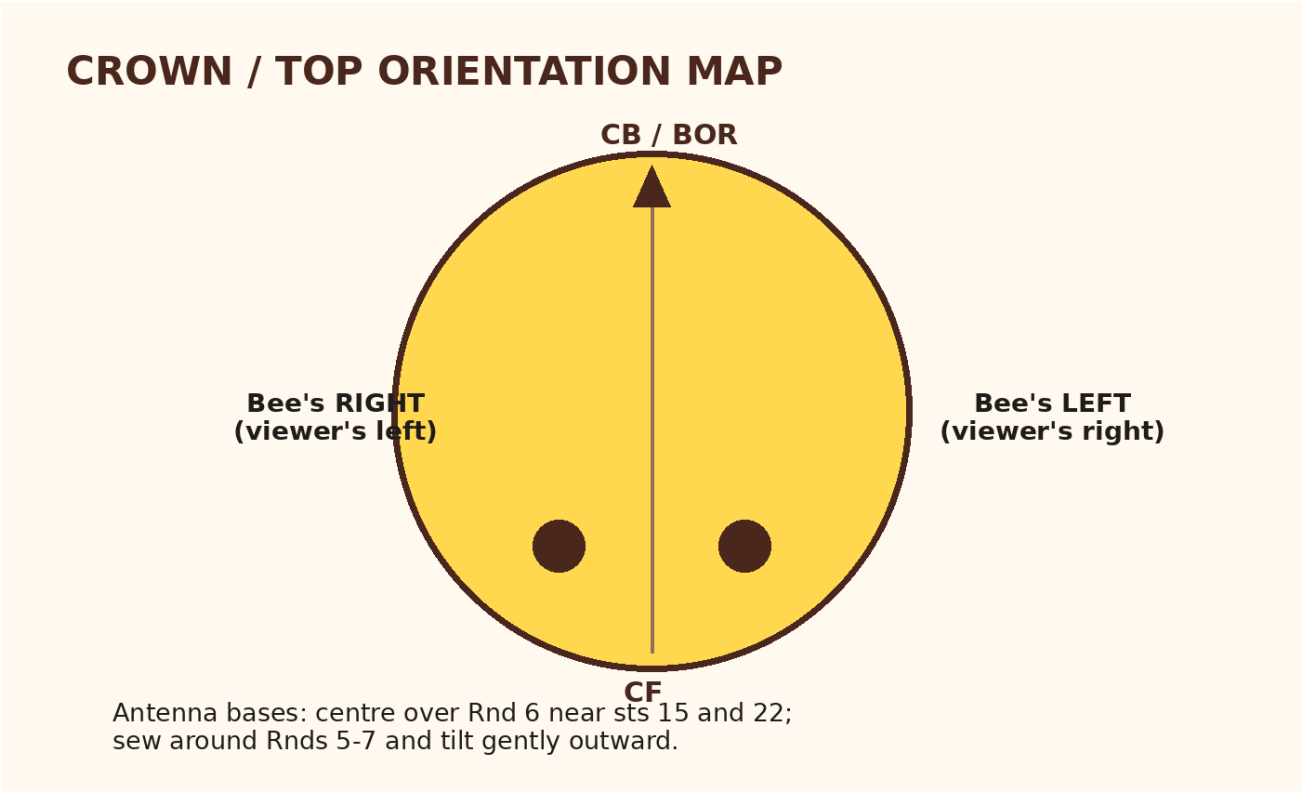
Body colour plan: Yellow Rnds 1-12; Brown Rnds 13-14; Yellow Rnds 15-16; Brown Rnds 17-18; Yellow Rnds 19-20; Brown Rnds 21-28. Cut and secure the outgoing colour at each change. Do not carry long floats around the inside of the body. Keep every change at CB/BOR.
Surface details: black eyes; black U-shaped smile centred on CF; two blush-pink oval cheeks placed outside and slightly below the eye centres. No nose is required for this design.



13. Placement Maps

All stitch positions below use BOR as CB. On 48-st rounds, CF lies between sts 24 and 25. The side lines are around sts 12-13 and 36-37. Check all placements after initial stuffing because plush yarn compresses differently by brand.





14. Stuffing and Shaping

Body

- After Rnd 23, begin stuffing the crown and upper body. Use small tufts so the face remains smooth.
- Stuff firmly without stretching the stitches. Add extra filling behind the cheeks only if the face looks hollow.
- After Rnds 25-27, add filling to the striped lower body. Keep the brown underside centred and slightly flatter than the sides.
- Before closing Rnd 28, press the body gently from front to back and side to side. The finished shape should be a balanced rounded oval.
- If the base becomes too round, remove a small amount of filling from the final 2-3 rounds and redistribute it upward.

Wings

- Lightly stuff only the outer rounded area. The base should remain flat enough to sew smoothly against the body.
- Do not overstuff: the wings should look softly padded, not spherical.

Antennae

- Stuff the tip more firmly than the stem.
- Use only enough filling in the stem to help it stand. Keep the lower base flexible for a neat seam.
- No wire is required. If your chosen yarn is extremely soft, tighten the stem stuffing gradually rather than inserting rigid reinforcement.

15. Assembly Instructions

1. Lay Benny with CF facing you and BOR/CB centred at the back. Remove any temporary stuffing or face guide markers that are no longer needed.
2. Pin the bee's right wing first (viewer's left). Centre its flat base around sts 12-13, with the seam running approximately from Rnd 7 to Rnd 12. Angle the outer tip slightly upward.
3. Pin the bee's left wing (viewer's right) around sts 36-37 over the same Rnd 7-12 range. Compare height and angle from the front, back, top, bottom, and both sides.
4. Sew each wing securely around the flattened base. Keep the seam snug but do not pull so tightly that the body dents.
5. Pin the antenna bases on the crown, centred over Rnd 6 near sts 15 and 22. The bases should sit symmetrically around CF and lean outward approximately 30-35 degrees from vertical when viewed from the front.
6. Sew around each open antenna base through the antenna edge and the crown stitches. Add one discreet stabilizing pass from the inner side of each base into the crown if needed.
7. Recheck the face, wing height, antenna angles, and base balance. Adjust before burying the final sewing tails.
8. Secure every sewing tail with two small passes in the fabric, bury the tail through the stuffed body, bring it out 2-3 cm away, pull gently, and trim so the end retracts inside.

16. Sewing Methods

Wing attachment	Use a neat whip stitch or ladder-style surface seam. Pass the needle under a body stitch and through the edge loops of the flattened wing base. Work evenly around the base, then make a second pass only where extra support is needed.
Antenna attachment	Use whip stitch around the full 8-st base. Catch the crown fabric just beneath the surface so the seam remains discreet. Do not cinch hard enough to pinch the crown.
Mouth embroidery	Use backstitch or a single couched strand to form a shallow U. Keep both upper endpoints level; the centre dip should be gentle.
Cheek embroidery	Use 3-5 horizontal satin stitches over about 2 body stitches. Keep the two cheeks equal in width and height.
Tail finishing	After securing a seam or embroidery, bury the yarn tail through the stuffed interior and trim only after the tail retracts into the body.

17. Final Visual Checklist

[ ] Face is centred on CF and looks balanced from the front.	[ ] Eyes are level and evenly spaced.
[ ] Mouth is centred between the eyes and forms a smooth shallow U.	[ ] Cheeks are symmetrical, outside the eyes, and slightly lower than the eye centres.
[ ] First brown stripe sits below the face and does not cover the cheeks.	[ ] Brown stripes remain level around the body; colour-change steps are at CB.
[ ] Wings match in height, angle, and fullness.	[ ] Antennae match in length, base height, and outward angle.
[ ] Body is rounded without large dents or overstuffed stretched stitches.	[ ] Brown underside is centred so Benny sits steadily when placed on a flat surface.
[ ] No visible stuffing, large crochet holes, loose seams, or unsecured yarn tails.	[ ] All temporary markers and guide threads are removed.

18. Troubleshooting

Problem	Practical fix
Stuffing shows through	Use a smaller hook or firmer tension. Add stuffing in smaller tufts rather than forcing one large piece against the fabric.
Benny is too large or too small	Keep the same stitch counts and adjust yarn/hook combination. Heavier yarn and looser tension increase size; lighter yarn and tighter tension reduce it.
Continuous rounds twist	Keep the BOR marker in the first stitch and recount at the end of every shaping round. Do not treat the marker loop as a stitch.
Colour-change step is visible	Make all changes at CB. Finish the last pull-through with the new colour and keep tension even on the first 2-3 stitches.
Eyes look uneven	Before locking safety-eye backs, view from several angles and measure each eye from CF. Embroidered eyes can be unpicked and re-sewn before tails are secured.
Mouth is off-centre	Remove the embroidery before securing it and re-anchor the two top points equally on each side of CF.
One wing sits higher	Unpin or unpick only that wing. Match its top and bottom seam rounds to the opposite wing before sewing again.
Antenna leans too far	Add a little more stem stuffing, then use one discreet stabilizing stitch from the inner base into the crown.
Gap around a sewn wing	Add a second light whip-stitch pass through the edge loops and adjacent body stitches. Avoid overtightening.
Base becomes rounded	Remove a small amount of lower-body filling and redistribute it upward. Press the last brown rounds gently flatter before the final close.
Visible holes at decreases	Use invisible decreases through the front loops and keep the hook size/tension consistent.
Body looks lopsided	Roll the stuffed body gently between your palms, then redistribute filling through the open underside before final closure whenever possible.

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Quick Finish Reference

Body	Yellow Rnds 1-12; Brown 13-14; Yellow 15-16; Brown 17-18; Yellow 19-20; Brown 21-28.
Eyes	Between Rnds 9-10 at approx. sts 20 and 29.
Cheeks	Between Rnds 10-11 at approx. sts 18 and 31.
Mouth	Centred on CF, shallow U, about 3 sts wide.
Wings	Seam Rnds 7-12 at side lines sts 12-13 and 36-37.
Antennae	Bases around Rnds 5-7, centres near Rnd 6 sts 15 and 22.
Stuffing	Body firm; wings light; antenna tips firm with lightly filled stems.

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