

3D Bee Granny Square

Written Crochet Tutorial • US Terms



This printable pattern features a charming **3D Bee Granny Square** with a raised bee body, soft white wings, and a classic square background. The sample shown on the cover uses warm cream tones that make the bee stand out beautifully. This pattern is suitable for confident beginners and intermediate crocheters who are comfortable with color changes and basic shaping.

- Skill Level: Intermediate
- Finished Size: Approximately 5–6 inches square, depending on yarn and tension
- Hook: 3.0 mm to 4.0 mm, or size needed to obtain desired size
- Designer Notes: This is a written adaptation created for blog use.

Materials

- Cotton or cotton-blend yarn in the following colors:
- Color A – Golden yellow
- Color B – Medium brown
- Color C – Black
- Color D – White
- Color E – Cream or ivory background
- Crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Optional: stitch markers and a small amount of stuffing if you want a fuller bee body

Abbreviations (US Terms)

- ch – chain
- sl st – slip stitch
- sc – single crochet
- hdc – half double crochet
- dc – double crochet
- tr – treble crochet
- inc – increase
- dec – decrease
- BLO – back loop only
- st(s) – stitch(es)
- sp – space
- FO – fasten off

Special Notes

The bee body is worked first, then the wings are added, and finally the motif is squared off with the background round and outer border.

If you prefer a flatter square, keep your tension even and block gently after finishing.

The wings should remain lightly dimensional, so avoid flattening them too much during blocking.

Part 1 – Bee Body

Row 1 (Yellow): Ch 6. Starting in the 2nd ch from hook, work 1 sc in each ch across. Turn. (5 sc)

Row 2 (Brown): Ch 1, turn. Work 1 sc in each st across. Change to yellow in the last yarn over of the final stitch. (5 sc)

Row 3 (Yellow): Ch 1, turn. Inc in first st, 1 sc in next 3 sts, inc in last st. Change to brown. (7 sc)

Row 4 (Brown): Ch 1, turn. 1 sc in each st across. Change to yellow. (7 sc)

Row 5 (Yellow): Ch 1, turn. Inc in first st, 1 sc in next 5 sts, inc in last st. Change to brown. (9 sc)

Row 6 (Brown): Ch 1, turn. 1 sc in each st across. Change to yellow. (9 sc)

Row 7 (Yellow): Ch 1, turn. Dec over first 2 sts, 1 sc in next 5 sts, dec over last 2 sts. Change to brown. (7 sc)

Row 8 (Brown): Ch 1, turn. 1 sc in each st across. Change to yellow. (7 sc)

Row 9 (Yellow): Ch 1, turn. Dec over first 2 sts, 1 sc in next 3 sts, dec over last 2 sts. (5 sc)

Row 10 (Brown Head): Ch 1, turn. Work 5 sc across. FO, leaving a tail for shaping if desired.

Part 2 – Antennae

With black yarn, join at the top of the head. Ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch back to the head. Sl st to secure.

Repeat for the second antenna. You may knot a tiny nub at each tip or work a small puff/cluster for a rounded finish.

Part 3 – Wings

With white yarn, make a magic ring.

Round 1: Ch 2, work 8 hdc into ring. Join with sl st. Pull ring closed.

Round 2: Ch 2, 2 hdc in each st around. Join with sl st. (16 hdc)

FO. Make 2 wings.

Sew or attach one wing to each side of the upper body so they sit slightly raised from the surface.

Part 4 – Background Motif

With cream yarn, make a magic ring.

Round 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc into ring. Join. (12 dc)

Round 2: Ch 3, dc in same st, 2 dc in each st around. Join. (24 dc)

Round 3: Ch 3, *2 dc in next st, 1 dc in next st; rep from * around. Join. (36 dc)

Place the finished bee in the center of this round and secure it neatly with matching thread or yarn through the underside.

Part 5 – Squaring the Motif

Join cream yarn in any stitch of the outer round.

Work across the side using dc stitches until you reach the corner point. In the corner work (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc).

Repeat this process around the motif to create 4 corners and 4 sides. Adjust with hdc or sc where needed so the square lies flat.

Join with sl st to the beginning.

Part 6 – Outer Border

Round 1: Sl st into a corner space, ch 3, (1 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same corner. Dc evenly across side. In each corner work (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc). Join.

Round 2: Ch 1. Work a round of sc evenly around the square, placing 3 sc in each corner ch-2 space. Join and FO.

Optional: Add one more round of slip stitches or crab stitch for a decorative edge.

Finishing

Weave in all ends securely.

Shape the bee gently and lightly steam or wet-block the square.

If desired, add tiny embroidered eyes instead of safety eyes, or add a little stuffing beneath the body for extra dimension.

This block works beautifully for blankets, pillow covers, bags, spring wall hangings, and baby projects.

Helpful Tips

- Use cotton yarn for a crisp stitch definition and a beautifully structured square.
- If the square curls, your tension may be too tight. Try going up one hook size.
- If the sides ripple, reduce a few stitches evenly on the next border round.
- Sew the wings only through their centers so the edges remain free and dimensional.
- For a sweeter rustic look like the sample image, choose soft cream, honey yellow, warm brown, black, and bright white.

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