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Materials & Tools

- Size 80 crochet thread in:
 - Beige (cord/base)
 - Yellow (bee body)
 - Black (stripes/details)
 - White (wings)
- Steel crochet hook (size appropriate for thread, typically 0.75–1.0 mm)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Optional: small beads for clasp ends

Project Overview

- Project: Crocheted micro-bee bracelet
- Structure:
 - Adjustable cord with central loop
 - Decorative bee motif
 - Two separate wings
- Technique focus:
 - Working in rounds (bee body)
 - Chain foundation cords
 - Stitch mapping for shaping

US Stitch Abbreviations

- MR = Magic Ring
- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- dc = double crochet
- inc = increase (2 sc in same stitch)
- dec = decrease (single crochet 2 stitches together)
- picot = ch 3, sl st into same stitch

Step 1: Start the Main Cord

Create the bracelet base.

1. Make a Magic Ring (MR).
2. Chain (ch) to desired bracelet length.
 - This becomes your main cord.
3. Work 1 sc in each chain across.
4. Turn and repeat a second row of sc if you want a thicker cord.

Tip: Keep stitches tight and even—this is a delicate bracelet.

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Step 2: Central Loop & Cord Adaptor

This section forms the centerpiece where the bee will sit.

1. At the middle of your cord, create a loop:
 - Chain 10–15 (depending on desired loop size).
2. Join back to the cord using sl st.
3. Crochet around the loop:
 - Work sc evenly around to form a sturdy oval.
4. Reinforce:
 - Add a second round of sc around the loop.

You should now have an oval-shaped central loop integrated into the cord.

Step 3: Bee Body (Worked in Rounds)

Use yellow and black thread.

Round 1

- MR, 6 sc inside ring. (6)

Round 2

- inc in each stitch. (12)

Round 3–6

- sc in each stitch (start shaping body).

Add stripes

- Switch to black every few rounds to create horizontal stripes.

Increase section

- Add increases gradually to widen body:
 - Example: (sc, inc) repeat around.

Middle rounds

- Maintain stitch count for fullness.

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Decrease section

- Begin tapering:
 - (sc, dec) repeat around.

Final rounds

- Continue decreasing until closed.

Stuff lightly if desired before closing.

Step 4: Head Details

Eyes

- Use black thread.
- Sew or embroider two small round eyes.

Antennae

1. Attach thread at top of head.
2. ch 5–7.
3. sl st back down the chain.
4. Repeat for second antenna.

Optional: add tiny knots or beads at the tips.

Step 5: Wings (Make 2)

Use white thread. Each wing is worked separately.

Base

1. MR, 6 sc.

Expansion

2. Increase gradually:
 - (sc, inc) around.

Shape

3. Work rows with:
 - dc, sc, and picots to create a lacy effect.
4. Form a teardrop or oval wing shape.

Repeat for the second wing (mirror if desired).

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Step 6: Attach Wings

1. Position wings on top of the bee body.
2. Sew securely using matching thread.
3. Make sure they are symmetrical.

Step 7: Attach Bee to Central Loop

1. Place bee inside the central loop area.
2. Sew the underside of the bee to the loop.
3. Ensure it is centered and stable.

Step 8: Repeating Cord Pattern (Optional Detail)

If you want a decorative cord:

- Alternate rows of:
 - sc
 - dc
 - small picots at intervals

This creates texture along the bracelet.

Step 9: Adjustable Clasp

1. At each end of the cord:
 - Thread yarn through and tie a sliding knot.
2. Add small beads (optional):
 - Thread ends through beads and knot to secure.

Sliding Closure

- Cross both ends.
- Tie a small adjustable knot section around them.
- This allows resizing.

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Final Touches

- Weave in all loose ends.
- Trim excess thread carefully.
- Adjust shape of wings and antennae.

You're Done!

You now have a complete crocheted micro-bee bracelet with:

- A sturdy cord
- A detailed bee centerpiece
- Elegant wings
- Adjustable fit