



Ladybug

A little ladybug that can be used for all kinds of things!

Materials

Any small amount of red and black thread with a crochet hook of suitable size.
I used cotton thread fitting to Boye crochet needle size 8, but it all depends on how big you want the finished bug to be.

Abbreviations US

ch = chain	lp = loop
sl st = slip stitch	tog = together
sc = single crochet (UK double crochet=dc)	st = stitch
hdc = half double crochet (UK half treble crochet=htr)	nxt = next
dc = double crochet (UK treble crochet=tr)	skip = UK miss
tr = treble crochet (UK double treble crochet=dtr)	

Body - With red:

- Round 1 - 6 sc in a magic ring (=6)
- Round 2 - 2 sc in each st (=12)
- Round 3 - (1 sc, 2 sc in the next st) 6 times (=18)
- Round 4 - (2 sc, 2 sc in the next st) 6 times (=24)
- Round 5-8 - 1 sc in each st (=24 or 96 in total)
- Fill the body with cotton, fiberfill or like I did: with a felt ball cut in half!
- Round 9 - In the back loop: (2 sc, 2 sc tog) 6 times (=18)
- Round 10 - (1 sc, 2 sc tog) 6 times (=12)
- Round 11 - (2 sc tog) 6 times (=6)
- Pull the thread through all stitches, pull and fasten off.

Head - With black:

- Round 1 - 6 sc in a magic ring (=6)
- Round 2 - 2 sc in each st (=12)
- Round 3 - (1 sc, 2 sc in the next st) 6 times (=18)
- Round 4-5 - 1 sc in each st (=18)
- Round 6 = (1 sc, 2 sc tog) 6 times = 12
- Pull the thread through the remaining st, cut but leave a long tail.
- Fill the head with cotton or fiberfill, and sew it onto the body.
- Sew a long thread from the head to the back of the body, and embroider the dots on the body with the left over thread.
- Fasten off and cut.



Embroider the eyes with white thread, and make the antenna by sewing on a thread, leaving a long thread at the beginning and at the end.
Stiffen it with glue, and cut after it is dry.

I used the ladybug to embellish the hands of a crochet clock hanging in the children's room!