



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!