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# Love Bug

**Level:** Easy, written in US terms

## **Materials**

- Scrap amounts size 4 worsted weight yarn in red, dark pink, light pink, white, black
- Crochet hook size 3.00 mm or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- Fiber Fill
- 2 small black buttons
- Stitch marker

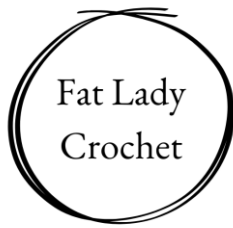


## **Gauge**

4 sts = 1 inch; 5 rows = 1 inch

## **Abbreviations**

dc	double crochet
ch(s)	chain(s)
dec	decrease
inc	increase
rnd	round
sl st	slip stitch
sc	single crochet
st(s)	stitch(es)
trc	triple crochet
yo	yarn over
[ ]	repeat directions within brackets as indicated



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### Notes

- Love Bug is worked in continuous rounds from the top down; do not join unless instructed to do so. Place stitch marker in first st of round and move as work progresses.
- Stuff firmly, but not so the stuffing shows through the stitches.
- Love Bug is roughly 2.5 inches long.

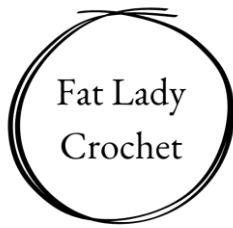
### Special Techniques

- **Magic ring:** Wrap yarn into a ring, ensuring that the tail falls behind the working yarn. Grip ring and tail firmly between middle finger and thumb. Insert hook through center of ring, yo (with working yarn) and draw up a loop. Work sts of first rnd in the ring, working over both strands (the tail and the ring). After the first rnd of sts is worked, pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring. Secure with a knot.
- **Change colour:** Work last st until last 2 loops remain on hook, drop current color, yo with next color, draw through both loops.

### Special Stitches

- **Dec (decrease):** [Insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] twice, yo, draw through all 3 loops on hook.
- **Inc (increase):** 2 sc in indicated st.





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### Body, begin with Red

Rnd 1: ch 2, work 9 sc into 2nd ch from hook *or* use a magic ring and sc 9 into ring. Place stitch marker in first st. (9 sts)

Rnd 2: Inc in each sc around. (18 sts)

Rnd 3: [Sc into next st, inc]. (27 sts). Change colour to Dark Pink.

Rnds 4-6: Sc into each st around. At end of last rnd, change colour to Light Pink.

Rnds 7-9: Sc into each st around. At end of last rnd, change colour to Red.

Rnds 10-12: Sc into each st around. At end of last rnd, change colour to Dark Pink.

Rnd 13: Sc into each st around.

Rnd 14: [Sc into next st, dec]. (18 sts). Stuff front end.

Rnd 15: Dec around. (9 sts). Finish stuffing. At end of last rnd, join with a sl st in first st. Fasten off, leaving a 9-inch tail. With tapestry needle and working in front loops only, weave tail through last rnd, pull gently to close and secure.



Weave tapestry needle through last rnd, pull gently to close and secure.

### Heart Wing (make 2), with White

To begin, ch 5 and sl st in first ch to make a ring *or* use a magic ring to start.

Rnd 1: Ch 2. Work the following into the ring: 3 trc, 3 dc, ch 1, trc, ch 1, 3 dc, 3 trc, ch 2, sl st into centre. (19 sts). Fasten off, leaving a 9-inch tail for sewing. Sew Heart Wings to center top of Body with the bottoms touching.



### Face

- **Eyes:** If Love Bug is being made for people over 3 years old, sew 2 small black buttons to front of Love Bug at roughly Rnd 3. Otherwise Love Bug's eyes must be embroidered on.
- **Mouth:** With black yarn and tapestry needle, sew a small "V" in the center of the face.

