

Busy Bee Addition – Firefly

A Free Pattern Addition By Multifavs



Glowing fireflies are a lovely sight on summer nights. With this addition to my Busy Bee pattern, you can make your own cute plush firefly! While it may not glow, it will be around all year long with a cheery smile!

For general instructions and information, check out the Busy Bee tutorial here: https://0aaaa335-3b20-4bef-b2a1-c8dee0997bde.filesusr.com/ugd/17ce96_2a26ca68f75a4b35ae663c9a22a36eb2.pdf

The firefly isn't too much different from the bee when it comes to sewing. This tutorial will explain the modifications you do need to make.

Patterns

Busy Bee pattern: <https://i.imgur.com/vjuOi69.png>

Firefly pieces: <https://i.imgur.com/wi3rBF5.png>

Be sure to print both patterns in the same size.

Fabric Colors Needed

- Black (antennae, body sides, belly, legs, two wing pieces, head markings, wing markings)
- Red (head sides, chin)
- Brown (two wing pieces)
- Yellow (tail light)

Not all fireflies have head and wing markings. If you want you can omit the head markings and/or the wing markings. If omitting the wing markings, use black fabric for all four wing pieces. You could also use glow-in-the-dark fabric for the tail light to make your firefly glow!

Use black thread for the entire firefly.

Pattern Pieces

Use all the Busy Bee pattern pieces except for the stinger and add the firefly pattern pieces. Cut the entire body side in one piece.

Tail Light

The tail light pieces are sewn on in the same way as the stingers.

Wing Markings

To add the wing markings, pin or baste one marking to each brown wing piece in the bottom center and use satin stitches to appliqué the markings to the wing fronts. **Do this before sewing the wings together.** Sew from one edge of the marking to the other, starting and ending the seam at the flat edge. Remember not to backstitch and to tie the ends of the thread together after finishing. The flat edge of the marking should align with the flat edge of the wing, and it doesn't need to be in the appliqué seam since it won't be visible later.

When you're done, the wing fronts should look something like this:



If you don't have a sewing machine, you can also attach these pieces using a straight stitch.

Head Marking

Sew the head marking pieces on in the same way as the wing markings, attaching them on the forehead near the antenna and aligning the edges. **Do this before sewing the head sides together.**

Note: My firefly doesn't have a head marking due to a mistake, so I don't have a photo right now. I will add one if I make another.

Attaching the Wings and Legs

Since you don't have the stripes on the body to show you where to attach the legs, you'll need to mark their placements in the spots where the stripes would be. Also, you'll need to cut a slit for attaching the wings. Cut on the line where the front body stripe would align with the body middle, and cut from the top to about halfway down. Mark the wing placements as well.

I hope you enjoy this pattern addition as well as the finished product!

Have fun sewing! ☺

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