# Animal key covers, set of three

Small · US terms



Finished size
**About 1¼ × 1¼ in (3 × 3 cm)**
About 1¼ in (3 cm) wide and 1¼ in (3 cm) tall each without the ears. To fit a key with a head up to 1 in (2.5 cm) wide and 1 in (2.5 cm) tall

Skill
**Easy**
Each is a small flat pocket in single crochet rounds, with tiny parts to sew on and a face in a few stitches.

Yarn
**Fine (2), 6 colors**

Hook
**2.25 mm (US B-1)**

Gauge
**28 stitches and 32 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)**
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

## What you need

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| Yarn A: gray, the cat | **about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn B: caramel, the bear | **about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn C: leaf green, the frog | **about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn D: cream, the muzzle and the eyes | **about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn E: charcoal, the faces | **about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn F: pink, the noses and cheeks | **about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate** |

By weight: about 15 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 2.25 mm (US B-1), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a key ring, a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors and pins.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

## Sizes

| Size | Fits | Finished size, about | Yarn, an estimate |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Small (this file)** | **a key with a head up to 1 in (2.5 cm) wide and 1 in (2.5 cm) tall** | **1¼ × 1¼ in (3 × 3 cm)** | **about 45 yd (41 m)** |
| **Large** | a key with a head up to 1¼ in (3 cm) wide and 1¼ in (3 cm) tall | 1½ × 1½ in (4 × 4 cm) | about 55 yd (50 m) |


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## Gauge

**28 stitches and 32 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)** in single crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Work a swatch in A before you begin: ch 43; row 1, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across (42 sc); rows 2 to 12, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across (42 sc). Where one color runs out, go on with the next. Lay it flat and count the stitches over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 28 stitches; rows worked back and forth are not quite as tall as rounds, so go by the stitches. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | Ch 43. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (42 sc) |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 12** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (42 sc) |

## Notes

- Each cover is complete in itself.
- A cover begins with a ring of 6 chains joined with a slip stitch. Chain 1 to hold the loop, which does not count as a stitch, and work round 1 into the ring, not into the chains, over the starting tail. The ring is not drawn closed: it is the hole for the key ring.
- The ears of the bear, the muzzle and the eyes of the frog begin with a magic ring. Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and draw up a loop. Where round 1 does not begin with a chain, chain 1 to hold the loop, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- The covers, the muzzle and the eyes are worked in a spiral: the rounds are not joined. Move a marker up to the first stitch of each round. The ear of the bear is one joined round; its chain of 2 does not count as a stitch.
- The ears of the cat are worked in rows. The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- sc2tog: draw up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- Measure the head of the key across its widest place. The cover is to be snug; the fabric gives a little. A cover is small: keep it away from a child under three.
- Colors. Cat cover and cat ears: A. Bear cover and bear ears: B. Frog cover: C. Muzzle and frog eyes: D.


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# Instructions

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**ch** chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
**sc2tog** 2 sc made into one, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
**2 sc in next st**: both in one stitch. **sc in next 6 sts**: one in each.
**[ ] 2 times**: work what is inside 2 times in all.
**(8 sc)**: the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

## Cat cover

**Yarn A, gray.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Ch 6, sl st in first ch to form a ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | 8 sc in ring | (8 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | 2 sc in each st around | (16 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnds 3 to 9** | Sc in each st around<br>3 4 5 6 7 8 9 | (16 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 10** | **[**Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times** | (14 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). | |

## Bear cover

**Yarn B, caramel.**

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|---|---|---|
| ☐ **Foundation** | Ch 6, sl st in first ch to form a ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | 8 sc in ring | (8 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | 2 sc in each st around | (16 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnds 3 to 9** | Sc in each st around<br>3 4 5 6 7 8 9 | (16 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 10** | **[**Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times** | (14 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). | |

## Frog cover

**Yarn C, leaf green.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Ch 6, sl st in first ch to form a ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | 8 sc in ring | (8 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | 2 sc in each st around | (16 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnds 3 to 9** | Sc in each st around<br>3 4 5 6 7 8 9 | (16 sc) |


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| ☐ **Rnd 10** | **[**Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times** | (14 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). | |

### Cat ear: make 2

**Yarn A, gray.**

Begin with a tail of 10 in (25 cm) before the foundation chain: it is for sewing.

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|---|---|---|
| ☐ **Foundation** | Ch 4. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (3 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 2** | Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st | (2 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 3** | Ch 1, turn; sc2tog | (1 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of 4 in (10 cm). | |

### Bear ear: make 2

**Yarn B, caramel.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ☐ **Foundation** | Make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | Ch 2, 8 hdc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first hdc to join | (8 hdc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm) for sewing. | |

### Bear muzzle

**Yarn D, cream.**

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|---|---|---|
| ☐ **Foundation** | Make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | 6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring. | (6 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | 2 sc in each st around | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) for sewing. | |

### Frog eye: make 2

**Yarn D, cream.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ☐ **Foundation** | Make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | 6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring. | (6 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | **[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times** | (9 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm) for sewing. | |

### Assembly

**1.** Weave in the tails of the three covers on the inside, the tail at the ring round the edge of the hole without closing it. Weave in the starting tail of the bear ears, the muzzle and the frog eyes, and the tail at the tip of each cat ear, on the wrong side.

**2.** Lay each cover flat, the hole at the top, so that the two decreases of round 10 are at the two side edges. The side that faces you is the front. On the front each of the rounds 2 to 9 has 8 stitches; they are counted here from its left


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edge to its right edge.

**3.** The cat's ears. The upper edge of a cover is where its rounds 1 and 2 are folded, with the hole in the middle. Set the foundation edge of each ear on the upper edge of the cat cover, the right side of the ear to the front: one ear at the left end of the upper edge and one at the right end, so that their inner corners are on round 1, close beside the hole, and their outer corners on round 3 at the side edge. With its long tail whip stitch the 3 chains of each ear to the cover, go over them a second time and fasten off inside the cover.

**4.** The cat's face. Straight stitch: bring the needle up at one end of the line and down at the other, through the front only. Begin and end every thread inside the cover. With E, about 24 in (60 cm) long, make the eyes: each is three upright straight stitches into the same two holes, over one stitch of round 5, the 3rd and the 6th. With F, about 12 in (30 cm) long, make the nose on round 6: three level straight stitches close below one another over the 4th and 5th stitch, all three centered where these two meet, the first two stitches wide, the second one stitch wide, the third half a stitch. With E again, one upright straight stitch from the point of the nose down to the bottom of round 7, and two whiskers at each side, straight stitches one and a half stitches long, one on round 6 and one on round 7: at the left from the middle of the 1st stitch to the inner side of the 2nd, at the right from the middle of the last stitch to the inner side of the one before it.

**5.** The bear's ears. Set the edge of each ear on the edge of the bear cover, its right side to the front, one at the left upper corner and one at the right upper corner: the middle of the 3 stitches that are sewn is on round 2. Turn the ear so that its tail hangs at that end of the 3 stitches that is nearer the hole: the sewing begins there and goes toward the side edge. With the tail whip stitch the 3 stitches next to it along the edge of the ear to the cover, go over them a second time and fasten off inside the cover.

**6.** The bear's face. Lay the muzzle on the front, right side up, its middle between the 4th and the 5th stitch of round 7, and pin it. With its tail sew it down round the edge: bring the needle up through the muzzle under the top of a stitch and down through the front beside the edge, 12 stitches, and fasten off inside. With E, about 18 in (45 cm) long, make the nose on the upper half of the muzzle: four level straight stitches close below one another from just under its upper edge to its middle, each two stitches wide; then one upright straight stitch from the nose to the edge of the muzzle below. With the same thread make the eyes as for the cat, over the 3rd and the 6th stitch of round 4.

**7.** The frog. The right side of an eye is its outside. With E, about 8 in (20 cm) long for each, make a French knot in the middle of each eye, on its right side, and fasten off at the back. French knot: bring the needle up, wind the yarn three times round it, put it down again close beside where it came up and draw the yarn through the turns. Set the edge of each eye on the upper edge of the frog cover, the knot to the front, one at the left end and one at the right end of the upper edge, its tail at the end nearer the hole, as for the ears of the bear, and whip stitch 3 of its stitches to the cover with that tail; go over them a second time and fasten off inside.

**8.** The frog's face. With E, about 14 in (35 cm) long, make the mouth: four straight stitches end to end in a curve, each one stitch wide, over the 3rd to the 6th stitch: the two in the middle level along the bottom of round 7, the two outer ones slanting up to the top of that round. Then the cheeks, one at each side, each with a length of F of its own, about 8 in (20 cm) long: two level straight stitches close below one another on round 6, over the 2nd stitch and over the 7th.

**9.** To put a cover on, take the key off its ring and slide its head into the cover from below, up to the hole. Put the ring in through the hole, through the hole of the key and out through the hole of the cover again.

## Finishing

- Pull the covers flat and even with your fingers. Weave any end that is left in on the inside.

In all: 10 pieces; 526 stitches (150 in the cat cover, 150 in the bear cover, 150 in the frog cover, 6 in each cat ear, 8 in each bear ear, 18 in the bear muzzle, 15 in each frog eye).

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