Cupcake toilet paper cover

US terms



Finished size
About 5 × 5¾ in (13 × 15 cm)
About 5¾ in (14.5 cm) tall without the cherry, its case about 16 in (40.5 cm) round with the rib smoothed out and 4¼ in (11 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
The ribbed case uses post stitches.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 11 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: mint, the case	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: vanilla, the top and the frosting	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cherry red, the cherry	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton or acrylic

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a small handful of toy stuffing, for the cherry, two stitch markers, a yarn needle and scissors.

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.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together (UK dc2tog)
FPhdc	front post half double crochet (UK front post half treble)
BPhdc	back post half double crochet (UK back post half treble)
BLO	back loop only
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
sk	skip (UK miss)

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rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

14 stitches and 11 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

14 stitches and 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, worked in the round. The rib is counted at the same gauge as half double crochet, smoothed out flat; left alone it draws in.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 5 the top should measure about 3¼ in (8 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Before you start

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring, draw up a loop and chain 1 to hold it, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- The rounds of the top and of the cherry are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays free on the outside for the frosting.
- The rounds of the case are joined with a slip stitch in their first stitch. The chain at the start of a round of the case does not count as a stitch: work the first stitch into, or round, the stitch the round before was joined in.
- A post stitch is worked round the upright of the stitch below, from the front (FP) or from the back (BP), and not into its top.
- Measure round the roll of paper and measure its height. The cover is for a roll about 14 in (35.5 cm) to 15½ in (39.5 cm) round and 4 in (10 cm) tall. For a taller or a lower roll work more or fewer rounds of the rib: 3 rounds are about 1 in (2.5 cm).
- A shell is the 5 double crochet (UK treble) worked into one loop.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- Colors. The case is A, the top and the frosting are B, and the cherry is C.

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Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble, sc2tog is dc2tog, FPhdc is front post half treble, BPhdc is back post half treble and sk is miss.

Top

Yarn B, vanilla.

The middle is drawn closed when the tail of the ring is pulled; weave it in on the wrong side. The top is a shallow cone, not a flat circle. When round 2 is worked, put a second marker in the front loop of its first stitch and leave it there: the frosting begins in that loop.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	7 hdc in MR	**(7 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 hdc in BLO of each st around	**(14 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 hdc in BLO of next st, hdc in BLO of next st**] 7 times**	**(21 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Hdc in BLO of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 7 times**	**(28 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Hdc in BLO of next st, 2 hdc in BLO of next st, **[**hdc in BLO of next 3 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 6 times**, hdc in BLO of next 2 sts	**(35 hdc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 5. The top should measure about 3¼ in (8 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Hdc in BLO of next 4 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 7 times**	**(42 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Hdc in BLO of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st, **[**hdc in BLO of next 5 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 6 times**, hdc in BLO of next 3 sts	**(49 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Hdc in BLO of next 6 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 7 times**	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the back loop only of the next stitch, the first stitch of round 8, to level the edge. Fasten off and weave this tail in on the wrong side.	

Case

Yarn A, mint.

Join A with a slip stitch in the back loop of the first stitch of round 8 of the top, the one with the last slip stitch in it. Round 1 is worked into the back loop only of every stitch of round 8, the first one into the loop where A is joined; the front loops stay free for the frosting. Work on in the same direction as the top.

☐ **Foundation**	The back loops of round 8 of the top, RS facing; 56 stitches.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 11**	Ch 2, **[**FPhdc around next 3 sts, BPhdc around next st**] 14 times**, sl st in first FPhdc to join	**(42 FPhdc, 14 BPhdc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(56 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 12. The case should measure about 4¼ in (11 cm) tall, from the foot of round 1 to the lower edge.

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☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Frosting

Yarn B, vanilla.

Hold the cover with its right side toward you and the case pointing up, away from you. Join B with a slip stitch in the front loop of the first stitch of round 2 of the top, the marked one, take the marker out, chain 1, which does not count as a stitch, and work along the front loops in the same direction as the rounds were worked, out from the middle. At the end of a round of the top go straight on into the first front loop of the next: it is one line of 245 loops, and the shells lie over the loops farther out. It ends in the last free front loop of round 8. The first single crochet goes into the loop where B is joined.

☐ **Foundation**	The free front loops of rounds 2 to 8 of the top, RS facing, in one line from the first stitch of round 2 to the last stitch of round 8; 245 stitches.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	**[**Sc in next st, sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st**] 61 times**, sc in next st	**(62 sc, 305 dc)**

> **Stop here, after row 1.** There are 61 shells in the swirl.

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and draw it through to the wrong side.	

Cherry

Yarn C, cherry red.

Fill the cherry firmly with stuffing before the last round.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 5**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 5: tick them off as you go.

☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Cut the yarn, leaving a tail of 14 in (35 cm). Thread it through the front loops of the last 6 stitches, draw them closed and knot it: this end is the underside of the cherry, and the tail sews it on.	

Putting it together

Set the underside of the cherry on the middle of the top, inside the first turn of the frosting, so that it covers the 7 stitches of round 1. With its long tail whip stitch it down all round: 12 small stitches, one for each stitch of round 5 of the cherry, each through that stitch and then round the upright of a stitch of round 2 of the top, just outside the 7 free front loops of round 1. There are 14 uprights: pass over two of them, one at each side. Fasten off on the wrong side.

Finishing

- Weave all the tails that are left in on the inside.

In all: 2 pieces; 1,351 stitches (252 in the top, 672 in the case, 367 in the frosting, 60 in the cherry).

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