Lamb and chick Easter egg covers

US terms



Finished size
About 1¾ × 2½ in (4 × 6 cm)
About 5¼ in (13.5 cm) round, each half 1¼ in (3 cm) deep. To fit a plastic egg 2½ in (6.5 cm) tall and 5½ in (14 cm) to 5¾ in (14.5 cm) round at the widest

Skill
Intermediate
It is small pieces in rounds, with loop stitch on the lamb and faces that are sewn.

Yarn
Medium (4), 7 colors

Hook
3.75 mm (US F-5)

Gauge
18 stitches and 20 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: cream, the lamb, the bow	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sand, the face and ears of the lamb	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: lilac, the bunny	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: pink, noses, cheeks, the ears of the bunny	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: butter yellow, the chick	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: orange, the beak	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: charcoal, the eyes	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Fiber: acrylic or wool

Hook: 3.75 mm (US F-5), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 3 plastic eggs that open round the middle, 2½ in (6.5 cm) tall and 5½ in (14 cm) to 5¾ in (14.5 cm) round at the widest, 2 stitch markers, pins, 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)
MR	magic ring
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

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st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
WS	wrong side

Special stitches

loop-st (Loop stitch): Insert hook in the place named. Lift a forefinger behind the work so that the yarn lies over it in a loop about 3/8 in (1 cm) long, catch both strands of that loop with the hook, the one in front of the finger and the one behind it, and draw both through the stitch, so that 3 loops are on the hook; then yo, pull through all 3 loops, and slip the long loop off the finger. It stands at the back of the work. It leaves 1 loop-st for the next round.

Gauge

18 stitches and 20 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

The loop stitch rounds are counted at the same height as single crochet rounds.

> **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 28; row 1, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across (27 sc); rows 2 to 12, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across (27 sc). Lay it flat and count the stitches over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 18 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 28.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(27 sc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 12	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(27 sc)**

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 halves, the face, the cheeks and the beak are worked in rounds that are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round. The ears of the lamb and of the bunny, the inner ears and the wings are one round each, joined with a slip stitch.
- The bunny, the chick and all the small parts are worked with the right side, the outside, facing you. The two halves of the lamb are worked with the wrong side facing you.
- The lower half is blunter than the upper one, as an egg is. Try each half on its half of the egg before you fasten off: it should be snug and come just to the edge where the egg opens. If it is too short, work one round more without increases.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- The knots and the small parts are for children over three. For a younger child work the eyes as small straight stitches, leave the bow off, and stay by when the egg is opened.
- Colors. The lamb is A with a face and ears of B. The bunny is C with inner ears of D. The chick is E with a beak of F. The cheeks are D, the eyes and mouths are G.

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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 and yo is yarn round hook.

Lamb, upper half

Yarn A, cream.

The wrong side faces you all the way and the loops come out at the back of the work: that side is the outside. When the half is done, turn it so that the loops are outside.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (WS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 loop-st in each st around	**(12 loop-sts)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Loop-st in next st, 2 loop-st in next st, **[**loop-st in next 3 sts, 2 loop-st in next st**] 2 times**, loop-st in next 2 sts	**(15 loop-sts)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Loop-st in next 4 sts, 2 loop-st in next st**] 3 times**	**(18 loop-sts)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Loop-st in next 2 sts, 2 loop-st in next st, **[**loop-st in next 5 sts, 2 loop-st in next st**] 2 times**, loop-st in next 3 sts	**(21 loop-sts)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Loop-st in next 6 sts, 2 loop-st in next st**] 3 times**	**(24 loop-sts)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 9**	Loop-st in each st around	**(24 loop-sts)**

A box for each round, 7 to 9: tick them off as you go.

☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm).	

Lamb, lower half

Yarn A, cream.

The wrong side faces you all the way and the loops come out at the back of the work: that side is the outside. When the half is done, turn it so that the loops are outside.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (WS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 loop-st in each st around	**(12 loop-sts)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 loop-st in next st, loop-st in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 loop-sts)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Loop-st in next 5 sts, 2 loop-st in next st**] 3 times**	**(21 loop-sts)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Loop-st in next 3 sts, 2 loop-st in next st, **[**loop-st in next 6 sts, 2 loop-st in next st**] 2 times**, loop-st in next 3 sts	**(24 loop-sts)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 8**	Loop-st in each st around	**(24 loop-sts)**

A box for each round, 6 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Lamb, face

Yarn B, sand.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 18 in (45.5 cm) for sewing.	

Lamb, ear: make 2

Yarn B, sand.

It is one round along both sides of the chain. The joined end is the narrow one.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, 5 hdc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	**(2 sc, 7 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) for sewing.	

Bunny, upper half

Yarn C, lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 2 sts	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 3 sts	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 9**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 9: tick them off as you go.

☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm).	

Bunny, lower half

Yarn C, lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 3 sts	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 8: tick them off as you go.

6 7 8

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Bunny, ear: make 2

Yarn C, lilac.

It is one round along both sides of the chain. The joined end is the narrow one.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 10.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 5 chs, 7 dc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, dc in next 5 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	**(2 sc, 4 hdc, 17 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (35.5 cm) for sewing.	

Bunny, inner ear: make 2

Yarn D, pink.

It is one round along both sides of the chain. The joined end is the narrow one.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 8.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, 5 hdc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next 4 chs, sl st in first sc to join	**(8 sc, 9 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (35.5 cm) for sewing.	

Cheek: make 4

Yarn D, pink.

Two are for the bunny and two for the chick.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) for sewing.	

Chick, upper half

Yarn E, butter yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 2 sts	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 3 sts	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(24 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 7 to 9**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 9: tick them off as you go.

7 8 9

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm).	

Chick, lower half

Yarn E, butter yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 3 sts	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 8: tick them off as you go.

6 7 8

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Chick, wing: make 2

Yarn E, butter yellow.

It is one round along both sides of the chain. The joined end is the narrow one.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, 6 hdc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	**(2 sc, 8 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm) for sewing.	

Chick, beak

Yarn F, orange.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. The rounds of each half are counted from its closed end, the round in the magic ring being round 1. Weave in the tails of every half on its inside, but leave the long tail of each upper half for the hinge. Weave in the starting tails of the face, the lamb's ears, the bunny's ears, the inner ears, the cheeks and the wings on their wrong sides. The starting tail of the beak stays inside it: push it in when you sew the beak on.

2. The front of an upper half, right side out. Its last stitch is at the back. The 12th stitch of round 9, counted from there, is the middle of the front. Mark it. The middle line of the face runs straight up from this mark to the ring. All the parts of a face go on before the two halves are joined.

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3. The lamb's face. Lay it on the front, right side up, its middle on round 6, and pin it, pressing the loops aside. With its long tail sew it down all round: bring the needle up under the top of a stitch of its last round and down through the half just outside the edge, one stitch for each of its 15 stitches. Fasten off inside.

4. The lamb's eyes, nose and mouth. With one strand of G, about 16 in (40.5 cm), make a French knot for each eye on round 2 of the face, one at each side of its middle and just above it, about ½ in (1.5 cm) apart. French knot: bring the needle up, wind the yarn twice round it close to the fabric, hold the yarn taut and put the needle down one thread beside the place where it came up. With D, about 12 in (30.5 cm), make the nose below the eyes: three straight stitches close below one another, each about ¼ in (0.5 cm) wide, the first of them one round below the eyes. Straight stitch: bring the needle up at one end of the line and down at the other. From the middle of the lowest one make one straight stitch of G down, one round long. Fasten off inside.

5. The lamb's ears. Lay the narrow end of an ear at each side of the face, right side up, on round 4 of the half, close beside the edge of the face and outside it, the ear pointing outward and a little down. With its tail sew the narrow end down with 4 stitches, through the half. Fasten off inside. The rest of the ear is free and hangs a little.

6. The bunny's ears. Lay an inner ear on an ear, both right side up, narrow end to narrow end and rounded end to rounded end, in the middle, so that a rim of the ear about 1/8 in (0.3 cm) wide shows along both sides and more of it at the rounded end. With the tail of the inner ear sew it down all round: bring the needle up under the top of a stitch of the inner ear and down through the ear just outside its edge, one stitch for each of its 17 stitches. Take the end to the back and fasten off. Sew the ears to the top of the upper half, side by side, the inner ears to the front: the narrow end of each on round 2, the two about ¼ in (0.5 cm) apart at each side of the middle line. With its tail sew each with 4 stitches along the front and 4 along the back. Fasten off inside.

7. The bunny's face. With G, about 16 in (40.5 cm), make a French knot for each eye on round 6, 2 stitches to the side of the middle line. With D, about 12 in (30.5 cm), make the nose on the middle line on round 7: three straight stitches, level and close below one another, the first two 1 stitch wide and the third half as wide. With G, about 12 in (30.5 cm), make the mouth: one straight stitch from the nose straight down, half a round long, then one from its lower end out to each side, 1 stitch long and a little upward. The cheeks: lay one on each side, right side up, its middle on round 8, 2½ stitches from the middle line, and with its tail sew it down through the tops of its 6 stitches. Fasten off inside.

8. The chick's face. With G, about 16 in (40.5 cm), make a French knot for each eye on round 5, 2 stitches to each side of the middle line. Sew the open end of the beak over the middle line on rounds 6 and 7, through its 6 stitches, with its tail; it points straight forward and stays unstuffed. The cheeks: as on the bunny, their middles on round 8, 2½ stitches from the middle line. For the tuft cut a length of E about 14 in (35.5 cm). Bring the needle up through the ring of the upper half, leaving an end inside, and make three loops, each about ½ in (1.5 cm) tall, going down and up through the ring. Fasten off inside, so that the loops cannot be drawn out.

9. The wings. The front of a lower half is worked out in the same way: its last stitch is at the back, and the 12th stitch of round 8, counted from there, is the middle of the front. Lay a wing on each side of the chick's lower half, right side up, its rounded end up, the top of the curve on round 7, 5 stitches from the middle of the front. A wing is about 1 in (2.5 cm) long: its narrow end points down, a little toward the back, and hangs about level with round 2. With its tail sew the rounded end down with 6 stitches, through the tops of the 6 half double crochet that were worked into one chain; the rest is free. Fasten off inside.

10. The hinge. Put an upper half and its lower half together, right sides out, edge to edge, their backs in line. With the long tail of the upper half whip stitch 4 stitches of the one edge to 4 stitches of the other at the back, the last stitch of both halves among the middle two. Go over them once more and fasten off inside. The rest of the edges stays open.

11. The bunny's bow. With A ch 40 and fasten off. Tie the chain in a bow with loops about ½ in (1.5 cm) long and knot both ends of the chain. With a length of A about 10 in (25.5 cm) sew the knot of the bow to the middle of the front of the bunny's lower half, on round 7, with 3 stitches. Fasten off inside and trim the ends.

Finishing

- Shake the lamb's loops out. Push each half of the egg into its half of the cover.

In all: 20 pieces.

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