Lip balm holder keychains

Slim · US terms



Finished size

About 2¼ in (5.5 cm) round and 2½ in (6.5 cm) tall without the flap and the strap, for a lip balm 2 in (5 cm) to 2¼ in (5.5 cm) round and up to about 2¾ in (7 cm) tall

Skill

Easy

It is a small tube in rounds with a flap and a strap in rows, all single crochet.

Yarn

Fine (2), 7 colors

Hook

2.75 mm (US C-2)

Gauge

26 stitches and 28 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: coral, stripes	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, stripes, seeds and wings	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sky blue, stripes	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: strawberry red, the strawberry	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: leaf green, the strawberry	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: honey yellow, the bee	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: soft black, the bee	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 25 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 2.75 mm (US C-2), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: three buttons about 3/8 in (1 cm) across, three key rings, five stitch markers (one is enough without the strawberry), sewing thread and a sewing needle, 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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Slim (this file)	**2¼ in (5.5 cm) round, 2½ in (6.5 cm) tall**	**about 85 yd (78 m)**
Wide	2½ in (6.5 cm) round, 2¾ in (7 cm) tall	about 95 yd (87 m)

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Gauge

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

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 4 the tube should measure about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) around, laid flat and not stretched, measured across and doubled. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Notes

- Each of the three holders is complete in itself: for one holder work only its own tube, flap and strap, for the strawberry also the three leaves, and for the bee also the two wings.
- 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 are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. The flaps and the straps are worked in rows.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Where only one or two rounds are worked before the old yarn is used again, do not cut it: carry it loosely up the inside.
- In the round of the strawberry tube that has two colors, carry the color not in use along the top of the round before and work over it.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- To choose a size, wrap a strip of paper round the lip balm and measure it. The fabric stretches a little and should be snug. For a lip balm taller than 2¾ in (7 cm) work more rounds at the top of the tube, after its last round and before the flap, in the color of the last round: 4 rounds more make the tube ½ in (1.5 cm) taller and 7 rounds more 1 in (2.5 cm). Each 7 rounds take about 5 yd (5 m) more of that color, and nothing else changes: every round number in the pattern stays as it is.
- The buttons are small parts: the holders are not for a child under three.
- Rounds 1 and 2 are the flat base, and rounds 3 to 20 are the side of the tube, about 2½ in (6.5 cm) tall. A lip balm 2¾ in (7 cm) tall stands about ¼ in (0.5 cm) out of the tube, under the flap.
- Colors of the striped tube, round by round. Rounds 1 to 4: A. Rounds 5 to 6: B. Rounds 7 to 10: C. Rounds 11 to 12: B. Rounds 13 to 16: A. Rounds 17 to 18: B. Rounds 19 to 20: A. Its flap is in A and its strap in C.
- Colors of the strawberry tube, round by round. Rounds 1 to 16: D. Round 17: D and E. Rounds 18 to 20: E. Its flap, its leaves and its strap are in E.
- Colors of the bee tube, round by round. Rounds 1 to 2: G. Rounds 3 to 5: F. Rounds 6 to 7: G. Rounds 8 to 10: F. Rounds 11 to 12: G. Rounds 13 to 15: F. Rounds 16 to 17: G. Rounds 18 to 20: F. Its flap is in F, its strap in G and its wings in B.

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Instructions

Slim. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **sp** space, **rnd** round.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **sk** skip, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows, **WS** wrong side, the back.
2 sc in each st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each. **ch-2 sp**: the gap under two chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 7 times: work what is inside 7 times in all.
(7 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Striped tube

Yarns in order of use: A, coral; B, cream; C, sky blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	7 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

3 **4**

Stop and measure now, after round 4. The tube should measure about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) around.

☐ **Rnd 5**	With B, sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	With C, sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnds 8 to 10**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)

8 9 10

☐ **Rnd 11**	With B, sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	With A, sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnds 14 to 16**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)

14 15 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	With B, sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	With A, sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off. Turn the work so that the wrong side of the last stitches faces you.	

Striped flap

Yarn A, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	The last 6 stitches of the tube, worked on from there with the same yarn, the wrong side of the tube facing you; 6 stitches.	
☐ **Row 1 (WS)**	Ch 1, sc in each st across	(6 sc)

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☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	(4 sc, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(4 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Striped strap

Yarn C, sky blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(3 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(3 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm).	

Strawberry tube

Yarns in order of use: D, strawberry red; E, leaf green.

In rounds 4, 7, 10 and 13 hang another stitch marker on the post, the upright part, of the first stitch of the round and leave it there. These four markers show where to count from when you sew the seeds.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	7 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 16**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
	3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**With D, sc in next st, with E, sc in next st**] 7 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnds 18 to 20**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
	18 19 20	
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off. Turn the work so that the wrong side of the last stitches faces you.	

Strawberry flap

Yarn E, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	The last 6 stitches of the tube, worked on from there with the same yarn, the wrong side of the tube facing you; 6 stitches.	
☐ **Row 1 (WS)**	Ch 1, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	(4 sc, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts	(6 sc)

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☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Strawberry leaf: make 3

Yarn E, leaf green.

The three leaves are three points worked on the edge of the strawberry flap. Hold the flap with its right side (the side that is outside when it is folded over the front) facing you and row 13, its last row, at the top. Counted from right to left, the first leaf is on the 1st and 2nd stitch of that row, the second leaf on the 3rd and 4th, the third leaf on the 5th and 6th.

☐ **Foundation**	Two stitches of row 13 of the strawberry flap, RS facing; 2 stitches.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join E with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog	(1 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Strawberry strap

Yarn E, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(3 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	(3 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm).	

Bee tube

Yarns in order of use: G, soft black; F, honey yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	7 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	With F, sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5**	Sc in each st around 4 5	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	With G, sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	With F, sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 10**	Sc in each st around 9 10	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	With G, sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	With F, sc in each st around	(14 sc)

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☐ **Rnds 14 to 15** 14 15	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	With G, sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	With F, sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnds 19 to 20** 19 20	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off. Turn the work so that the wrong side of the last stitches faces you.	

Bee flap

Yarn F, honey yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	The last 6 stitches of the tube, worked on from there with the same yarn, the wrong side of the tube facing you; 6 stitches.	
☐ **Row 1 (WS)**	Ch 1, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 10** 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	(4 sc, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(4 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Bee strap

Yarn G, soft black.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(3 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 22** 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(3 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm).	

Wing: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **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 10 in (25 cm).	

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Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of each tube on the inside, the tail of each flap along its rows, the two tails of each strawberry leaf on the wrong side of the flap, the tail at the foundation chain of each strap along the edge of the strap, and the tail at the magic ring of each wing on its wrong side. Keep the long tail of each strap and each wing for sewing. In all that follows the flap is at the back of the tube, and the front is the side across from it.

2. Strawberry seeds: with B, sew cream seeds on the strawberry tube. Each seed is one upright stitch over one single crochet, from the bottom of the stitch to its top. They are on rounds 4, 7, 10 and 13. On rounds 4 and 10 sew over the 1st, 4th, 7th, 10th and 13th stitch of the round; on rounds 7 and 13 over the 2nd, 5th, 8th, 11th and 14th. The stitch with the marker is the 1st of its round; count from it the way you worked: with the outside of the tube toward you and the flap end at the top, to the left (if you crochet left-handed, to the right). Take each marker out once the seeds of its round are sewn. Use one length of B about 36 in (91.5 cm) long and go from seed to seed on the inside.

3. Bee face: the right side of a flap is the side that is outside when the flap is folded over the top to the front. With G, sew two eyes on the right side of row 9 of the bee flap, counted from the tube: one over the 2nd single crochet of the row and one over the 5th. Each eye is three upright stitches into the same two holes, from the bottom of that single crochet to its top. Use a length of G about 10 in (25.5 cm) long and go from eye to eye on the wrong side.

4. Bee antennae: with the right side of the bee flap up, draw a length of G about 6 in (15 cm) long under the top of the 2nd single crochet of row 5, so that its two ends are even. Knot the two ends together close to the flap, and knot them together again about ½ in (1.5 cm) further out. Cut the ends off close to the outer knot. Work the other antenna in the same way on the 5th single crochet of the same row.

5. Bee wings: hold the bee tube with its front toward you and the flap end at the top. Sew one wing to each side with its tail, the right side of both wings toward you, so that the side with the woven-in tail of the ring is at the back: the 4 stitches of its edge next to the tail are whip stitched to the side of the tube, one above the other, one to each of rounds 13, 14, 15 and 16, so that the middle of the wing is level with the line between rounds 14 and 15. The four are in a line straight up the tube, 4 stitches from the middle of the front. The rest of the wing stands out to the side.

6. Straps: slip a strap through a key ring and fold it in half, its two short ends together and the ring in the fold. Lay the two ends, one on the other, the one with the long tail on top, on the outside of the back of a tube so that they cover the last two rounds just below the flap, in the middle of the 6 stitches of the flap, with the fold pointing up past the top. The tail now hangs at a lower corner. With it whip stitch, each stitch through both ends and the tube: from that corner across the short edges, 3 stitches, and up the next side, 2 stitches; then sew level across the strap, where it goes on up, with 3 small straight stitches through both its layers and the tube; then whip stitch down the last side, 2 stitches, to where you began. Sew the striped strap to the striped tube, the strawberry strap to the strawberry and the bee strap to the bee.

7. Put a lip balm in, bring the flap over the top and mark the place under the middle of the buttonhole on the front. Sew a button there with sewing thread. Do the same for each holder.

Finishing

- Draw what is left of every length you sewed with (the seeds, the straps, the wings, the buttons) to the inside of its tube, weave it in there and cut it. Weave the two ends of the eyes in on the wrong side of the bee flap.

In all: 8 pieces; 1,292 stitches.

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