Snap clip covers

US terms



Finished size
Each cover about 2½ in (6.5 cm) long and 1¼ in (3 cm) wide with its picots, on a clip about 2 in (5 cm) long

Skill
Easy
Tiny rounds over a frame, and small parts to sew on

Yarn
Super fine (1), 6 colors

Hook
2.25 mm (US B-1)

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

You will need

Yarn A: pink, main	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: mint, the cover in mint	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: butter, the cover in butter and tiny flower, round 1	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: red, the strawberry	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: fern, the strawberry cap	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: warm white, the bow and tiny flower, round 2	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 2.25 mm (US B-1), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: six metal snap clips about 2 in (5 cm) long and ¾ in (2 cm) wide at the wide end, with an open slit between the frame and the tongue, a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

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 15 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: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (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 together: [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 2 times, yo, pull through all 3 loops (UK dc2tog, dc
Rnd	round
RS	right side

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st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook. In UK terms: ch 3, ss in the 3rd ch from hook.

Gauge

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

Check it on the bow when 14 rows are done: it is about 5/8 in (1.5 cm) wide and 1¾ in (4.5 cm) long. For the covers it need not be exact: the frame sets the size, and the 36 stitches of round 1 fill it all the way round.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Before you start

- To begin a cover, open the clip. Make a slip knot and put the loop on the hook. Hold the clip in front of the yarn, right side toward you, its wide end to the right. Begin on the upper side of the frame, close to the wide end. Put the hook into the slit between the frame and the tongue from front to back, catch the yarn behind the clip and pull it back through the slit and through the loop on the hook: the yarn is joined.
- Round 1 is worked over the frame and not over the tongue. For each sc put the hook into the slit, so that the frame lies inside the stitch, with the tops of the stitches on the outside. Work along the upper side to the narrow end, round the tip, and back along the lower side to the wide end. Put 12 sc on the upper side, 6 round the tip, 12 on the lower side and 6 round the wide end. At the wide end, where the tongue joins the frame, the slit has two ends: put the hook into the end you come to for 3 sc and into the other end for 3 sc, and spread the tops of these 6 round the wide end. Push the stitches along the frame so that they fit.
- Keep the clip open while you work round 2 as well. Its picots stand outward all round.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch. The first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- The right side of a round is the side that faces you as you work it.
- Stitches in parentheses are all worked into the one stitch named after them. "In each st around" puts all of them into every stitch.
- In the bow the ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- To change yarn between rounds, make the joining sl st with the new yarn: put the hook in the first stitch, take the new yarn over the hook and pull it through. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn. Only the tiny flower changes yarn.
- Sc2tog, 6 times, leaves 6 stitches. Straight stitch: bring the needle up at one place and take it down at another.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- Small parts come off in small hands and mouths: keep the clips from children under three.

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Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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 sc2tog is double crochet 2 together.

Cover in pink: make 2

Yarn A, pink.

The ring is the metal frame of the clip.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, join yarn to the ring with a sl st.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 36 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, picot**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc, 12 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Cover in mint: make 2

Yarn B, mint.

The ring is the metal frame of the clip.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, join yarn to the ring with a sl st.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 36 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, picot**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc, 12 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Cover in butter: make 2

Yarn C, butter.

The ring is the metal frame of the clip.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, join yarn to the ring with a sl st.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 36 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, picot**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc, 12 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Strawberry: make 2

Yarn D, red.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 4 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**sc2tog**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc2tog	**(6 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 14 in (36 cm) to sew with.	

Strawberry cap: make 2

Yarn E, fern.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, **[**sc in ring, picot**] 5 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(5 sc, 5 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 12 in (30 cm) to sew with.	

Bow: make 2

Yarn F, warm white.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 14: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 12 in (30 cm) to sew with.	

Tiny flower: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, butter; F, warm white.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 5 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	With F, ch 1, (sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc) in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(10 sc, 10 hdc, 5 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 12 in (30 cm) to sew with.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends of each cover on its underside, through the stitches of round 1, and snap the clip open and shut once to see that the tongue moves freely. The topper goes on the wide end of the clip, where the rounds end. Every stitch that holds it goes through the cover only, so that the clip still opens; the yarn goes from one side of the tongue to the other on top of it, hidden under the topper, and never round it.

2. Strawberry: weave in the first end on the inside. Seeds: cut 14 in (36 cm) of F for each strawberry. Hold the strawberry with round 7 at the top, the side that will be seen toward you. Sew 8 straight stitches, each over the front of one sc, from its foot up to its top. Round 6: choose 3 sc with 1 sc left free between each of them and the next, a seed on each of the 3. Round 5: a seed on each of the 2 sc that lie straight below the two free sc. Round 4: find the sc that lies nearest below the middle seed of round 6 and leave it free; a seed on the sc at each side of it, 2 seeds. Round 3: 1 seed, on the sc nearest below that free one. Push the ends of F inside, with the cut-off ends of D, as filling. Run the long tail through the 6 stitches of round 7, pull it tight and make one stitch to hold it.

3. Lay the cap, right side up, on the closed end of the strawberry, its middle on the middle of round 7. With the tail of the

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cap sew its 5 sc down, 5 stitches; the picots stay free. Lay the strawberry, seeds up, on the wide end of a pink cover, the cap pointing to the wide end and the tip of the strawberry toward the narrow end. With the tail of the strawberry sew its underside to round 1 of the cover: 3 stitches on one side of the tongue, then 3 on the other.

4. Bow: lay the strip flat, wrong side up, fold both short ends to the middle so that they meet edge to edge, and sew them together with the long tail: 4 stitches. The join is the back. For each bow cut 30 in (76 cm) of F. Wind it tightly 6 times round the middle of the bow, over the join, so that the bow draws in, and tie the two ends at the back. Lay the bow across the wide end of a mint cover, its middle over the tongue and one loop on each side of it. Sew the back of each loop to the sc of round 1 of the cover that lie under it, 3 stitches with one of the two ends on one side of the tongue and 3 stitches with the other end on the other side.

5. Tiny flower: lay it, right side up, on the wide end of a butter cover, its middle on the tongue, and turn it so that one petal points straight to the wide end of the clip. Two petals then lie on each side of the tongue. Lift the petals one after another and, with the tail, sew the back of each to the sc of round 1 of the cover that lies under its middle: the petal at the wide end to the middle of the 6 sc there, the two on each side to the sc of that side. Take one stitch through the back of the dc of each petal, 5 stitches, and go round once more. The stitches must not show in front; the edges of the petals stay free. Sew the second topper of each kind on the second cover of its color in the same way, and weave in all the ends that are left.

Finishing

- All the ends are woven in as you put it together.

In all: 14 pieces.

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