Star pacifier clip

US terms



Finished size
About 1¼ × 7¼ in (3 × 18 cm)
About 7¼ in (18.5 cm) long with its loop, without the clip and the pacifier; each star about 1¼ in (3 cm) across its points, and the strap about ½ in (1.5 cm) wide

Skill
Easy
It is one narrow strap, and five small stars of three rounds that are sewn on it.

Yarn
Fine (2), 3 colors

Hook
2.75 mm (US C-2)

Gauge
26 stitches and 30 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: night blue, the star in night blue	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: butter, the star in butter	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pale blue, the loop and the strap	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 10 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: a pacifier clip with a bar for a strap ½ in (1.5 cm) wide or a little wider, the clip itself no wider than 1 in (2.5 cm), 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.

Gauge

26 stitches and 30 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

The first 30 rows of the strap are about 4 in (10 cm) long. A finished star is about 1¼ in (3 cm) across, from the tip of one point to the tip of the next but one.

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 row 1 the loop should measure about 4 in (10 cm) long, from one short end to the other, 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.

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Notes

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and draw up a loop. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- Each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; work the first stitch of the round into the stitch the round before was joined in. This is how the stars are worked. In round 3 the first slip stitch goes into the stitch round 2 was joined in.
- The strap and the loop are worked in rows. The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Begin every piece with a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Each point of a star is one group: single crochet, double crochet, chain 2, double crochet, single crochet, all in one stitch. Pull the point out by its chain 2, and press the star flat under a damp cloth.
- 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 length is stated and is not to be made longer: 7¼ in (18.5 cm) with the loop. It is for waking hours with a grown person beside the child. It is not for sleep: take it off before a nap, at bedtime, in a crib and in a car seat. Nothing on it is a button or a bead, and nothing should be added. Look at its seams before each use, and put it away when one has come loose.
- Colors. A: three stars. B: two stars. C: the strap and the loop.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **sp** space, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in each st: both in one stitch.
[ ] 5 times: work what is inside 5 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(26 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Loop

Yarn C, pale blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 27.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(26 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm).	

Strap

Yarn C, pale blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(3 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 46**	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 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46

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

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Star in night blue: make 3

Yarn A, night blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 5 sc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sl st in next st, (sc, dc, ch 2, dc, sc) in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sl st to join	(10 sc, 10 dc, 5 ch-2 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (35 cm) for sewing.	

Star in butter: make 2

Yarn B, butter.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 5 sc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sl st in next st, (sc, dc, ch 2, dc, sc) in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sl st to join	(10 sc, 10 dc, 5 ch-2 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (35 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the starting tail of each star, and both tails of the strap, on the wrong side. Each star keeps its tail of 14 in (35 cm) for sewing. The right side of the strap is the side that faces you in row 1.

2. The clip end. Cut a new length of C, 18 in (45 cm) long. Put the foundation edge of the strap through the bar of the clip, from the right side to the wrong side, and fold rows 1 to 3 to the wrong side, so that the bar lies in the fold between rows 3 and 4 and the foundation edge lies along the top of row 6. Whip stitch the two layers together with it, from the fold down one side, row end to row end, 3 stitches; then across the foundation edge, 3 stitches; then up the other side to the fold, 3 stitches. Run the needle down between the two layers, back to the foundation edge, whip stitch its 3 stitches a second time and fasten off.

3. Pin the stars on. Lay the strap right side up, the clip at the bottom. The stars lie on it right side up, one above another, each with one point straight up along the strap and the notch between its two lower points straight below that point. The tip of that upper point, the ch-2 sp, and the notch are both over the middle stitch of the strap, the 2nd of its 3. A star is as tall as 7 rows from the bottom of its notch to its tip. From the clip upward: the first star, A, on rows 7 to 13, the bottom of its notch at the bottom of row 7 and its tip at the top of row 13; the second, B, on rows 15 to 21; the third, A, on rows 23 to 29; the fourth, B, on rows 31 to 37; the fifth, A, on rows 39 to 45. Rows 4 to 6 show between the clip and the first star, one row shows between each tip and the notch above it, and row 46 stands out above the last tip. The strap is narrower than a star: it is hidden behind the middle of the star and shows on both sides of the upper point and in the notch. If a star of yours is a little taller or shorter than 7 rows, set it by its tip.

4. Sew each star on with its own tail. From the right side, with small stitches that go through the star close inside its edge and through the strap, sew down the edge of the star only where it lies on the strap: first round the notch, from one side edge of the strap to the other; then take the yarn up between the star and the strap and sew round the upper point, from one side edge of the strap up to the tip and down to the other side edge. Now turn the work over. Each side edge of the strap lies on the wrong side of the star for about 5 rows, between the notch and the upper point: whip stitch both of these edges to the wrong side of the star, one stitch in each row end, with the same tail, and fasten off.

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The parts of a star that reach past the strap are not sewn to anything.

5. The loop end. Turn the strap wrong side up. Lay the loop down wrong side up too, and bend it sideways into a flat narrow U, with no twist, the foundation chain on the inside of the bend. Lay its two ends next to each other on the wrong side of the strap, their foundation chains touching along the middle of its 3 stitches; together the two ends are narrower than the strap. Each end lies on rows 44 to 46 of the strap, 3 rows, about 3/8 in (1 cm): its short end is along the bottom of row 44, and the rest of the loop stands out past row 46. The loop ends where its chain began, so both its tails are at one short end: weave in the 6 in (15 cm) tail, sew that end with the 10 in (25 cm) tail, and for the other end cut a new length of C, 10 in (25 cm) long. Whip stitch each end to the strap: along its outer edge, from its short end to the top of row 46 of the strap; across the end, over the top of row 46; back along its inner edge, where the two ends touch, through both of them and the strap; and across its short end. Go round a second time. These stitches go through the strap and not through the star in front of it.

6. To put a pacifier on, push the middle of the loop through the handle of the pacifier from the back, open the loop, bring the clip and the whole strap through it, and draw it close round the handle. It is for a pacifier with a handle or with a hole that the loop goes through.

Finishing

- Draw each sewing tail through the stitches of the wrong side in two directions and cut it close, so that no end shows.

In all: 7 pieces; 339 stitches (26 in the loop, 138 in the strap, 35 in each star in night blue, 35 in each star in butter).

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