

School Spirit Notebook Cover



Get ready for back-to-school with a customized notebook cover. Designed to fit over a standard 1 inch thick loose leaf notebook, this cozy can be done up a number of ways. With the availability of custom buttons, charms & ribbons, the possibilities are limitless.

Make one in school colors, embellished with emblems of the school mascot. Love bright colors? Make one in all your favorite colors & add coordinating buttons & charms.

But don't let the children have all of the fun. These covers can be made to suit the tastes of

older children & adults. Also, turn an inexpensive notebook into a one-of-a-kind scrapbook binder or journal.

This is an easy design consisting primarily of single crochet rows & a couple of treble & double crochet rows for ribbon embellishments. Once rows are completed, flaps are created on the left & right sides by folding to size & single crocheting the fold together.

The cover then slips onto the notebook and an additional single crocheted tether is tied around the notebook spine for added secure fit & serves as a wonderful way to showcase a couple of favorite charms or beads.

Sizes and Materials List ...

Size:	One size fits standard 1 inch thick notebook (Model notebook cover measures 31 ½" (edge to edge, before making flap folds) x 11 ¼" x 1")
Hook(s):	US F/5 (3.75 mm)
Yarn:	Lily Peaches & Crème [100% cotton, 120 yds/70.9 g ball] Lily Sugar & Cream [100% cotton, 120 yds/70.9 g ball]
Colors & Approx. Yardage	(A) Peaches & Creme, Sunburst #11, 3 balls, 360 yds (B) Sugar 'n Cream, Hot Pink #01740, 1 ball, 80 yds

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Notions	Yarn Needle 1 inch thick standard loose leaf notebook 22" x 11 1/2" 3/8" & 1/2" ribbon in coordinating colors Buttons, charms, and beads Sewing needle & thread for hemming ribbon
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Gauge:	17 sts and 11 rows = 4"/10 cm <i>Always take time to check your gauge</i>
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Notes ...	
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Working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add additional chains to starting chain and rows to flap ends to accommodate thicker notebooks. • This cover needs to have a smooth, tight fit. Keep notebook handy for quick size checks.
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Stitches Used	Chain (ch) Slip Stitch (sl st) Single Crochet (sc) Half-Double Crochet (hdc) Double Crochet (dc)
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Abbreviations	Each (ea) Repeat (rep) Stitch(es) (st / sts)
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Instructions ...

Cover

Base Chain	With A, ch 108.
Row 1	Working in back loops, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in ea ch across. (107 sts)
Row 2	Ch 1, turn, sc in ea sc across.
Rows 3-5	Repeat row 2, changing to B at end of last row. Fasten off A.
Rows 6-8	Ch 1, turn, sc in ea sc across, changing to A at end of row 8. Fasten off B.
Rows 9-15	Ch 1, turn, repeat row 2 changing to B at end of row 15. Fasten off A.
Rows 16-17	Repeat row 2.
Row 18	Ch 2, turn, dc in ea sc across, changing to A at end of row. Fasten off B.
Rows 19-29	Ch 1, turn, sc in ea dc across, changing to B at end of row 29. Fasten off A.
Row 30	Ch 1, turn, sc in ea sc across, changing to A at end of row. Fasten off B.
Rows 31-35	Repeat row 30, alternating colors at end of ea row, ending with A.
Rows 36-42	Ch 1, turn, sc in ea sc across.
Row 43	Ch 1, turn, sc in ea sc across, changing to B at end of row. Fasten off A.
Row 44	Ch 1, turn, sc in ea sc across.
Row 45	Ch 2, turn, dc in ea sc across.
Row 46	Ch 1, turn, sc in ea dc across, changing to A at end of row. Fasten off B.
Rows 47-55	Ch 1, turn, sc in ea sc across, changing to B at end of row 55. Fasten off A.
Row 56	Ch 1, turn, sc in ea sc across, changing to A at end of row. Fasten off B.
Rows 57-60	Ch 1, turn, sc in ea sc across. Do not fasten off yarn.

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Side Flaps Side 1

Row 61 Ch 2, rotate piece and hdc 44 sts evenly across row ends. (44 sts)

Rows 62-70 Ch 2, turn, hdc in ea hdc across. Fasten off at end of last row.

Side Flaps, Side 2

On opposite side of piece, join A and rep rows 61-70.



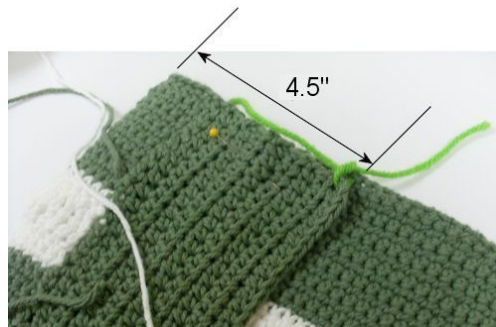
Finishing ...

Ribbon

Weave ribbon through dc (or hdc) rows, leaving about ¼ inch to be turned down for hemming.

Flaps

Lay cover flat, right side down, measure 4 inches from left side, fold over, and pin. Repeat for other side. Check against notebook for custom fit.



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Starting at corner fold (see photo below), attach A, ch 1, sc in same st and in each st across to opposite flap corner, making sure to include both layers of folded edges. Finish off at opposite outer corner with 2 sc in last space.



Repeat for opposite side.

Weave in all ends, fold and hand sew ribbon ends inside the edge flaps for a neat appearance.

Chain Tether - added to top and bottom of notebook spine to tighten up fit as needed



Insert notebook into cover. Mark the middle of the space at the top and bottom of the area that covers the spine of the notebook.

Beginning at the bottom space, attach yarn and chain 86. Fasten off.

Repeat procedure for 2nd tether but only make 48 chains and fasten off. (The number of chains is an individual decision, based upon the length of tether desired).

Note: Use ribbon instead of the chains if desired.

Securely attach charms to tether ends. Weave in ends and tie tether into a bow.

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