A cover for a pair of glasses comprising: a sleeve, the sleeve comprising: a main body portion, the main body portion sized to generally be able to enclose the lens portion of a pair of glasses; a first stem portion, the first stem portion configured to generally enclose at least a portion of the glasses' first stem; a second stem portion, the second stem portion configured to generally enclose at least a portion of the glasses' second stem; an opening located generally in the main body portion and configured to allow entry and exit of the glasses with respect to the cover. A method of using an eyeglass cover and glasses as a headband, the method comprising: inserting glasses into an eyeglass cover, placing the glasses and eyeglass cover on a user's head, generally above the forehead, with the stems of the glasses over the user's ears, such that the cover and glasses look and act as a headband.
START

INSERT EYEGLASSES INTO COVER WITH STEMS INSIDE STEM PORTION OF COVER

PLACE EYEGLASSES ON HEAD GENERALLY ABOVE THE FOREHEAD WITH DISTAL END OF STEMS GENERALLY OVER THE EARS

END

FIG. 12
FACE GLASSES WITH STEMS OPENED TOWARDS YOU

INSERT LEFT STEM INTO LEFT STEM PORTION

INSERT LENS PORTION OF GLASSES INTO OPENING OF COVER

INSERT RIGHT STEM INTO RIGHT STEM PORTION

CLOSE OPENING SO THAT GLASSES ARE GENERALLY INSIDE COVER

FIG. 13
GLASSES HEADBAND COVER METHOD, APPARATUS, AND SYSTEM

CROSS-REFERENCES


TECHNICAL FIELD

[0002] The present invention relates generally to a cover for eyeglasses and/or sunglasses and more particularly to a cover for eyeglasses and/or sun glasses, which can be worn as a headband and may be used as a compact, non-bulky carrying case when glasses need to be stored.

BACKGROUND

[0003] As long as there have been eyeglasses or sunglasses (the term glasses will refer to both eyeglasses and sunglasses), there has been a problem of what to do with the glasses when not using them. Some people simply prop the glasses on top of their head, however these glasses are often not secure, and can get dirty or smudged. Some people have glasses’ cords connected to the stems of their glasses, and hang the glasses around their neck. However, these cords are often not stylish, and the glasses can be in a person’s way when swinging about his or her neck. Some people store their glasses in hard cases, but these cases may be bulky and may not fit in many of the compartments or places that people choose to store their glasses in.

[0004] Thus there is a need for a device that can hold glasses that will overcome the above listed and other disadvantages.

SUMMARY

[0005] The disclosed invention relates to a cover for a pair of glasses comprising: a sleeve, the sleeve comprising: a main body portion, the main body portion sized to generally be able to enclose the lens portion of a pair of glasses; a first stem portion, the first stem portion configured to generally enclose at least a portion of the glasses’ first stem; a second stem portion, the second stem portion configured to generally enclose at least a portion of the glasses’ second stem; an opening located generally in the main body portion and configured to allow entry and exit of the glasses with respect to the cover.

[0006] The invention also relates to a method of using an eyeglass cover and glasses as a headband, the method comprising: inserting glasses into an eyeglass cover; placing the glasses and eyeglass cover on a user’s head, generally above the forehead, with the stems of the glasses over the user’s ears, such that the cover and glasses look and act as a headband.

[0007] In addition, the invention relates to an eyeglass cover system, the system comprising: a pair of glasses; a sleeve, the sleeve comprising: a main body portion, the main body portion sized to generally be able to enclose the lens portion of the glasses; a first stem portion, the first stem portion configured to generally enclose at least a portion of the glasses’ first stem; a second stem portion, the second stem portion configured to generally enclose at least a portion of the glasses’ second stem; an opening located generally in the main body portion and configured to allow entry and exit of the glasses with respect to the cover.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0008] The present disclosure will be better understood by those skilled in the pertinent art by referencing the accompanying drawings, where like elements are numbered alike in the several figures, in which:

[0009] FIG. 1 is a front view of the glasses cover;
[0010] FIG. 2 is a front view of the glasses cover shown being worn as a headband;
[0011] FIG. 3 is a top view of the glasses cover;
[0012] FIG. 4 is a top view of the glasses cover with glasses shown inside the glasses cover;
[0013] FIG. 5 is a top view of the glasses cover with the opening in an opened position;
[0014] FIG. 6 is a view of the glasses cover being worn;
[0015] FIG. 7 is a front view of the glasses cover;
[0016] FIG. 8 is a front view of a generally constant height embodiment of the glasses cover;
[0017] FIG. 9 is a side view of an embodiment of the glasses cover;
[0018] FIG. 10 is a side view of another embodiment of the glasses cover where the stem portion only covers a majority of the glasses’ stems;
[0019] FIG. 11 is a side view of another embodiment of the glasses cover where the stem portion only covers a small portion of the glasses’ stems; and
[0020] FIG. 12 is a flowchart showing a method of the invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0021] FIG. 1 shows an embodiment of the disclosed cover 10. The invention comprises a sleeve 14 made out of fabric such as, but not limited to: nylon, wool, spandex, cotton, blends of materials. The sleeve 14 has a main body portion 18 and two stem portions 22, 26. There is a single flap 30 on the main body portion. The flap 30 allows access to the interior of the sleeve 14. Alternatively, instead of a flap, there may be an opening that can be closed with a zipper, an opening closeable with Velcro, a slot with buttons, snaps, etc. The material may have a design, such as but not limited to decorative designs that head bands may have. Various designs that may be on the material include but are not limited to a tiger stripe pattern, stripes, patterns of geometric shapes, images of sports mascots, images of famous characters, or popular words or phrases printed on the material. The opening 30 allows a user to place a pair of glasses in the sleeve, with the lenses in the main body 18, and the glasses’ stems going into each of the stem portions 22, 26. In one embodiment, the cover may have an inner lining that is configured to protect the glasses from scratches or other damage.

[0022] FIG. 2 shows the glasses 34 inside the cover 10. Now a user 38 can place the glasses 34 (located inside the cover 10) on top of her head, but instead of appearing as glasses on top of the head (which women often do in order to hold their hair back from their face), the glasses inside the sleeve 14 appear to be a decorative headband. Now referring to FIG. 7, the main body portion 18 may have a height Hg that
This invention has the advantages of looking more stylish than simply wearing your sunglasses (or glasses) on top of your head; it protects the lenses of the glasses from scratches, and allows for quick removal of the glasses from the sleeve when the user needs to put on the glasses. The invention may lift the user’s hair for a more stylish look. Prevents the user’s hair from being snagged in the glasses. Protects glasses from hair products which could damage the glasses. The invention can act as a carrying case for the glasses. The cover is washable. The invention can be worn on the ankle or wrist as a wristlet.

It should be noted that the terms “first”, “second”, and “third”, and the like may be used herein to modify elements performing similar and/or analogous functions. These modifiers do not imply a spatial, sequential, or hierarchical order to the modified elements unless specifically stated.

While the disclosure has been described with reference to several embodiments, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that various changes may be made and equivalents may be substituted for elements thereof without departing from the scope of the disclosure. In addition, many modifications may be made to adapt a particular situation or material to the teachings of the disclosure without departing from the essential scope thereof. Therefore, it is intended that the disclosure not be limited to the particular embodiments disclosed as the best mode contemplated for carrying out this disclosure, but that the disclosure will include all embodiments falling within the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A method of using an eyeglass cover and glasses as a headband, the method comprising:
   - inserting glasses into an eyeglass cover;
   - placing the glasses and eyeglass cover on a user’s head, generally above the forehead, with the stems of the glasses over the user’s ears, such that the cover and glasses look and act as a headband.

2. The method of claim 1, where the inserting glasses step comprises:
   - inserting the left stem of the glasses into the left stem portion of the cover;
   - inserting the lens portion of the glasses into the opening of the cover;
   - inserting the right stem portion of the glasses into the right stem portion of the cover; and
   - closing the opening so that the glasses are generally inside the cover.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
   - using the glasses and eyeglass cover to hold the user’s hair away from the user’s face.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
   - using the glasses and eyeglass cover to hold the user’s hair up in a different style.

5. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
   - preventing the glasses from snagging the user’s hair.

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