ROCKING CHAIR SLIPPER

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ABSTRACT

A floor protector that fits and conforms exactly to the shape of a rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker). A floor protector that is both functional and decorative. A fabric “slipper” that fits and conforms exactly to the shape of a rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker). The “slipper” stretches to slip on and off. There is foam or padding inserted inside the bottom for cushioning to prevent damage and noise. There are two ties placed at strategic points to be tied in a bow to secure the “slipper” to the rocker foot. There is a stationary bow and lace trim for decorative purposes.
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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The present invention relates to floor protectors and, more particularly, to a floor protector that is specifically designed for a rocking chair.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] There has always been a need to protect hard floors from the damage caused by chairs and other types of furniture as they move back and forth and across the floor and the imprint the furniture may cause due to the weight of the furniture and/or the person sitting on the furniture.

[0003] Existing floor protectors commonly found in the marketplace include chair glides made of plastic and/or steel that nail or screw on, felt or padded strips that glue on and chair leg booties that slip on; however, they do not specifically fit or conform to the shape of a rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker) to protect the floor, the rocker foot, and to prevent noise and add decoration.

[0004] Felt strips are sometimes used on rocker feet to protect the floor. They do not conform to and specifically fit a rocking chair rocker foot and must be glued on and once they are removed they can not be reused and put back on. They are not decorative and do not provide as much protection or noise prevention as the present invention.

[0005] They do not specifically fit or conform to the shape of a rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker) to protect the rocker foot from damage. They do not specifically fit or conform to the shape of a rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker) to quiet the noise the rocker makes as it rocks back and forth on the floor. They are not decorative. They can not be removed for cleaning and put back on.

[0006] It is therefore an object of the current invention to fit and conform exactly to the shape of the rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker).

[0007] It is another object of the current invention to protect the floor.

[0008] It is another object of the invention to protect the rocking chair rocker foot from damage.

[0009] It is another object of the invention to have the ability to be removed for cleaning and put back on.

[0010] It is another object of the invention to create a decorative accent.

[0011] It is another object of the invention to prevent the rocker feet from making noise as the rocker feet hit the floor during the rocking back and forth motion.

[0012] It is another object of the invention to be installed without the use of glue or nails.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0013] In accordance with the present invention, there is provided a floor protector that is both functional and decorative. A fabric “slipper” that fits and conforms exactly to the shape of a rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker). The “slipper” stretches to slip on and off. There is foam or padding inside the bottom of the slipper for cushioning to prevent damage and noise. There are two ties placed at strategic points to be tied in a bow to secure the “slipper” to the rocker foot. There is a stationary bow and lace trim for decorative purposes.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0014] A complete understanding of the present invention may be obtained by reference to the accompanying drawings, when considered in conjunction with the subsequent, detailed description, in which:

[0015] FIG. 1 is a top view of a Rocking Chair Slipper floor protector;

[0016] FIG. 2 is a side view of a Rocking Chair Slipper Floor Protector;

[0017] FIG. 3 is a cross sectional view of a Rocking Chair Slipper floor protector showing where the padded insert is located;

[0018] FIG. 4 is a bottom view of a Rocking Chair Slipper floor protector; and

[0019] FIG. 5 is a perspective view of a Rocking Chair Slipper floor protector when placed on the rocking chair.

[0020] For purposes of clarity and brevity, like elements and components will bear the same designations and numbering throughout the FIGURES.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

[0021] FIG. 1 is a top view of the present invention.

[0022] FIG. 2 is a side view of the present invention.

[0023] FIG. 3 is a cross sectional view of the present invention showing where the padded insert is located.

[0024] FIG. 4 is a bottom view of the present invention.

[0025] FIG. 5 is a perspective view of the present invention. Each rocking chair slipper is slipped on to each rocker foot of the rocking chair and secured with the two ties at strategic points as shown.

[0026] Thus, in summary, it can be seen that what is provided in this invention is a floor protector specifically designed to fit a rocking chair foot that is functional and decorative.

[0027] The shape of the slipper and the ability of the stretch fabric 5 to stretch, along with the elastic strips 1 around the opening of the slipper, enable the slipper to fit over and conform to the shape of the rocking chair foot.

[0028] The fabric ties 3 are strategically placed in two locations on both sides of the opening of the slipper to secure the slipper to the rocking chair.

[0029] The padding 6 inserted in the bottom of the slipper provides protection for the floor, the rocker foot and provides a cushion to quiet noise that the rocker feet make when they rock back and forth and hit the floor.
The lace or other decorative trim 2 around the opening of the slipper and the stationary bow 4 at the front of the slipper make it decorative.

The slipper is easily removed for cleaning and can be put back on and reused many times.

The slipper can be fashioned in any color or stretch fabric 5 and decorated with any type of trim.

Since other modifications and changes varied to fit particular operating requirements and environments will be apparent to those skilled in the art, the invention is not considered limited to the example chosen for purposes of disclosure, and covers all changes and modifications which do not constitute departures from the true spirit and scope of this invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is desired to be protected by Letters Patent is presented in the subsequently appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A rocking chair slipper for placing over the rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker) of a rocking chair to protect the floor. comprising:

   means for an elastic strip that is attached all around the edge of the opening of the slipper to enable the slipper to stretch enough to fit over the rocker foot and then conform back to the shape of the rocker foot;

   means for fabric or ribbon strips eight inches in length attached to the opening of the slipper on both sides at two strategic points (one at 8 inches from the front corner and one 6 inches from the back corner of opening) to be tied into a bow around the rocker foot to keep the slipper in place, rigidly connected to said means for an elastic strip that is attached all around the edge of the opening of the slipper to enable the slipper to stretch enough to fit over the rocker foot and then conform back to the shape of the rocker foot;

   means for fabric must stretch all ways to expand to fit and conform to the shape and length of a standard rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm or runner); and

   means for foam or other padding inserted between two layers of fabric on the bottom of the slipper to cushion the floor and rocker foot, rigidly connected to said means for fabric must stretch all ways to expand to fit and conform to the shape and length of a standard rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm or runner).

2. The rocking chair slipper in accordance with claim 1, wherein said means for an elastic strip that is attached all around the edge of the opening of the slipper to enable the slipper to stretch enough to fit over the rocker foot and then conform back to the shape of the rocker foot, comprises a Two pieces of ½" wide elastic measuring 20" in length, elastic strips.

3. The rocking chair slipper in accordance with claim 1, wherein said means for fabric or ribbon strips eight inches in length attached to the opening of the slipper on both sides at two strategic points (one at 8 inches from the front corner and one 6 inches from the back corner of opening) to be tied into a bow around the rocker foot to keep the slipper in place. comprises a Two eight inch lengths of ribbon or similar material fabric ties.

4. The rocking chair slipper in accordance with claim 1, wherein said means for fabric must stretch all ways to expand to fit and conform to the shape and length of a standard rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm or runner) comprises a Stretch fabric (4 way) 36"x12" folded in half and sewn in such a manner to form a slipper stretch fabric.

5. The rocking chair slipper in accordance with claim 1, wherein said means for foam or other padding inserted between two layers of fabric on the bottom of the slipper to cushion the floor and rocker foot, comprises a Foam or other padding ½" thick by 2" wide by 30" long, padding.

6. A rocking chair slipper for placing over the rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker) of a rocking chair to protect the floor. comprising:

   a Two pieces of ½" wide elastic measuring 20" in length, elastic strips, for an elastic strip that is attached all around the edge of the opening of the slipper to enable the slipper to stretch enough to fit over the rocker foot and then conform back to the shape of the rocker foot;

   a Two eight inch lengths of ribbon or similar material fabric ties, for fabric or ribbon strips eight inches in length attached to the opening of the slipper on both sides at two strategic points (one at 8 inches from the front corner and one 6 inches from the back corner of opening) to be tied into a bow around the rocker foot to keep the slipper in place, rigidly connected to said elastic strips;

   a Stretch fabric (4 way) 36"x12" folded in half and sewn in such a manner to form a slipper stretch fabric, for fabric must stretch all ways to expand to fit and conform to the shape and length of a standard rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm or runner); and

   a Foam or other padding ½" thick by 2" wide by 30" long, padding, for foam or other padding inserted between two layers of fabric on the bottom of the slipper to cushion the floor and rocker foot, rigidly connected to said stretch fabric.

7. The rocking chair slipper as recited in claim 6, further comprising:

   an Any decorative gathered trim such as lace, lace or other decorative trim, for a gathered lace or other trim attached to the opening of the slipper for decorative purposes., rigidly connected to said fabric ties, and rigidly connected to said stretch fabric.

8. The rocking chair slipper as recited in claim 6, further comprising:

   a Ribbon or similar fabric tied into a bow and sewn on to the front of the slipper. bow, for this bow is for decorative purposes only.

9. The rocking chair slipper as recited in claim 7, further comprising:

   a Ribbon or similar fabric tied into a bow and sewn on to the front of the slipper. bow, for this bow is for decorative purposes only.
10. A rocking chair slipper for placing over the rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker) of a rocking chair to protect the floor, comprising:

a Two pieces of ½” wide elastic measuring 20” in length. elastic strips, for an elastic strip that is attached all around the edge of the opening of the slipper to enable the slipper to stretch enough to fit over the rocker foot and then conform back to the shape of the rocker foot; and

an Any decorative gathered trim such as lace, lace or other decorative trim, for a gathered lace or other trim attached to the opening of the slipper for decorative purposes;

a Two eight inch lengths of ribbon or similar material fabric ties, for fabric or ribbon strips eight inches in length attached to the opening of the slipper on both sides at two strategic points (one at 8 inches from the front corner and one 6 inches from the back corner of opening) to be tied into a bow around the rocker foot to keep the slipper in place, rigidly connected to said Lace or other decorative trim, and rigidly connected to said elastic strips;

a Ribbon or similar fabric tied into a bow and sewn on to the front of the slipper, bow, for this bow is for decorative purposes only;

a Stretch fabric (4 way) 36”x12” folded in half and sewn in such a manner to form a slipper. stretch fabric, for fabric must stretch all ways to expand to fit and conform to the shape and length of a standard rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm or runner), rigidly connected to said Lace or other decorative trim; and

a Foam or other padding ½” thick by 2” wide by 30” long. padding, for foam or other padding inserted between two layers of fabric on the bottom of the slipper to cushion the floor and rocker foot, rigidly connected to said stretch fabric.