[0007] Finally, many lids and coverings are designed for using a straw passing through the lid, allowing a person to drink from an otherwise sealed container. This can lead to additional waste—i.e., a straw.

SUMMARY

[0007a] In an aspect, the present disclosure refers to a container cover system comprising: a container cover roll, which comprises a film that is formed into a container cover; a dispenser having a housing, a roll holder that supports the container cover roll inside the housing, a channel in the housing through which the film passes, a protrusion extending from an exterior edge of the channel, and a cutting edge along the exterior edge of the channel and on a protruding edge of the protrusion; and wherein the film is pulled through the channel and cut on the cutting edge to form the container cover, which comprises a tab on a first edge and a notch on a second edge opposite from the first edge, wherein the notch forms an opening when attached to a container.

[0007b] In another aspect, the present disclosure refers to a method of covering a container comprising: pulling a container cover from a dispenser, which includes a roll of container covers and a cutting edge that includes a protruding section; cutting the container cover from the roll of container covers using the cutting edge, wherein the container cover includes a notch on one side of the container cover; placing the container cover over an open top of a container with the notch extending over the open top; and pressing outer edges of the container cover around exterior surfaces of the container, wherein the notch that is extending over the open top of the container forms an access opening.

[0008] The present disclosure discloses in an example a flexible container cover that is able to fit and seal multiple container shapes and sizes. The container cover may include a recess designed to provide an opening on the container's edge. The innovation also includes a dispenser designed to allow a user to retrieve one container cover at a time.

[0009] In an example, the cover is a flexible material, such as a plastic sheet, that is larger than a drinking opening of a cup, mug or other glass. The edges of the cover may extend enough beyond the rim of the container to be folded down. In some examples, the flexible material has an adhesive at least on the outer portions of these extended edges to attach to the outer side of the container and hold the cover in place. In some examples, the material may have inherent or embedded properties to grip the outer surface of the container without using adhesives. For example, the material may include static cling properties, textures that suction to a surface, an embedded elastic or other structural designs creating grip.

[0010] In some examples, the cover includes a notch, which is located on an edge of the cover and designed to provide a drinking opening when the cover is attached to the container. In some examples, the cover may include a tab opposite from the notch. The tab may provide a grip for a person to dispense, apply and handle the cover.

[0011] In some examples, the cover may be one of a plurality of covers on a roll. Each cover may include a notch and a tab, wherein the tab is the material that is removed from the notch. The roll may be pre-perforated in some examples along the edge and notch/tab.

[0012] The innovation also includes a dispenser for the covers. In some examples, the dispenser is designed to mount to a surface. For example, the

dispenser may include a mounting attachment, such as an opening to fit over the head of a bolt or screw, hook and loop tape, magnets, interconnecting frames, or other mounting features. In other examples, the dispenser may be free standing.

[0013] The dispenser may be a single use dispenser that is intended to be recycled or thrown away once emptied. In other examples, the dispenser may be configured to allow replacement of a set of covers—such as a roll of covers—allowing the dispenser to be reused.

[0014] In some examples, the dispenser holds a roll of material for covers on a rotatable axis. For example, the dispenser may have a rod that passes from one side of the dispenser to the other with a roll of covers fitted over the rod that is able to turn to allow the covers to be removed from a front of the dispenser. In some examples, the covers pass through a channel located in the front of the dispenser. The channel may lead to an edge having a series of teeth designed to cut the material to form covers. The cutting edge may include an extended portion with teeth extended forward from other teeth on the edge. While the material is cut, this protruding edge portion may create a notch in the removed piece of material and a tab on the next piece of material. In addition, the remaining tab may stick to the extended protrusion or channel structure to hold the film in place until it is used for the next cover.

[0015] Embodiments of the cover may also be individually packaged. The packaging may be designed to keep the cover in a sanitary state until applied to a container. When opened, the package may allow a person to remove the cover and expose the adhesive or gripping surface in a series of steps while attaching the cover to a container so that a person can apply the cover without touching it or with minimal contact to it.

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0016] Embodiments will now be described, by way of example only, with references to the accompanying drawings in which:

[0017] FIG. 1A is a perspective view of embodiments of a dispenser for container covers and a cover that is shown above a container;