



Crochet Extra

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Happy Mothers Day to all the Mums, Grandmums, Mums-to-be and 'Mum-like' ladies out there. We hope you have a relaxing day with some time for crochet and perhaps receiving a hand-made item from your loved-ones.

We've put together some exclusive Mothers day gift packs that will be available during May only – to buy and make or give as a gift.

DMC have now introduced variegated yarn into the Natura collection – Called Natura Springs. These 8 new colours are now in store and are amazing. I can't wait to make something with them myself.



Did you know that 10 June is the worldwide knit and crochet in public day? Is anything organized near you for that day – see if one is registered on the kip [website](#)? Or perhaps you wish to organize your own event? It is a great day to encourage the craft and let others see this 'mysterious' craft in action. Here on the Sunshine Coast there will be an event in Yandina – making beanies for charity. Full details will be in our next newsletter – or available shortly on our website and facebook page.

Have you cabled in crochet? Cabling can add interesting texture to your crochet projects. In our workshops this month we are going to learn cabling and prepare sampler squares using 4–6 different cable designs – all taken from the book 63 Crochet Cable Stitches LA3961



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Theme – Broomstick and Hairpin Crochet Lace

Broomstick lace is a crochet technique from the 19th Century, made using a crochet hook and a knitting needle.

Traditionally a broomstick handle was used with the crochet hook – hence the name – but a knitting needle or craft

dowel is used today. This technique is also called jiffy lace, peacock eye crochet, lattice loop, maltese lace or witchcraft lace. The knitting needle is used to create large loops that gently twist to the left as they are pulled into clusters with a double crochet. The larger the knitting needle, the more lacy the resulting fabric. The resulting lacy fabric is soft with a soft drape, and as it is fast to do, is well suited for scarves, shawls and clothing.



Hairpin lace is another technique popular in the Victorian times. It is made using a crochet hook and a loom (or U shaped Staple) to create strips which are then crocheted together and/or added to other items to create edges. Like broomstick lace it is quick to work up and can be used for anything – doilies, edging, garments, rugs and bags.

The good thing about both of these techniques is that any yarn or thread can be used to make beautiful lace creations – and they are easy to learn. Both of these have also become quite popular with many starting to learn these techniques.

At Crochet Australia we have all the tools to make and learn both of these techniques as well as a range of patterns and other accessories to create beautiful lace. All of these are showcased in the next section. Or try the free pattern to make a [cowl](#) in broomstick crochet.



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Tip of the Month— Yarn Substitution



Many of the patterns available on the market are from overseas and use yarns that are not always easy to get here in Australia. In addition, many old patterns are still being used where the yarns have been discontinued. I am often asked what is a suitable substitute in such cases. There is no easy answer to that question, as there are many factors to consider. Below is a 'mini' guide of factors to evaluate.

Fibre content – Do you want it to be similar (eg wool for wool) or different (eg cotton for wool) compared to the pattern. This will primarily be dependent on the purpose of the project.

Drape – how will the finished project feel and 'sit' when it is finished? A good rule of thumb is that yarn with a sheen will drape better than other yarns as the smooth surface makes it hard for neighbouring fibre to interact. If you are changing your fibre content, this will be an important consideration. Drape will also be affected by the stitch.

Yarn Weight – Start with finding yarn in the same weight category – eg sport weight yarn and check the yardage for the weight to see if it is the same. For example, if it comes in 50g balls and has 120m on the ball, look for those with the same grams/yardage. It doesn't have to be exact, as you can still get the same gauge with altering the size of the hook or needles. If you can't find anything you like in the same category, try a different weight and then alter the hook or needle size or make the larger/smaller pattern size.

Yardage – once you have identified which yarn you want, check the yardage, particularly if the ball sizes are different or the grams/yardage ratio is different. For example, if the pattern asks for 9 balls of a 75g yarn that has 150m per ball, and you want to substitute it for yarn that comes in 50g balls with 120m per ball. Work out yardage needed ($9 \times 150\text{m} = 1,350\text{m}$) and calculate the balls needed in the yarn you want ($1350/120 = 11.25$) – Purchase 12 balls.

Lastly – prepare a swatch! What works in theory based on the above, may not work in reality. Even yarn with the same weight category and yardage per ball may still give a different gauge when made up, or the stitch may not look good in the yarn chosen.

Fortunately for us there are some online resources that can help us either find suitable substitutes or give details about the yarn to assess the various factors.

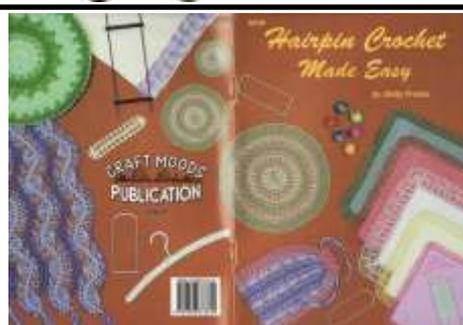
These are:

Ravelry www.ravelry.com – Type in the name of the yarn in the 'yarn' tab, you will find the properties of the yarn the pattern asks for, enabling you to consider the characteristics to be matched.

YarnSub www.yarnsub.com - enter the name of the yarn you are looking to replace and it will provide a list of suggested matches considering texture, gauge, fibre, warmth, drape, elasticity, durability and softness.



Book of the Month



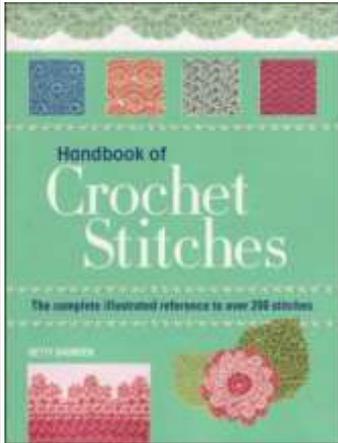
BK29 Hairpin Crochet made Easy \$13.50

By Betty Franks

Simple and clear instructions to learn how to make hairpin braid including corners, curves and circular shapes. Includes 12 practical projects using a variety of hairpin braids and techniques. (36 pages)



Look What We Found



SP8511 Handbook of Crochet \$25.00
****Very Heavy**



LA75543 Bags & Backpacks \$16.50
(Broomstick only)



871382 Learn Drop Stitch Crochet \$16.25
(Technique based on broomstick)



LA75267 Shawls and Wraps Crochet \$9.30 (Broomstick only)



876556 Crochet on the Edge \$35.70
(Broomstick only)
**** Very Heavy**



A7188 Go Crochet Skill Builder \$37.50
**** Very Heavy**



SC42 Simply Crochet Magazine issue 42 \$21.30 (Broomstick only) *** Heavy**



SC43 Simply Crochet issue 43 \$20.25 (Broomstick only)
*** Heavy**



SC36 Simply Crochet Magazine #36 \$20.25 (Hairpin only) *** Heavy**



SC34 Simply Crochet Mag #34 \$20.25 (Hairpin only) ***Heavy**



LE74 Hairpin Crochet \$29.50
***Heavy**



CMPATC031 Broomstick Crochet Bag \$5.00



PARK111R Crocheted Edges for Hankies and Clothes \$11.20



SS2794 Encyclopedia of Crochet Techniques \$39.95 **** Very Heavy**



871130 Crochet Compendium
\$26.95 **** Very Heavy**



**HHT436 Tatted Hairpin
Lace Butterflies \$29.50**



**HHT399 Best of Tatting Lace
(Japanese) \$72.90 (Hairpin) ****Very
Heavy****



LA4813 Colorful Cuddlers
\$13.65



**HOOKSETBEGIN I taught myself to
Crochet Kit \$29.50**



ACCKPIN25 Knitting Pin
\$8.60



**HOOKHAIRPINC V Clover
Hairpin Cro Tool \$32.50**



**HOOKHAIRPINADJ
Adjustable Hairpin Bates**
\$9.80



**HOOKHAIRPIN Hairpin Crochet
Prong Sizes:**

- #2 \$3.75
- #4 \$3.75
- #5 \$4.20



**ACCSTMCV Locking
Stitch Markers \$10.25**



**ACCYRNTHREADCV
Antique Yarn Threader**
\$15.95



**HANKLIZCOMBO—5 coloured hankies with straight edge or
scallop edge with either matching plain or variegated Lizbeth
cottons. Cottons available in sizes:**

- #20 \$53.25
- #40 \$55.50
- #80 \$45.25

Visiting hours:

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9am—3.00pm
Fri: by appointment
Sat: 1st Saturday of each month 9am—12pm
Wed: Group visits (6 or more) by appointment

Workshops: Tuesdays 9.30am—11.30am bookings recommended

Order three ways (See front page for contact details):

Secure shopping cart, phone or mail.
We ship Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We
endeavour to ship all orders received before 12pm on these
days, and orders received after this are shipped on the next
day we ship.



HANDKERCHIEFS —Hemstitched white or coloured, plain or with embroidered motifs.

HANKMIXCOLSEGE—6 colours hankies with straight edge and motif **\$24.50 or \$4.55 each**

HANKMIXCOLSCAL—6 colours hankies with scalloped edge and motif **\$24.80 or \$4.60 each**

HANKMIXSEGE—6 white hankies with straight edge and motif **\$23.75 or \$4.40 each**

HANKMIXSCAL—6 white hankies with scalloped edge and motif **\$23.75 or \$4.40 each**

HANKPLAINSCAL6—6 white hankies with scalloped edge and no motif **\$22.40 or \$4.15 each**

HANKPLAINSEGE6—6 white hankies with straight edge and no motif **\$22.40 or \$4.15 each**

HANKCOLSCAL4—4 cream hankies with scalloped edge and motif **\$16.55**

HANKPLAINCOLSE4—4 coloured hankies with straight edge and no moti (slight imperfections) **\$12.00**

In June we will feature our Customer Corner. Send in a photo of what you have made with yarn and/or pattern purchased from Crochet Australia and be in the running to win a \$25 voucher.

Pictures can be submitted via email, mail or our facebook page.

Customers also like to hear tips you picked up when making the pattern.



Extra Specials

Mothers Day 2017—Specials

Purchase these kits to make beautiful hand-made gifts, or purchase the kits to give as a gift.



KITCROBOUQ—Crocheted Bouquet Kit \$30.00

Crochet a beautiful bouquet of flowers for a display or to embellish clothing, bags or hats.

Kit includes Jenny's Bouquet by Jenny King with patterns for 12 native flowers plus 5 balls of DMC Perle #8 cotton.

Australian and US terminology

KITCROSCARF— Crocheted Scarf Kit \$12.00

Crochet this shell scarf with Dalia variegated/mixed colour cotton.

Kit includes pattern and 1 ball of Dalia 4 ply cotton—Select your colour.

US terminology



KITKNITSCARF—Knitted scarf Kit \$12.00

Knit this lace scarf with Dalia variegated/mixed colour cotton.

Kit includes pattern and 1 ball of Dalia 4 ply cotton—select your colour.

KITCROGLOVES—Crocheted Gloves Kit \$20.00

Luxurious crocheted gloves from Amuri possum/wool mix with removable finger tips.

Kit includes pattern and 1 ball of Amuri 4ply possum/wool mix. Available in two colours—camel or blue.

US terminology



KITJEWMET—Metallic Jewellery Combo with pattern \$12.00

Metallic jewellery combo includes: One ball of Altan Basic Klasik Metallic cotton #30, Curved Big Eye beading needle, 4 strands of Czech seed beads (4 different coloured strands), One pair of earring findings, plus pattern

Note: Colours provided may differ from those in the photo.