



Crochet Extra

143rd Edition- May—2018

Has it started to cool down in your area? We have shorter days and cooler evenings/morning here on the Sunshine Coast, letting us know that Autumn is here. Of course this is good news as this is more comfortable for crocheting those bigger heavier projects.

The winter colour ranges are being released by many of my suppliers. However, this hasn't included many new colours—Dazzle acrylic have discontinued 4 colours, and Loyal wool has only one new colour (a green which is now in stock). The Mulberry Native silk range has been completely revised with half of the colours discontinued. However they have several new colours that will be arriving soon.

There is good news for those who love the Clever Country 4 ply cotton—it is being rebranded as

Create Handmade — it has the same quality and is made by the same manufacturer. We have placed an order for the popular colours we ran out of and some new colours and hope to have these in stock soon.



Our workshop this month will be making this top—Spotting Clouds, by Christina Hadderingh.

Another chance to use a Whirl cake!

Please note we will be closed Monday 7th May for the long weekend, but are open Saturday 5th from 9—12.

Until next time

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Get Glitzy with Metallic and Sparkle Yarns

Metallic yarns and threads are a year round favourite to add shimmer and sparkle to any project – whether you are crocheting, knitting, tatting, embroidering or undertaking other yarn crafts. They can be used on



their own or mixed with other yarn to create your own unique look.



Traditionally these are used a lot for Christmas ornaments and decorations, but also look good in mandalas, doilies, jewellery, hair accessories, purses, wraps or clothing

to create glitzy evening wear.

They also look good as an additional sparkle on any wedding accessory, or add shimmer to your embellishments—such as flowers.



At Crochet Australia we have a

large range of metallic yarns and threads, including new threads released by Lizbeth – see them all in the next sections, along with pattern ideas.



With Mother's Day just around the corner, why not try this quick and easy [Twisted](#)

[Necklace](#) in a 4 ply metallic/shimmery yarn—perfect in MT Perle metallic or adapt the concept to use the Lizbeth #20 cottons. (or see our kit in specials)



Happy Mothers Day to all the mums, grandmothers, and other 'mum-like' folk out there.



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Tip of the Month



Entering your Work in Competitions

Many shows throughout the country have competitions to encourage and support the local arts and crafts. Have you considered entering? What ever craft you do, this is a great way to inspire others, display the craft and keep it alive. It will also help to improve your skill (if you are lucky enough to get feedback). We spoke to some competitors, judges and stewards to pick up some tips to help you get recognised for your efforts.

1. Keep it clean and tidy – make sure there are no dirty marks on your work and it is not creased – you may need to wash it and/or press it, before submitting it.
2. Finishing touches – look over your project to check that all those ends have been found and neatly sewn in. On large projects it is easy to miss an end, so look several times.
3. New balls and changing colours – don't use knots! There is a lot of information on the internet about different types of knots, but in judging knots are frowned upon.
4. With rugs and clothing, check that matching edges are the same length and shape and that corners are the same shapes.
5. Buttonholes – check that the buttons fit through them.
6. Seaming - ensure the seams lay flat.
7. If you are using a simple pattern, the evenness of tension and neatness of stitches is even more critical as any variations stand out more.
8. Using a more complex pattern doesn't mean this will give you an advantage if it has not been executed well.
9. Consider how well the colours match the pattern. For example, the more complex the pattern, the colours should be kept simple to show off the pattern. If the pattern is simple, using colour can add more interest.

But most importantly, enter something, to ensure there is a display and continued interest in the craft. You don't always have to win, although it is very rewarding to do so



Product of the Month



We have a product of the month instead of a book this time. It is the new Lizbeth Metallic thread.

COTLIZMET20 Lizbeth Metallic Thread \$10.50 each

Unique Metallic Thread for All Needle Arts! A strong, smooth, kink resistant Metallic, available in 18 colours. Comparable to Size 20 - Approx. 160 yards.

As a metallic thread it WILL unwind from the ball very easily. Best if used with the [Lizbeth Thread holder](#).

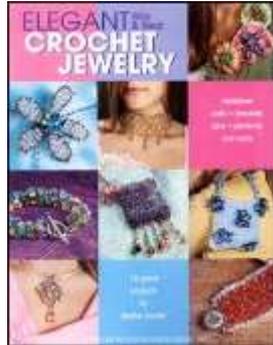
Care: Liz Metallic is hand washable in cool water or machine washable in cool water, gentle cycle. Do not use bleach. It can also be tumble-dried on low setting. If ironing a finished piece do not iron directly on the thread; use a cloth, and do not use steam. The metallic is dyed so the first washing it could bleed a little.



Look What We Found



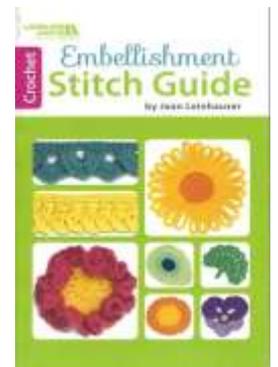
871378 Jewelry to Crochet \$9.50



LA4395 Elegant Wire & Bead Crochet Jewelry \$18.05



876507 Hair Accessories \$12.20



LA75542 Embellishment Stitch Guide \$20.75



LA5572 Use up that Yarn \$23.50



LA2039 Fancy Feet \$8.50



875555 Sassy Stripes in Crochet \$16.35



SP3338 100 Little Crochet Gifts to Make \$25.00 **** Very Heavy**



LA4310 Embellishment Crochet \$21.80



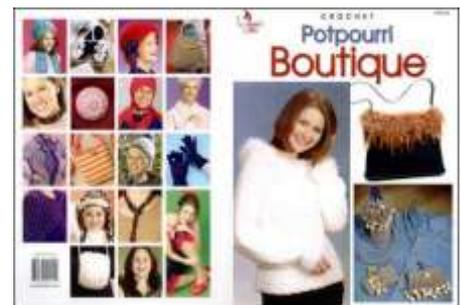
ASN1386 Crochet Trims for Tops \$14.20



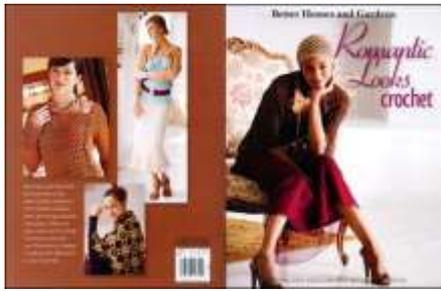
LA3967 Purse for Sassy Girls \$17.10



873912 Belts & Bags \$12.50



874514 Potpourri Boutique \$12.30



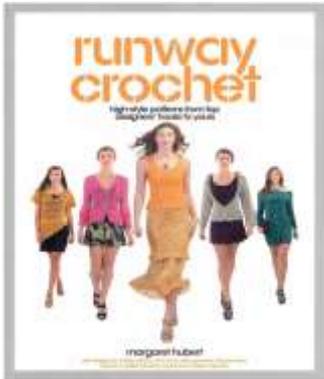
LA4324 Romantic Looks to Crochet \$23.95



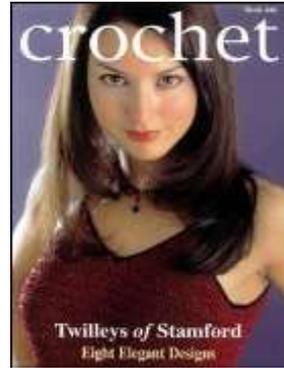
871044 Chemo Caps & Wraps \$24.95
* Heavy



ASN1454 Quick Side to Side Fashions \$12.95



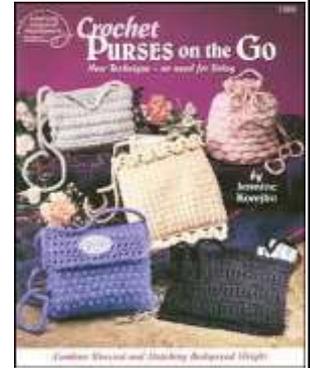
A3749 Runway Crochet \$36.50 ** Very Heavy



TW446 Crochet Fashion \$17.20



874712 Bag Boutique \$12.30



ASN1305 Crochet Purses on the Go \$13.25



871102 Lotus Leaf Wraps \$13.70



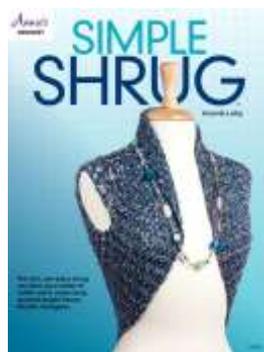
878554 Quick-to-Stitch Shrug \$17.95



LA4590 Snappy Wraps \$14.95



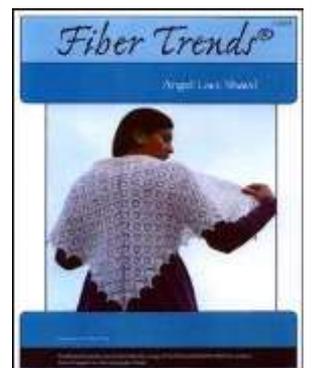
885120 Mobius Accents (leaflet) \$7.95



885231 Simple Shrug \$12.50



885092 Summer Turtleback Jackets \$11.75



FTS2018 Fibre Trends Angel Lace Shawl \$4.65

Visiting hours:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9am—3.00pm

Sat: 1st Saturday of each month 9am—12pm

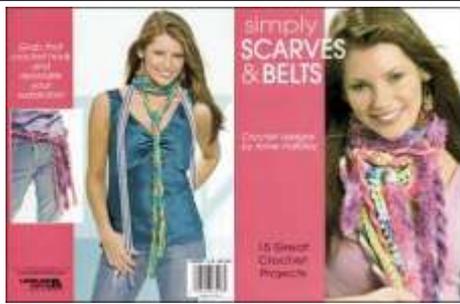
Wed: Group visits (6 or more) by appointment

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.



LA3906 Simply Scarves & Belts \$15.30



839956 Head Cowls \$8.95



839955 Eternity Cowls \$8.95



HL330 Heirloom Leaflet 8 ply knit \$4.85



GC093110 Lia Mobius Wrap \$10.00



805559 Gone Loopy (knit leaflet) \$8.95



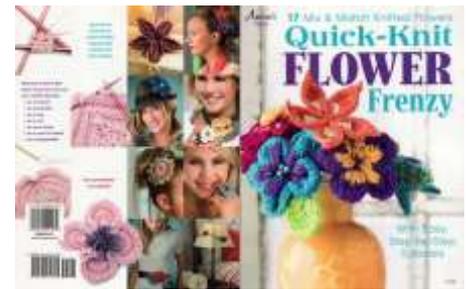
GC76109 Hazel Shawl \$10.00



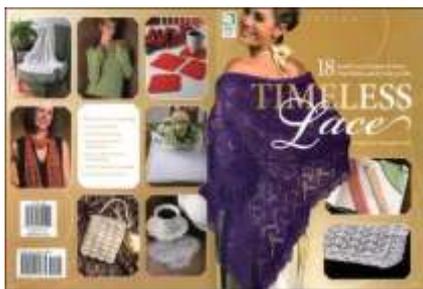
LA5948 Skinny Scarves Knit \$14.50



SP 2911 100 Little Knitted Gifts to Make \$25.00 ** Very Heavy



121081 Quick-Knit Flower Frenzy \$13.80



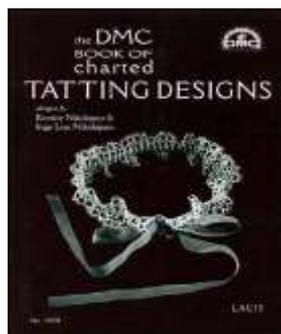
121031 Timeless Lace knit \$22.00



121073 Little Knitted Jewels \$19.95 * Heavy



LA4765 Stars in the Making knit \$17.10

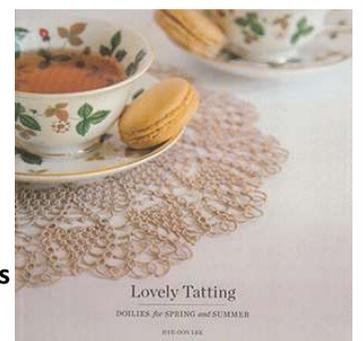


LAC6074 Charted Tatting Designs \$26.95 * Heavy



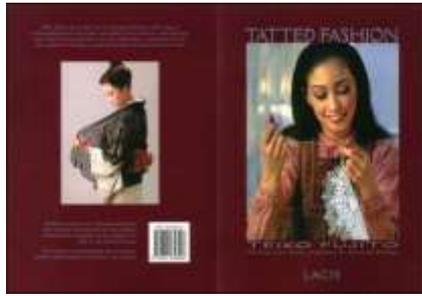
FA0196 The 3rd Tatting Book \$56.25 ** Very Heavy

HHT507 Lovely Tatting Doilies \$59.50 ** Very Heavy

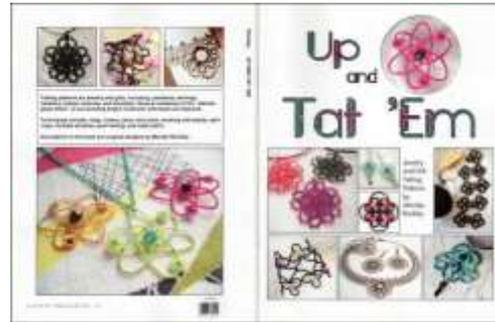




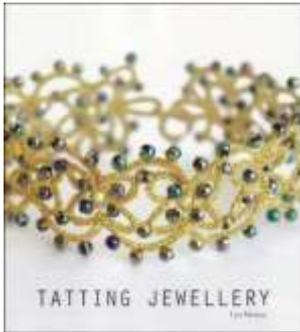
SP1229 Tatted Lace Accessories \$40.50
* Heavy



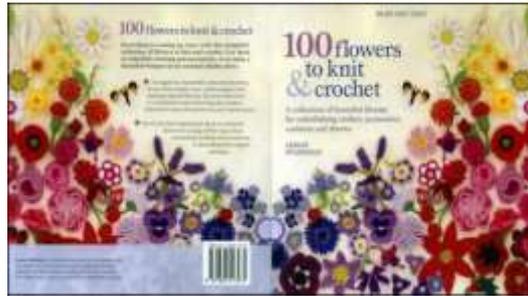
LH14 Tatted Fashion \$40.95
** Very Heavy



HHT354 Up and Tat'Em \$42.95



HHT353 Tatting Jewellery \$34.95 * Heavy



SM3975 Flowers to Knit & Crochet \$39.95 ** Very Heavy



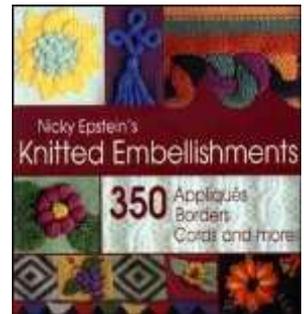
871106 Irish Crochet \$13.95



A5400 Sweet Shawlettes \$24.95
** Very Heavy



CL6208 Crochet Scarves \$24.95
** Very Heavy



KA1039X Knitted Embellishments \$51.95
** Very Heavy



COT8TWI Sheepjes Twinkle 8 ply cotton mix 50gm \$6.00 per ball



COTPERLE5MTMET Perle 5 Metallic \$5.50 per ball



COTMAXIMET 100gm balls Maxi Metallic #10 cotton \$10.95 per ball



COTKLASMET Klassik Metallic #30 cotton \$4.65 per ball

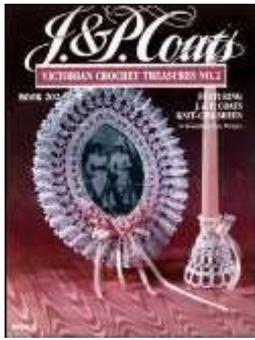
YRNEXCEL Excel metallic yarn 4 ply 20 gm \$5.80 each



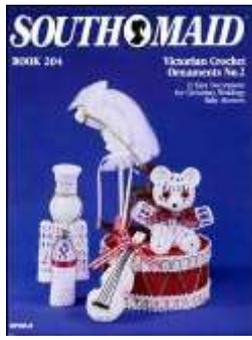
YRN4PANMOON Moondust in 4 & 8 plys 50gm balls \$8.15 each



COT4CC Clever Country Metallic 4 ply cotton \$5.75 each



CS0202 Victorian Crocheted Treasures \$7.50



CS0204 Victorian Crochet Ornaments \$7.50



MAGMAGIC151 Issue 151 of Magic Crochet \$11.00



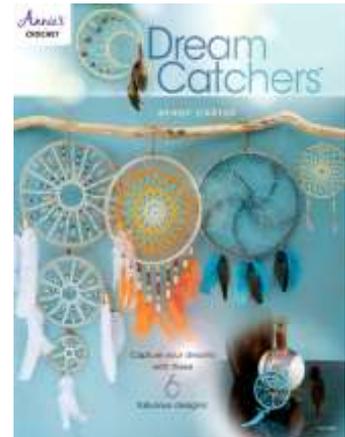
LA5839 99 Snowflakes \$30.10



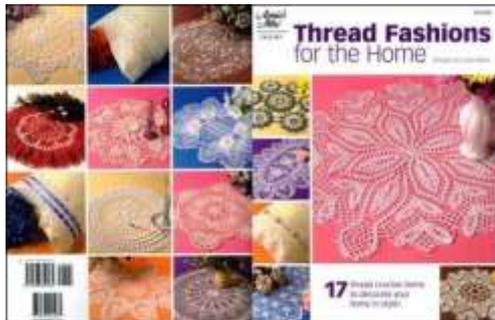
121111 Deck the Halls \$22.50



LA4759 Big Book of Thread Ornaments \$42.90



871700 Dream Catchers \$18.50



875549 Thread Fashions for the Home \$17.30



SP4935 Knitted Flowers 20 to Make \$12.50



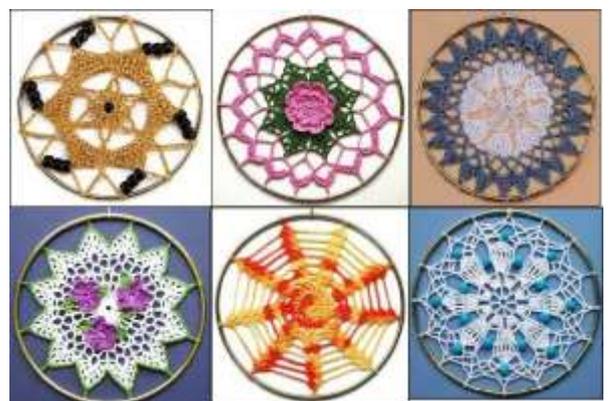
LA4765K Knitted Star Kit \$26.00



ASN1305K Crocheted Purse Kit \$33.00



KITJEWMET Metallic Jewellery Combo \$12.00



Suncatcher Patterns—\$5 each.



**ACCRING Gold Wire Rings, sizes:
7.5cm, 9cm—\$1
12cm—\$1.80
14m—\$3.00**



**ACCRING Galvanised Wire Rings, sizes:
30cm—\$3.50
35cm—\$4.00**