

Crochet Extra

144th Edition- June—2018



I was told by some of our local country people that this year is expected to be one of the coldest winters we have had in 20 years! Certainly the last few weeks have cooled down considerably here on the Sunshine Coast, so I am inclined to believe it. I'm stocking up on the firewood now so I don't get caught out. And of course, those arctic winds have been blowing in the south – I don't envy you who live down

there.

9 June is ww knit (and crochet) in public day. Do you have anything planned on your area? If you live on or are visiting the Sunshine Coast, come along to our event in Yandina with the Yandina branch of the QCWA. This is a Day to showcase our craft and let the world see what we do.



At the end of this month I will be going away for 3 weeks – attending a family wedding in Ireland and visiting other relatives. Sarah will be here manning the shop, however we will be closing at 2.30 during this time, to allow Sarah to pick up her daughters from school. As I will be away we are deferring our customer corner until August – giving you another month to complete your projects and send in pictures to be in the running to win a \$25 voucher.



And don't forget Knitfest on 30 June this year at Maleny. Crochet Australia will be there, so come along and see us and our goodies. This year our workshops are to crochet mandalas and will be led by Crafty Jane. Please do come along and enjoy the meditative qualities of

this craft.

I'm please to say we have the new Creative Handmade cotton now in store. This is the rebranded Clever Country. We've been able to restock a number of the popular colours. And we've also got all the new colours in the Mulberry Native Silk – these are nice and bright colours that will bring plenty of cheer.



Our June workshop will be making this trellis basket—back by popular demand. Book your spot today—Tuesdays 9.30—11.30.

Until next time

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Afghans and Throws

The predicted cold winter has been the inspiration for this month's theme – afghans and throws. The perfect accompaniment for any cold weather is a good afghan, blanket, throw, rug – whatever you wish to call them! Make one for the bed, lounge, car, pram, cot, taking to the park or travelling, and you can't go wrong. And of course you can't forget your pets. My dog just loves to snuggle into her dog rug during these cool nights.



There are endless patterns and colours available to enable you to make truly one of a kind blankets. Sampler blankets are also good and proving quite popular this year – giving you a chance to try out new stitches. Making small squares also makes it a more portable project so you can never be without your crochet. Or make one using up your stash – I've seen many a colourful blanket made from using up the leftovers from other projects.

Afghans can be made from any yarn – acrylic makes a warm and economical blanket that is very easy to care for – try out our 8ply dazzle which is very soft and cozy or Peter Pan baby yarn for extra softness. For extra warmth in those cooler climates use wool – the 8ply Loyal wool is soft and has a marvellous colour range. Or if you are lucky enough to live in one of those places that doesn't get so cold, try cotton - 8ply Heirloom or Catona, Catona denim or the cotton/ acrylic blend in the stonewash make excellent light-weight blankets.

Check out our selection of patterns, tools and yarns, in the next sections, along with the new afghan books out this month – you are bound to find something that suits. A very popular pattern has been the [diamond granny throw](#). I haven't found any books on it yet, but you could try the free pattern to learn this new popular technique.





Tip of the Month Blanket Sizes



Two questions I often get are—what size is a particular blanket and how much yarn do I need? I had always expected the first question would be easy to answer, but this is actually not the case. Every book and designer use different sizes for the same type of blanket. The amount of yarn is dependent not only on the size, but whether you want drape, the weight of the yarn and the type of pattern—whether dense or lacy. I pulled together the following chart of common sizes and average yarn based on no drape and a simple pattern for a blanket.

	Size - no drape (cm)	4 ply yarn (metres)	8 ply yarn (metres)
Baby	90 x 90	1500	1000
Toddler	90 x 120	1900	1500
Lap	70 x 90	1400	900
Throw/ Single	120 x 160	3000	2600
Double	130 x 180	4000	3300
Queen	180 x 190	4500	3900
King	190 x 190	4700	4100



Book of the Month

LA4382 50 Crocheted Afghan Borders \$22.50



Have you ever completed an afghan and thought there was just something missing? It was really pretty but...well, it seemed to need something else and it wasn't fringe! What that afghan probably needed was a border. And this book gives you 50 of them, which can be added to just about any afghan, whether it's knitted or crocheted, to provide the finishing touch. Some of the borders are wide and ruffled, some are narrow and tailored. Others are very feminine, some are more masculine. All of them are fun to work and will turn the plainest afghan into something very special. Patterns could also be used for towel edges.

32 pages. US terminology



Look What We Found



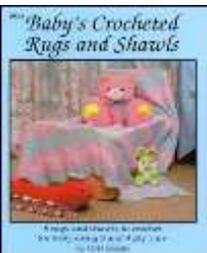
LA75489 Throws Worked in the Round \$11.20



LA3695 Heirloom Afghans \$19.30



LA3205 Sunggle-up Baby Afghans \$14.45



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LA3281 Keepsake Baby Afghans \$16.50



LA3268 Best Terry Kimbrough Baby Afghans \$26.50 * Heavy



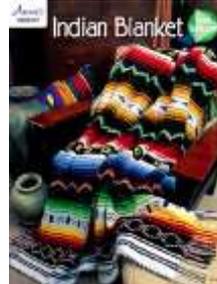
LA5518 Big Book of Baby Afghans \$34.25 ** Very Heavy



LA7107 Bedtime Blankies \$18.50



LA75467 Blankets for Toddlers \$11.20



885208 Indian Blanket \$13.50



876517 Colourful Foot-Pocket Throws \$15.30



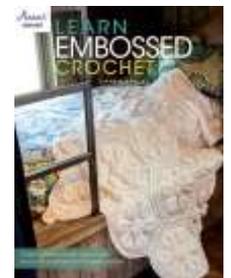
878523 Lisa's Cable Afghans & Throws \$14.20



871389 Colourful Tunisian Afghans to Crochet \$17.95



LA6198 Tunisian Crochet Baby Blankets \$18.50



871727 Learn Embossed Crochet \$32.00



ASN1323 Reversible Ripple Afghans \$15.35



874054 Celtic Afghans \$14.30



871203 When Granny meets Filet \$21.95 * Heavy



871045 Learn to do Bavarian Crochet \$25.60



871222 BIG Book of Crochet Afghans \$22.95 * Heavy



871127 Shaped Afghans \$13.70



ASN1394 In-Style Crochet for the Home \$29.95



879518 Afghans Variegations \$14.95



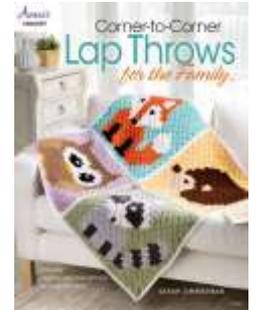
ASN1419 Throws to Warm You \$13.40



871426 Crocodile Stitch Afghans \$15.05



871728 Amazing Crochet Afghans \$24.50



871626 Corner to Corner Lap Throws \$17.50



STB14631 colourful Crochet Afghans \$31.50



871709 Reversible Afghans \$21.50



NMIP33389 Reversible Color Crochet \$46.50 ** Very Heavy



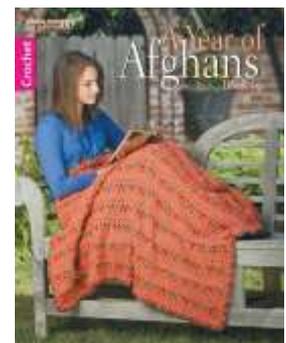
LA5505 Afghan Lover's Collection \$52.50 ** Very Heavy



879534 Toe-Warming Afghans \$13.35



LA3819 Scrap Afghans For All \$13.95



LA6863 A Year of Afghans Book 16 \$26.80 ** Very Heavy



LA3144 Contest Fav Mile-a Min Afghans \$22.50 * Heavy



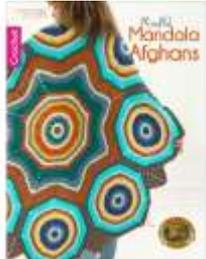
LA75616 Circular Afghans \$11.50



LA6186 The Best of Mary Maxim Ripple Afghans \$18.50



LA75021 Granny's Delight Afghans \$8.30



LA6890 Mandala Afghans \$23.50



LA4592 Artsy Afghans \$17.50



LA3219 Our Best Knit Baby Afghans \$30.10 * Heavy



ASN1445 Easy Timeless Blankies \$14.20



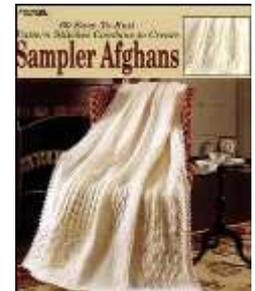
SP9122 The Great American Afghan \$21.95 * Heavy



121061 A Year of Afghans (Best Knits) \$26.95 ** Very Heavy



ASN1375 Big Needle Knits for the Home \$15.30



LA932 Sampler Afghans (Knit) \$19.60



LA5124 Our Best Knit Baby Afghans Bk2 \$28.50 * Heavy



LA4233 Classic Quick Knit Throws \$17.50



ASN1347 Knit Afghans of Many Colours \$22.40



N1194 Granny Square Afghan \$5.00



871533 101 Stitches For Afghans \$32.50 * Heavy



LA75028 Scrap Wraps \$8.50



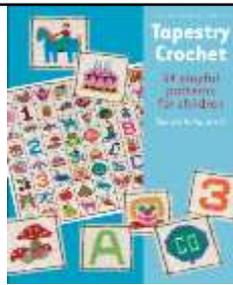
LA75474 Learn to Crochet Ripple Afghans \$12.50



LA75438 Motif Afghans \$9.50



SP8840 Granny Squares \$27.50
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S4620 Tapestry Crochet \$32.50
* Heavy



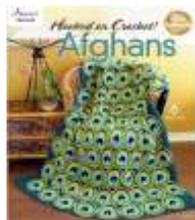
LA3961 63 Crochet Cable Stitches \$26.40 * Heavy



GANCH07 Fillet/Symbol Crochet 7 \$10.95 * Heavy



LA4423 63 Sampler Stitches to Crochet \$29.95 * Heavy



871435 Hooked on Crochet on Crochet Afghans \$19.40



871429 Built in Crochet Borders \$20.50



A425384 Around the Corner Crochet Borders \$30.60 **Heavy



KITMOBLA Motif Blanket Kit.

Kit comes in three different yarns—includes the pattern and yarn in 6 colours

Loyal Wool \$105.00

Catona Denim \$85.00

Catona \$65.00—bright or pastel kit

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