



# Crochet Extra

## 147th Edition- September 2018

August finished with quite a buzz here at Crochet Australia with the Caloundra Arts and Craft Stitches Group visiting us. 50 ladies turned up on a sunny morning to browse through the store and stock up on their goodies before heading to the Ginger Factory for morning tea. We all had a pleasant morning and



enjoyed their visit. This last week also saw the arrival of the Ubuntu kits and so we have starting shipping these out – don't miss out. The CAL begins on 12 September and will last for 12 weeks.

We are once again reviewing our shipping methods, as new avenues have emerged on the market, and new pricing structures. We are hoping this will result in a reduction of the shipping charges for larger parcels, giving you more money to spend on your goods – the things that matter. Stay tuned and you should some revisions in price by the end of this month.

We had many ladies at our workshops this month to learn the diamond granny square technique. It proved quite a challenge but everyone persevered and produced some lovely squares. This month we are building off the granny square technique and learning the African Flower



Motif and join as you go techniques. There are some lovely projects completed with these motifs, such as this skirt, and once mastered opens up a new world of projects. Tuesdays 9.30—

11.30. Book your spot now.

Until next time

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### Theme – Save the Environment with home-made bags

Is there a plastic bag ban in your state? Queensland introduced a plastic bag ban beginning in July this year. Other states have either had a ban in for a while or are thinking about it. Of course, we shouldn't all wait for the ban to be environmentally conscious. Why not make your own? There is a great range of bag patterns available that are functional and gorgeous.

There are many different types of bags you can make - from the evening bag, market bag, everyday handbag, tote bag and ultimately back packs for the longer treks. And of course, there are bags for the executive or to keep your computer/tablet or iPhone safe.



One thing I like about making bags is the variety of material that can be used to make them. Cotton and nylon are the most popular. Or you can add some evening chic by using metallic yarn or adding metallic thread to other yarn. And making them yourself you have a wide colour range to choose from. I've also seen quite a lot of bags made from recycled items – yarn, plarn and t-shirt yarn – or just to use up scraps.

Crochet bags can stretch, so keep stitches tight, reinforce the edges and handle joins and consider lining your bag.

Matching belts can also be made - from the practical everyday look through to the decorative. Like bags they can be made from a variety of materials and adorned with so many things to make them truly your own - beads, flowers, or even the buckle.

Homemade bags not only help protect the environment from the harmful plastic, they make great gifts. Check out what we found to help you make bags for any occasion.

Or try making the [5-hour market bag](#) by Sarah Sipe



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## Tip of the Month— Organising Your Crochet



Once people catch the crochet bug, they rarely have one project going at a time. I myself have at least 5 going at any point in time. So keeping organised as to which yarn and hook I used, dye lots, pattern alternations etc is essential if I don't want to pull a project undone and begin again at some time in the future. I'm also a bit old school and keep all these necessary notes in a note book that lives in my project bag – if I ever lost it I would be devastated. But surely in this electronic era there must be a more automated way to do this? I went on the hunt and found some interesting knitting and crochet apps that just may replace my book over time. Only one came close to having everything I desired, but I need to be better acquainted with it before I give up my notebook! Below are some of the ones I looked at, which I thought you'd find useful for your own hunt.



1. [Stash 2 Go](#) – this was by far the most comprehensive app I found, being able to store patterns from anywhere on the web or your own files, make notes about adjustments, yarn used, gauge, etc, and keep track of rows. It also has a direct link to ravelry, so immediate access to all your wishful thinking bucket list and ability to search for patterns for future projects.
2. [Love Crochet: Crochet Companion](#) – quite comprehensive in its ability to store patterns, keep track of progress in the pattern with a handy guide, make notes, count rows and add your own photos of the finished item. However it can only add patterns from ravelry and love crochet.
3. [Crochet & Knit Counter](#) – only counts the number of rows, but can store multiple projects.
4. [My Row Counter](#) – able to store the pattern from anywhere in the web or your own files, and count rows, increases, pattern repeats etc, as there is the ability to have several counters for each project. You are also able to add notes and reminders for each counter. The counter can also be voice activated.
5. [Knit & Crochet Counter](#) – able to store the pattern from anywhere in the web or your own files, make notes about the pattern and count rows.
6. [Knitting & Crochet Helper](#) – not able to store the pattern, but you can make notes about a project, and assist with counting rows. It also includes a handy weight chart with hook sizes and gauge and glossary of accounting terms.

This of course isn't all that is available, but hopefully gives an overview of some of what's out there. If you find others useful, please let us know.



## Book of the Month

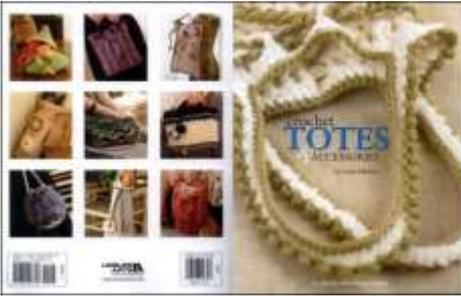


### LA4804 Enviro-Totes \$7.50

Help the environment, and look stylish, too! Ruth Shepherd's Enviro-Totes, first published in 1992, are on the mark today! Each of the four styles is crocheted using medium weight cotton yarn. The dense patterns offer sturdiness and textured good looks. The Roomy Tote shown on the front cover measures 16" x 16" x 8"; four of them can hold a week's worth of groceries for the average family of four, and one bag will conveniently store the other three between supermarket visits. The Bucket Tote is 13" x 16" with handles accented by buttons. The drawstring Lace Tote is 17" x 23", with mesh sides that offer expandability and compact storage. Featuring a pattern of vertical ridges, the Carryall Tote is 14" x 20." 6 pages



# Look What We Found



LA4639 Crochet Totes & Accessories \$42.90 **\*\* Very Heavy**



LA75543 Bags & Backpacks \$16.50



ASN1399 Love that Bag \$14.20



LA6795 Easy Essential Bags \$20.10



LA3804 Must Have Bags \$14.30



SP1222 Simply Stunning Crochet bags \$26.50



LA5284 Totes & Bags Hip 2 B Squares \$21.80



LA6083 Totes & Bags \$15.55



ASN1251 Trendsetting Totes \$14.20



LA5504 Totes for all Reasons \$17.10



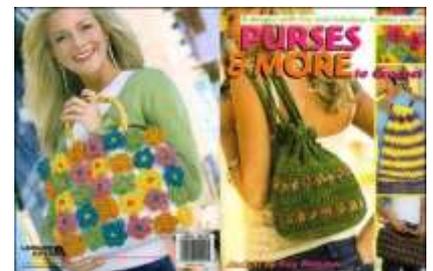
ASN1440 AnyDay AnyWhere Bags \$14.20



874523 Purse Panache \$10.95



874712 Bag Boutique \$12.30



LA4224 Purses & More \$13.65



878552 Classy Trash Bags \$15.95



LA75273 Must Have Handbags \$9.30



GC27106 Natalie Collection Felted Bags \$10.00



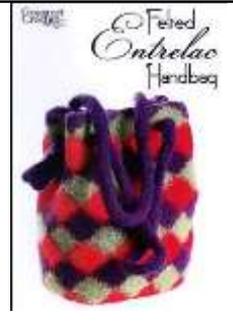
GC69108 Auntie Megs Household Helpers \$10.00



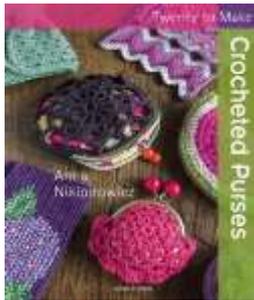
GC66108 Abigail Bag \$10.00



GC082109 Marlo Bag \$10.00



GC29106 Felted Entrelac Bag \$10.00



SP1194 Crocheted Purses 20 to Make \$13.50



SP4867 Eco-Friendly Knits 20 to Make \$12.95



CMPATC001 Large Crochet Bag \$5.00



CMPATC002 Small Crocheted Bag \$5.00



CMPATC003 Large Crocheted Bag \$5.00



CMPATC004 Tote Bag \$5.00



CMPATC030 Draw String Bag \$5.00



LA4300 Boutique Style Knits \$19.70



871034 In-Style Bags \$15.00



873912 Belts & Bags \$12.50



LA4475 I Can't Believe I'm Free Form Crocheting \$22.00



ACKKUMLOOM Kumihimu Disc \$4.10



LUCITLOOM \$7.50



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Purse Frames 10.5cm \$6.60

8.5cm \$3.50

871708 Learn Tapestry Crochet \$24.50





**CMPATC089 Shoulder Bag with Broomstick \$5.00**



**MAGCE2 Crochet Essentials 2, \$19.50**



**ICM003 Complete Guide to Crochet Vol 2 \$26.50**



**P4268 Modern Crochet \$42.50 \*\* Very Heavy**



**W5987 Crochet Tote Bags \$5.00**



**886165 Nakai Purse \$12.50**



**COT8CATDEN Catona Denim 50gm balls \$5.50 each**



**COT4CC/CH \$5.75 50gm balls, was Clever Country, Now Creative Handmade 4ply cotton**

**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

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