



Crochet Extra

148th Edition- October 2018

We all enjoyed a relaxing weekend crocheting at the retreat- making bags, learning new skills and showing the many beautiful creations the participants have made. We were all inspired by the outfits and shawls brought along for display and worn during the weekend. Lynley won best dressed for the Saturday evening with her shawl while Barbara won the most unusual repurposed item with her floor mats. See photos from the weekend [here](#).

I've been fortunate to see some of the Ubuntu's that are being made and they are shaping up nicely. While the CAL has started, the pattern remains accessible on line and can be started at any time – and we've still got kits available in all sizes.

We've upgraded our arrangements with Fastway courier service. This will result in us being able to send larger boxed parcels at cheaper prices but more importantly you receiving email notification (where your email has been provided) of the tracking details and the status of your parcel—this will be phased in as we use up our old stock of bags. We are still in discussion with Australia Post for using similar arrangements. Australia Post are also putting up their prices on letters and some satchels. As a result we will be revising all postage costs from 1 December.

Next month we will feature our customer corner, so please send in pictures of your hand made items with details of the yarn used and the source of the pattern – and be in the running for a \$25.00 voucher.

This month's workshop will be making this summer crop top from tick-tock hobbies. The techniques learnt can be extended into bikini or other swimwear and other summer tops. Join us Tuesdays 9.30—11.30. There will be no workshop or lessons on Tuesday 30th October.

Until next time

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Theme—Summer Fashion

The days are getting longer and the temperatures are climbing – but that's no reason to put your hooks or needles into hibernation! Now is the time to change focus to beautiful handmade summer items—for adults, children, and dolls alike.



Most summer items are made with cotton as it is a natural fibre plant that breaths and conducts heat away from the body. And the colour choices available in cotton means there is no excuse—Scheepjes catona cotton alone has over 150 colours to choose from.

Many items can be made with the 4 ply or 5ply cottons – suitable brands we have available include: Almina, Dalia, Scheepjes Sunkissed, DMC Natura, Camilla and Camilla Batik, Perle 5 in Petra or Madame Tricot or the ombré shades of the whirls.

8 ply cottons also make beautiful outfits for adults and children alike – suitable brands we have include: Scheepjes Catona, Catona denim or Heirloom cotton. And even the finer threads can be used - suitable brands include: Babylo, Maxi and Lizbeth – or why not try silk for a bit of glamour?

I've seen quite a few beautiful crochet designs in window fronts recently so I went trawling through my books and found plenty of ideal patterns you can see in the following pages, that can help you be fashionable this summer. Make them for yourself or for your friends

as gifts. The hardest part will be deciding which one to make in which colour.....why not start with this free pattern for a [summer lace top](#).



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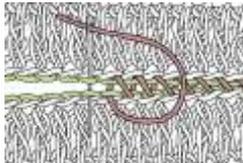
Tip of the Month— Joining Crochet/knit Pieces Together



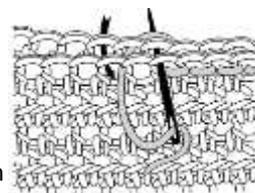
There are all sorts of crochet projects that are crocheted in multiple pieces, such as blankets, toys, bags, clothes, etc. There are a number of different ways to join pieces together, and the method used will be dependent on a personal choice and the method to give the best finish to your project. In all cases, blocking each piece before sewing them together will enhance the finished look.

Sewing

Sewing with a yarn/tapestry needle and a scrap of yarn is one of the most popular methods for joining pieces together. There are different stitches you can use to sew—whip stitch is the most common and most universal method suitable for all items. Mattress stitch provides an almost seamless join perfect for clothing—and is done by matching rows flat together. Back stitch is another method creating a strong seam—great for heavy wear.



Whip Stitch



Back Stitch



Mattress stitch

Crochet Together

Rather than sewing, pieces can be crocheted together. The most popular stitches to use to crochet pieces together are slip stitch or double crochet, although almost any stitch can be used. By inserting your hook through both of the pieces you want to join together and making your crochet stitch, the new stitch will create a seam. The seam is raised off the work, which can create an unwanted (or wanted) “bump”. This needs to be used with caution as it can pull the pieces together and become tight.



Slip Stitch seam

The effect of the bump can be diminished by crocheting an ‘Asian seam’ - double crochet through both pieces then crochet 2 or 3 chain, missing 2 stitches and double crochet into the next stitch. This seam has the added benefit of some stretch.

Join As You Go (JAYG)

This is the most clever of all methods, but can be a bit tricky to do. Joining as you go is usually done with motif type pieces. The last round on the motif is used to join it to other motifs. The last round may include slip stitches or lacy chains that are attached to the edges of other motifs. The JAYG method is a very convenient technique, but determining the stitches to use are dependent on the pattern.

As I hate sewing items together I personally crochet pieces together or use the JAYG technique with motifs. And the JAYG technique once understood can be easily adapted for any type of stitch pattern.



Book of the Month

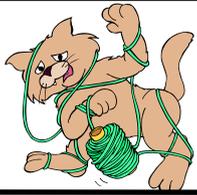


ASN1340 Summer Sweeties Wardrobe was \$13.85 NOW \$10.00

by Sandy Scoville

4 outfits each in 3 sizes for girls 1 - 3 yrs using sports weight cotton.

US terminology. 17 pages



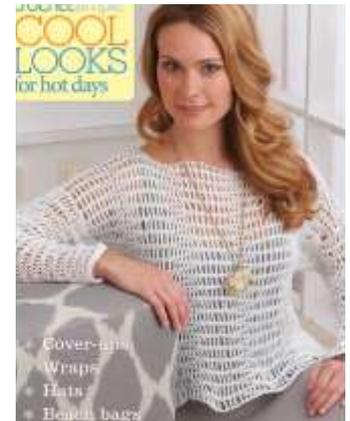
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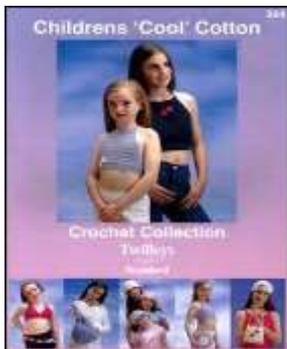
886080 Princess Party Dress \$13.50



871423 Crochet with Love Knots \$16.95



S067057 Cool Looks \$18.50



TW394 Children's Cool Cotton \$17.20



LA3926 Pretty Accessories to Crochet \$14.30



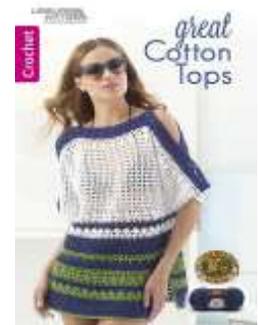
871026 T-Shirt Dresses & Accessories \$15.00



LA3617 Weekend Sweaters \$17.40



LA4402 Elegant 2 Piece Sets \$43.70
**** Very Heavy**



LA75610 Great Cotton Tops \$13.50



TW395 Casual Cottons \$17.20



ASN1423 Skirts \$12.45



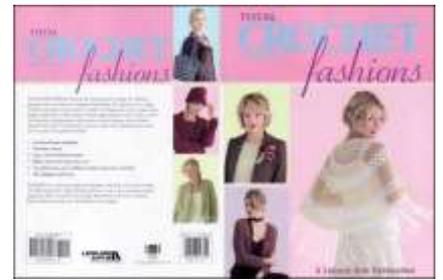
846524 Summer Sensations \$18.00



ASN1386 Crochet Trims for Tops \$14.20



SP8198 Crochet so Fine \$30.50
** Very Heavy



LA4379 Total Crochet Fashion \$48.10 ** Very Heavy



871204 Cute Crochet for Girls \$12.95



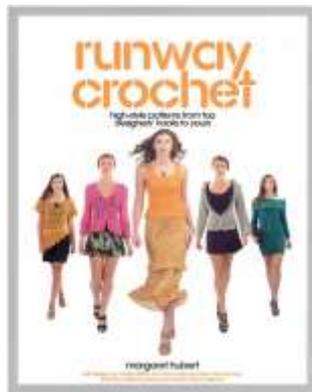
LA4470 Fun Fashions \$19.30



871706 Easy, Breezy Crochet Lace \$24.50



871725 Boutique Style Crochet \$24.50



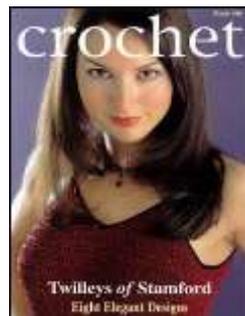
A3749 Runway Crochet \$36.50 ** Very Heavy



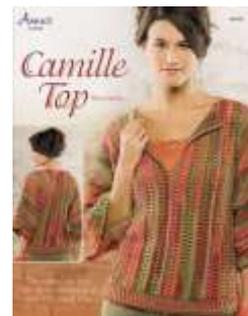
ASN1403 Lacy Fashions \$14.20



ASN1454 Quick Side to Side Fashions \$12.95



TW446 Crochet Fashions \$17.20



885162 Camille Top \$11.95



885233 Fit & Flair Vest \$15.20



886018 Lace & Grace Tee \$15.75



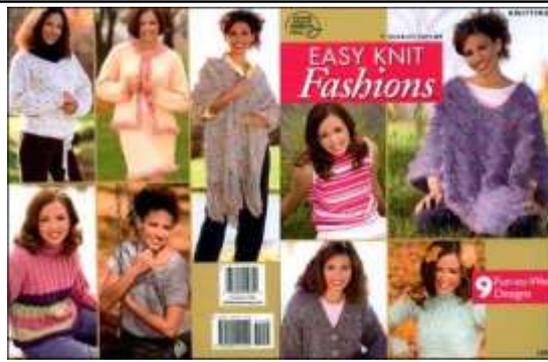
886087 West Shore Tunic \$12.50

HL347 Heirloom Leaflet 347 \$5.70.
8 ply cotton KNIT





121109 12&3 Skein Knitting \$24.50



ASN1378 Easy Knit Fashions \$17.00



LA3468 Mamma's Girl 5 Knit Dresses \$15.15

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SC35 Simply Crochet Mag #35 \$20.25 * Heavy



SC32 Simply Crochet Mag #32 \$20.25 * Heavy



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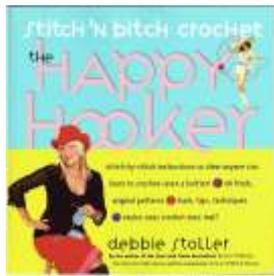
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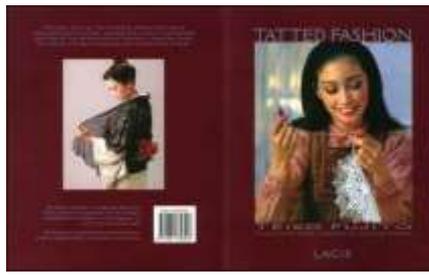
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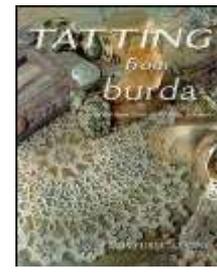
871602 Creative Crochet in a Day \$23.50 * Heavy



MD9867 Stitch n Bitch Happy Hooker \$18.75 ** Very Heavy



LH14 Tatted Fashion \$40.95 ** Very Heavy



LH15 Tattling from Burda \$39.50 * Heavy



HHT449 Hook Tatting 3 \$64.50



HHT480 Flower Motif Tatting Lace \$71.80



IW85536 The New Tunisian Crochet \$39.95 ** Very Heavy



GC41107 Marisol Dress & Top \$10.00



GC21106 Olivia Pineapple Skirt \$10.00

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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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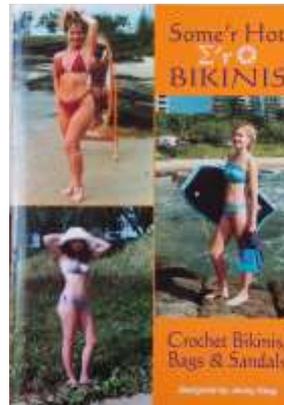
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