



# Crochet Extra

152nd Edition- March 2019

What an interesting month February has been here on the East Coast. The terrible flooding in north Queensland—our hearts go out to there; the fires in north NSW—we have had some of our local firefighters assisting there, and it is fortunate there was no loss of life. Closer to home we were all prepared for cyclone Oma—but fortunately only had the high winds and not the predicted deluge of rain. Unfortunately we got very little rain so my tanks remain low and we still have to monitor our water usage.

I am excited by the new yarn coming this month—Fiddlesticks 8 ply acrylic yarn. The pre-orders have been coming in, so we will be busy when it arrives! This yarn was rated 'Exceptional' by the Lismore Crochet Group when they tested acrylic yarns—see their full analysis [here](#). I have been playing with it and just love using it and the sheen that it gives to the finished item.

March is National Crochet Month! The goal is to promote the art and skills of crochet. This month we also feature our customer corner—there are some very talented people out there—and I don't get to see all that you do! The winner of this quarters' \$25 voucher for submitting her project is Romina R, Peregian Springs. Congratulations! To be in the running for our next voucher in June 2019, send in your completed project with details of the yarn and pattern used.



At Crochet Australia we have a special workshop for March to learn a new technique—pooling with Purp Le. These workshops will be \$10

per lesson on Tuesdays 9.30—11.30. Book your spot now.

The craft show circuit has begun—with Craft Alive kicking off many regional exhibits. They will have their first ever exhibit on the Sunshine coast in April - see if there is one [near you](#). Crochet Australia will be at the Sunshine Coast event and maybe more.....For details of other craft events, check out the details on our [Events](#) page.

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## Theme of the Month - Edges and Embellishments

As we move into the official last month of summer, I find I am looking for ways to prolong the flower filled and cheerful days with colour in the house and my wardrobe. What better way than adding edges and embellishments to your projects—they are still easy enough to do in these hot days. Not only is it a way to add colour, but it is a way to add your unique and special touch to an item whether or not you have made that item yourself. They can also help to update last years' fashions without having to go out and buy whole new outfits. It is also a great way to use some of your stash or try new yarns.



The embellishment itself can be wide-ranging – from small flowers, motifs, decorative pockets, pom poms or decorative knots. They can be added to any garment, cushions, blankets, napkins or table cloths. And any of these items can be turned into broaches or earrings to wear.

Anything you make, or wear made can also be made unique by adding a decorative edge. Common items that edges are added to include – handkerchiefs, towels, washers and fleece blankets. Edges can of course be added to anything – pillow slips, cuffs, table runners, collars, tops and T-shirts and hems on dresses/skirts – particularly if you want to add some length.

There are some great new books with a modern flair available that suit both adults and children alike.



In our 'Look what we found section' we feature some of the books with ideas for adding embellishments and edges, some of the items you can add edges to, and some of the tools available. Or try this old vintage edging for a [round doily](#) found in the antique pattern library.



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## Tip of the Month - Centre Pulls



I often get asked whether it is better to use a ball of yarn from the centre or the outside. In the overall scheme of things it generally doesn't matter. It will however make a difference when you are using variegated yarn, as it can change the colour order. So if you are using more than one ball, be sure to start them consistently.

Another key reason that centre pulls are favoured is it will stop the balls rolling around all over the floor! (of course you could use some type of bowl to hold your yarn. I have seen some great examples of recycling for this purpose—teapots, cookie containers, Tupperware containers, softdrink bottles....) However finding the centre can be very difficult and often results in 'yarn vomit' - where most of the centre of the ball comes out.



I actually gave up on centre pulls and have been starting my balls from the outside until I started using Whirls again—these have an easy centre pull as the centre is already out to work from (As do many Scheepjes brands). So



I went on the hunt to find out ways to try and find the centre. Here's what I found:

1. Rewind the ball using a ball winder where you have the centre start easily identifiable and ready to begin.

This is okay for small balls, but can be time consuming for large projects and when using large balls.



2. Find the centre of the ball using your fingers. Using these tips I have about a 70% success rate, and find some brands work more than others.

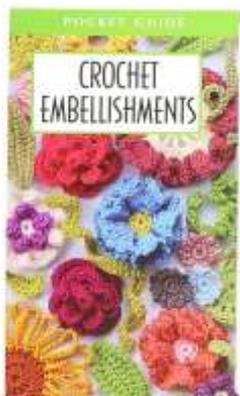
- Usually the outside of the yarn is tucked into one end—pull that out and tuck it under the label.
- Insert your index finger into each end—one end is generally tighter than the other.
- In the 'looser' end, insert your thumb and index finger into the centre and feel around for some 'looser' strands (the centre)
- Pull the centre 'looser' strands out. You will pull out some extra yarn, but it shouldn't be half the ball.



I found several different tips and illustrations for doing this, but the best was by bobwilson123—check out her [video](#)



## Book of the Month



### LA56035 Crochet Embellishments \$11.50

This handy pocket guide can be taken anywhere and fits easily into a purse or project bag. It folds out accordion-style with instructions for 8 flowers, 7 leaves, and 4 vines.

You can make a whole garden of flowers for tote bags, headbands, pillows, and more, whether handmade or readymade. The photo models were made using medium weight yarn, but you can vary the sizes by using different weights of yarn or thread. Designs by Jean Leinhauser of The Creative Partners LLC include Wavy Petals, Fancy Flora, Sunny Flower, Dandelion, Petite Flora, Rosy Posies, Cockscomb, Puff Flower and Ruffle, Leaves (7 styles), and Vines (4 styles).

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# Customers' Corner

Below are some comments and masterpieces submitted by customers over the last quarter.

Send us a photo of your masterpiece (by email or on our facebook page—[www.facebook.com/crochetaustralia](http://www.facebook.com/crochetaustralia)), telling us which book it came from and which yarn or thread you used, and be in the draw to win a \$25 voucher in June 2019 (see conditions on our website). Please also add any tips you've picked up when making them. Congratulations to Romina R, Peregian Springs for winning this month's voucher.



**Marilyn B—Obi Obi QLD**

Made these baby outfits for charity using cottons— Camilla, Camilla Batik and Almina.



**Alison K—Mount Coolum, QLD**

Made this amigurumi cat as a gift for a baby using Camilla batik cotton



**Anne W— Watanobbi NSW**

Made this dinosaur backpack for her 2 1/2 year old granddaughter for Christmas. She used clever country cotton, with the pattern from the book Crochet Kids' Bags MB3187



**Elizabeth P—North Arm, QLD**

Took up the challenge to learn pooling and made this beautiful cowl using the Red Heart Pooling Yarn



**Fran D— Maroochydre QLD**

Designed her own market bag and made several using Camilla Batik cotton she gave as Christmas gifts



**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.



**Lynn E— Lugarno NSW**

Bought the Dream Catcher Shawl pattern (SY15) onboard the October Crochet Cruise and made these two shawls in the Whirls.



**Sue P—Caloundra QLD**

Used catona cotton to make this folk dear from Yarn Bookazine # 6



Sue also completed this Ubuntu blanket with Riverwash (Large kit)

**Virginia M—Cooroy QLD**

Fell in love with this pattern from Ravelry and has made it in a variety of cottons—MT Perle 5 metallic, sunkissed and a whirl—as gifts for friends and family



**Romina R—Peregian Springs QLD**

Made this skirt for her niece from catona using the Africa flower pattern learned during our September workshop



**Jutta L— Joondalup WA**

My Nylon yarn just arrived and I am super happy with it. It's so beautiful!

Thank you very very much 🌸🌸🌸🌸

**Vicki B—Hay Point QLD**

Hello to all at Crochet Australia.

I only ordered yesterday and it is here today. Thank you for the prompt service, I received your package an hour ago.

I am very pleased with the crochet cotton selection you sent to me – the 12 pack pre-mixed are perfect and the 385 blue (4 balls) I ordered will go well with the baby shawl I have started with the variegated blue (clever country 380) I had here at home.

I look forward to completing my projects now. Once more, Thank you!



**Kathryn B—Grafton NSW**

My order arrived safe and thank you for the free gift.

Kind regards.



**Sarah S—Yandina, QLD**

Crocheted earrings with Lizbeth metallic yarn and almina cotton.



**Barbara W— Wynnum QLD**

Made this tree of Barbara Bags using acrylic yarn. This was a project at last years' Sunshine Coast Crochet Retreat



**Chris G -Summerland Point NSW**

Face Washer in Wendy Cotton, Fingerless gloves in Dazzle & Scarf from a Whirl. Shrug by JKD Kids Get Squared in sunkissed



**Dianne T— North Arm QLD**

Crocheted this pattern - Sassy Sunflower Afghan (available on Ravelry) with —Dazzle 8 ply acrylic yarn



**Roma B—Parra Hills SA**

Many thanks for the parcel of wool I ordered. It was delivered and signed for this morning. I am most impressed - order placed 7/2/19 and received here 12/2/19. 5 days delivery from Queensland. Really exceptional. I really like my yarn.

**Lynda T—Yandina QLD**

Using a whirl crocheted the Anemone CAL (Crochet-a-long) centrepiece.

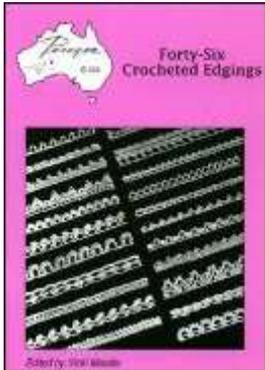
**Janet B—Landsborough QLD**

Crocheted this cancer blanket using left over dazzle 8 ply acrylic yarn.

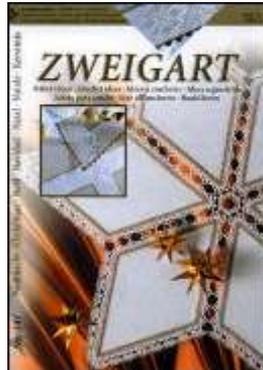




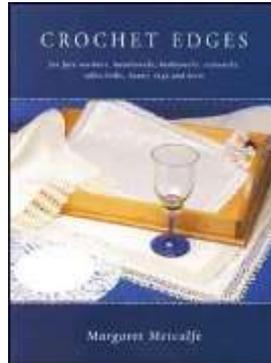
# Look What We Found



**PARC103 Forty-six Crochet Edges \$10.75**



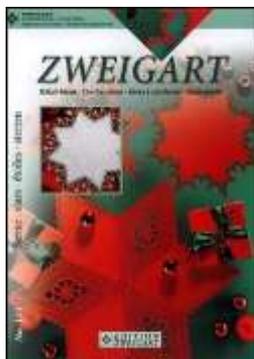
**ZW141 Zweigart Edges Book \$18.50**



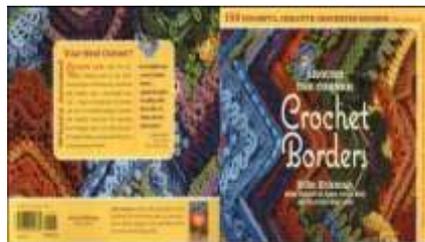
**MC9316 Crochet Edges \$35.45 \* Heavy**



**LA5635, 50 Fabulous Thread Crochet Edging \$28.50**



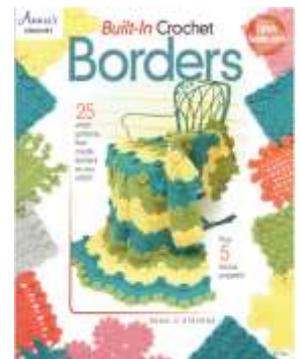
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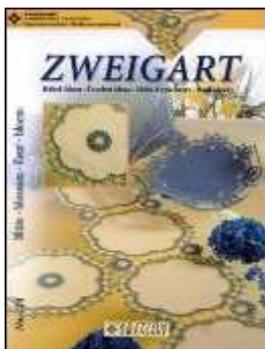
**A425384 Around the Corner Cro Borders \$30.60  
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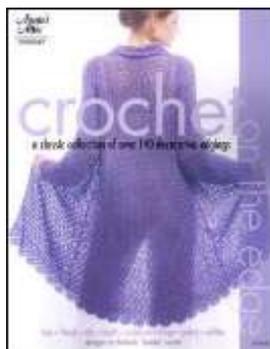
**PARC131 Church**



**871429 Built-in Crochet**



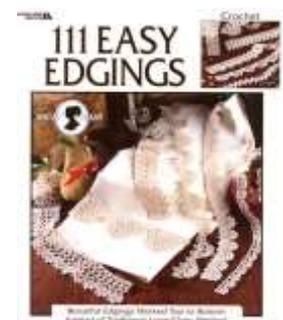
**ZW124 Zweigart Edge Book \$9.50**



**876556 Crochet on the Edge \$35.70  
\*\* Very Heavy**



**LA4382—50 Crocheted Afghan Borders \$22.50**



**LA2924—111 Easy Edging \$28.50 \* Heavy**



**LA4178 Breit Little Things in Thread Crochet \$20.25**



**LA2039 Fancy Feet \$8.50**



**PUNT12—17 Filet/Symbol Crochet Edgings and Insertions. \$11.95 each**



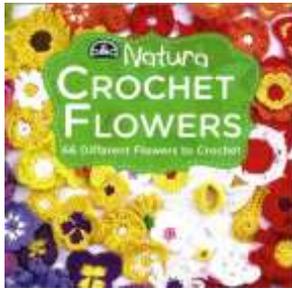
LA4884 Fabulous Knitted Borders \$27.50 \* Heavy



SP4935 Knitted Flowers \$11.95



121081 Quick-Knit Flower Frenzy \$13.80



T5830 Crochet Flowers DMC \$35.50 \*\* Very Heavy



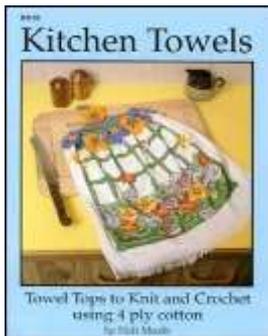
SP7066 Crochet Flowers 20 to Make \$15.60



tjfb Jenny's Boutique \$9.50



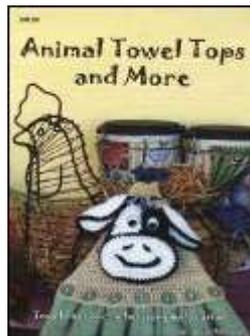
SP0634 Crocheted Hearts 20 to Make \$14.50



BK16 Kitchen Towels Crochet & Knit \$13.50



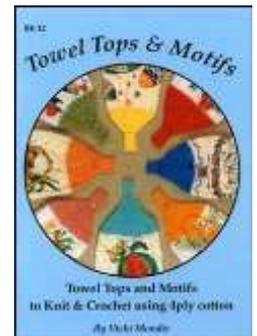
BK04 Top That Towel \$13.50



BK30 Animal Towel Tops & More \$13.50



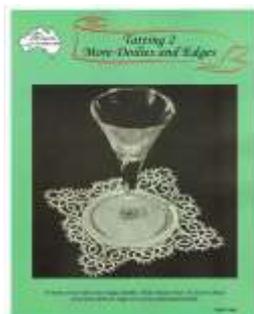
BK06 More Towel Tops \$13.50



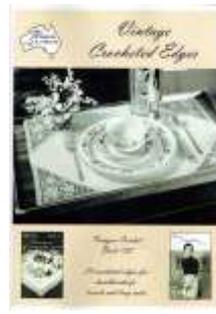
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PARC145R Crochet Edges & Motifs \$11.20



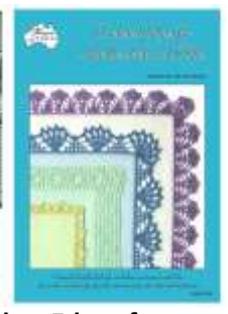
PARC146R Tatting 2 \$11.20



PARC132R Vintage Crochet Edges \$11.20



PARC111R Crochet Edges for Hankies \$11.20



PARC150R Crochet Edges for the Home \$11.20



CDV11D Learn to Crochet Flowers \$45.50

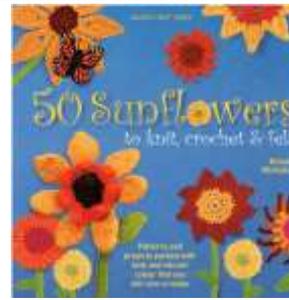




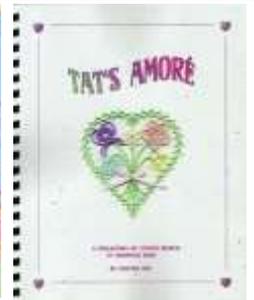
ASN1386 Crochet Trims for Tops \$14.20



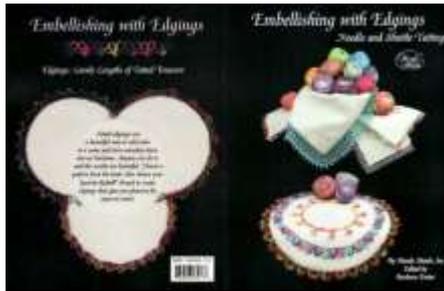
S4170—75 Birds, Bees, B'flies & Bugs \$34.95 **\*\*Very Heavy**



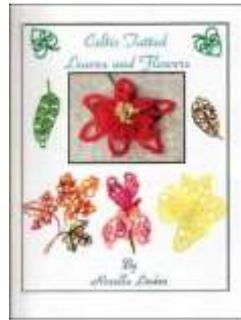
S4439—50 Sunflowers Knit, crochet, felt \$48.50



HHT312 Tat's More \$29.95



HHT360 Embellishing with Edgings \$24.95



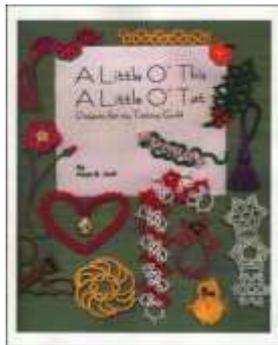
HHT341 Celtic Tatted Leaves & Flowers \$19.75



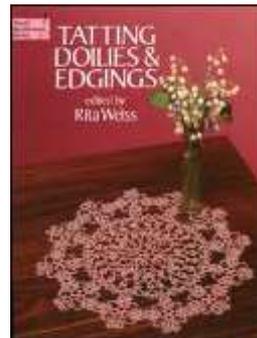
HHT530 Tattling Lace Best Selection \$79.00



SP7035 Tatted Handkerchiefs \$16.50



HHT349 A Little O'This/ Tat \$35.50



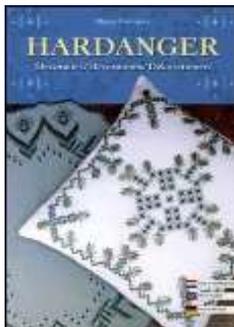
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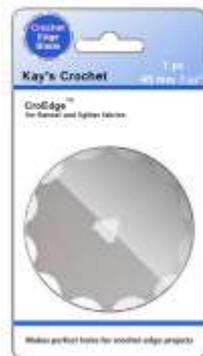
NN0253 Award Winning Hardanger 2016 \$31.25



NN252 Award Winning Designs 2015, \$29.50



KA1903 Decorations in Hardanger \$18.95



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Fleece and heavier ACCCROEDGEFLEE \$22.50

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HOOKEDGIT \$14.90 Piercing Crochet hook set of 2



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- Transparent or Opaque—125g packets \$14.30**
- Transparent or Opaque—packets of 100 \$8.00**
- Transparent- packets of 20 \$2.00**
- Transparent or Opaque—20g packets \$2.50**
- Cracked Glass—100g packets \$14.50**



**TOWELPRINTKITCH \$4.50**

Cotton terry towels 68cm X 34cm

**HANKERCHIEFS—white or coloured, plain or with embroidered motifs.**

**HANKMIXCOLSEGE—6 colours hankies with straight edge and motif \$24.80 or \$4.60 each**

**HANKMIXCOLSCAL—6 colours hankies with scalloped edge and motif \$25.10 or \$4.65 each**

**HANKMIXSEGE—6 white hankies with straight edge and motif \$24.00 or \$4.45 each**

**HANKMIXSCAL—6 white hankies with scalloped edge and motif \$24.00 or \$4.4each**

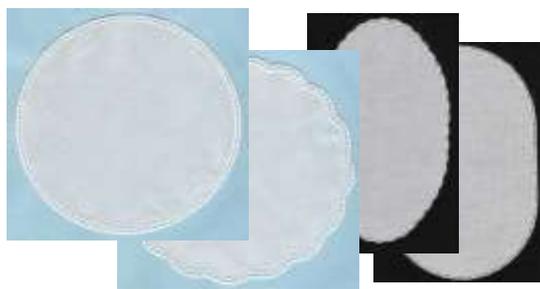
**HANKPLAINSCAL6—6 white hankies with scalloped edge and no motif \$22.80 or \$4.20 each**

**HANKPLAINSEGE6—6 white hankies with straight edge and no motif \$22.80 or \$4.20 each**

**HANKPLAINCOLSCAL4—4 coloured hankies with scalloped edge and no motif \$17.00 or \$4.40 each**

**HANKPLAINCOLSEGE4—4 coloured hankies with straight edge and no motif \$17.00 or \$4.40 each**

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



**Round/Oval Doilies—white straight edge or scallop**

**HANKROUNDMINI—straight edge 10cm \$6.75**

**HANKROUNDMSSEGE—Straight edge 20cm \$9.15**

**HANKROUNDLGSEGE—Straight edge 25cm \$10.15**

**HANKROUNDMSCAL—Scalloped edge 15cm \$8.15**

**HANKOVALMSSEGE—Straight edge 23cm by 15cm \$9.15**

**HANKOVALLGSCAL—Scalloped edge 28.5cm by 21cm \$10.15**