



Crochet Extra

157th Edition - August 2019

We've seen some amazing baskets created here at Crochet Australia during July's basket workshop with Caitlin. I myself enjoyed working with the basket bases and tissue toppers. And our new t-shirt yarn has just arrived! We have 15 colours in store but can get other colours in as needed.



I am currently planning my future newsletters, and would like to hear what you would like to have featured—whether it is a product we have in the store or not. And what questions would you like to have answered in our monthly tips? Please let me know so that we stay relevant.

We enjoyed ourselves at Knitfest last month, seeing the purses that were made at the workshops and of course seeing many of you, our customers. We also had new shelves installed in the shop while we were out. These were quickly filled with our new yarns.



At our workshops this month we will be learning the mosaic technique of crochet and making a purse designed by Tinna Thorudottir Thorvaldar. Book your spot now.



Final bookings for the retreat are also being taken and all confirmation letters will be sent out next week for final payment and selecting your yarn colours. If you haven't already booked, this is your last chance. We have 36 ladies booked in at the moment so it should be lots of fun.



And don't forget the shop will now also be open Wednesdays 9.00am to 3.00pm.

Until next time.
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Theme—Made for Men

Father's Day is just around the corner, and I've had some questions around patterns for men. So we're going to look at items that can be 'Made for men'. And of course, these are not just for Father's Day, but also suitable for birthdays, Christmas and other occasions.



The more common items to make are sweaters and vests – there are some lovely modern patterns emerging and vests are perfect for the coming spring weather. Fiddlesticks acrylic yarn – Superb 8 and

Superb Tweed – and Loyal tweed wool have large colour ranges that suit males. Cotton can also be used to make lighter outfits and Catona has an extensive colour range to help with masculine designs.

Afghans, blankets and lap throws also make great gifts for men. Many patterns are oriented towards males with their geometric designs. These blankets can be taken to the park for relaxing or watching sports, camping, fishing or watching TV. Add matching cushions or poufs to make them extra special.

Net bags made with nylon make strong carry bags for cans, fishing gear, food, camping items or keeping or transporting tools. And every person likes to care for their electronics – phone/ipad cases – or office items – pen/pencil holders, paper holders, baskets – or use lovingly prepared can cozies, mug hugs, or coasters for their favourite drinks. Or add a personal touch with a crocheted or knitted tie, glasses case or tissue box cover. What do you plan to make?



Look in the next sections for a range of patterns and tools available at Crochet Australia.

As a starting point we found patterns to [crochet](#) or [knit](#) a can cozy



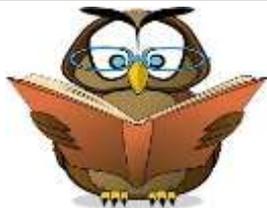
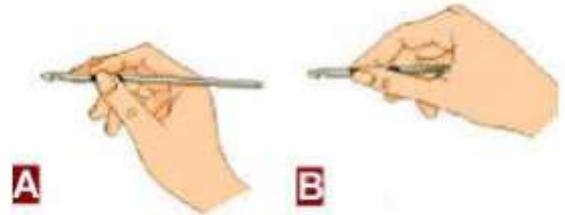


Tip of the Month— Working with T-Shirt Yarn



Using T-shirt yarn for knitting or crochet can lead to some amazing projects. Projects work up quickly because the yarn is so big, but T-shirt yarn can be a little difficult to work with. Here are some tips that I found when I started using it and others that I picked up along the way.

1. T-shirt yarn is pretty firm and can strain your body if you work with it too long in one sitting. Take regular breaks. You may even find that you need to swap to other projects using softer and thinner yarn for a while.
2. Use large hooks and needles—8mm and up. If you use the pen hold [A] for your hooks this is a difficult hold for these larger hooks and so you may need to adopt the knife hold [B].
3. Needles and hooks that are a little slippery are helpful for working the stitches more easily and evenly with T-shirt yarn. Plastic needles therefore work better.
4. T-shirt yarn is a lot heavier than regular yarn. As projects grow in size and get heavier they can put a lot of strain on your body. Take it slow and rest often if you're feeling sore.
5. Cotton T-shirt yarn is stretchy, but the less you pull on and stretch the T-shirt yarn as you work, the better off you'll be in terms of getting an even tension and having stitches that don't look distorted. If you do stretch it, it will get tight and 'buckle'.
6. Knots in t-shirt yarn are big and difficult to hide and are guaranteed to spoil your work. Instead of using knots, sew the ends together—either with a sewing machine or by hand. Or use strong, double-ended tape.
7. T-shirt yarn is also good for quick and easy macramé and weaving projects.



Lynda's Book of the Month



875561 Simple & Fun Footwear \$15.35

This incredible collection of slipper patterns will have you wishing for winter!

From classic ballerina slippers and moccasins to puppy dogs and high-tops, you'll find the perfect style for everyone.

Projects include 20 slipper designs for ladies, men, kids and babies using a variety of yarns. One pair worked in Tunisian. Full colour, 32 pages.

Visiting hours:

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 9am—3.00pm

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

Workshops: Tues 9.30am—11.30am, Wed 5.30—7.30, 1st Sat of the month 9.30—11.30

Lessons: Tuesday afternoons—call to arrange

Order three ways (See front page for contact details):

Secure shopping cart, phone or mail.

We ship Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 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.



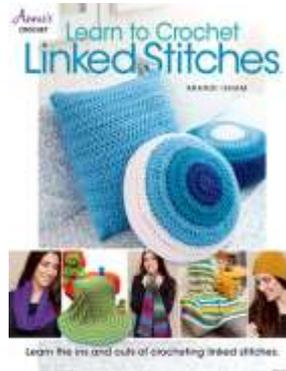
Look What We Found



161040 Crochet in a Weekend \$24.50



8714724 Colorful Crochet \$24.50



871627 Learn to Crochet Linked Stitches \$18.50



LA5243 The Perfect Pillow \$18.25



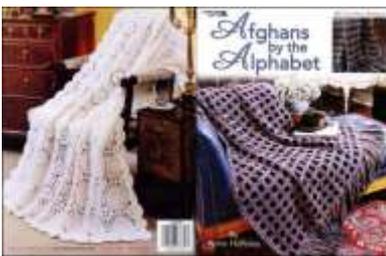
LA6886 Poufs & Pillows \$18.50



878523 Lisa's Cable Afghans & Throws \$14.20



871024 Easy Lapghans & Pillows \$13.35



LA3379 Afghans by Alphabet \$32.20 * Heavy



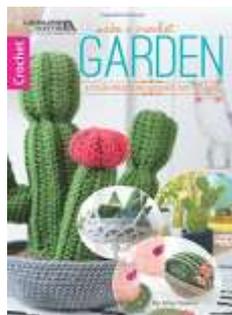
LA3845 Dynamic Designs \$17.40



LA4593 Twice as Nice Décor \$17.50



LA75598 Plant Hangers \$9.50



LA75669 Crochet Garden \$14.50

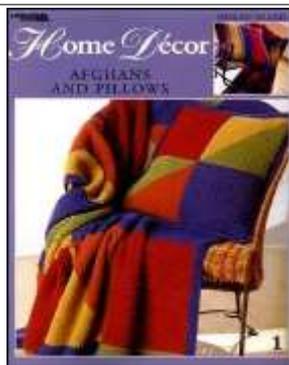


876518 Gifts from the Heart \$26.70 * Heavy

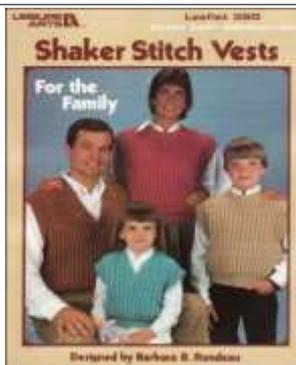


LA72222 T-Shirt Yarn Home Décor \$19.50

* and ** Indicate heavy books, therefore higher postage costs



LA3298 Home Décor Afghans (Crochet) \$14.95



LA390 Shaker Stitch Vest (Crochet) \$3.50



878533 Top Down Sweaters (Crochet) \$15.95



SP6342 Knitted Egg Cosies: 20 to make \$ 9.95



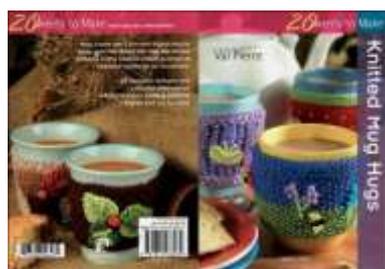
A086464 Coffee Cozies (Knit) \$24.50



ASN1425 Knit A Dozen Beanies \$ 12.40



878541 Sweaters for Men \$15.95 (Crochet)



SP6069 Knitted Mug Hugs: 20 to make \$13.50



ASN1265 \$36.75 Knit It Wear It * Heavy



N1207 Tweed Knit



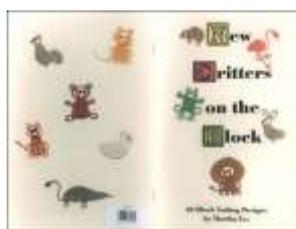
LA5779 Simple Scarves made with the Knook \$14.95



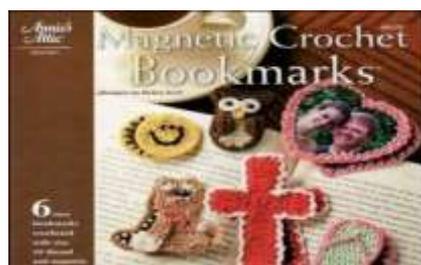
873814 Heartland Comforts (Crochet) \$14.30



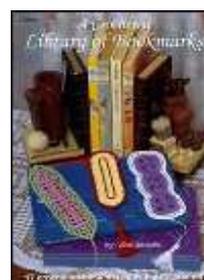
70220 Quick Stitch Crochet \$32.50 ** Very Heavy



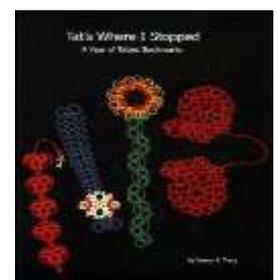
HHT311 New Critters on the Block (Tatting) \$20.50



885129 Magnetic Crochet Bookmarks \$8.95



BK28 A Crochet Library of Bookmarks \$13.50



HHT300 Tat's Where I Stop (Tatting) \$31.90



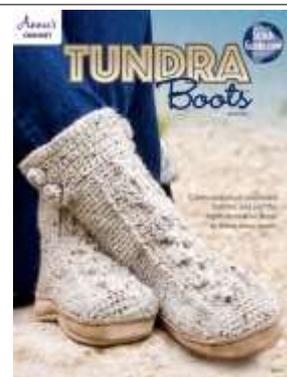
LA75495 One Skein Projects \$13.50



LA2858 Slippers for the Family \$11.30



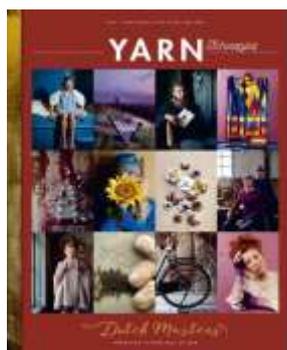
876535 Fun-to-Wear Crocheted Socks \$17.25



88520 Tundra Boots \$13.50



LA75549 Mug Hugs & Coaster Sets \$15.50



YB4 Yarn Bookazine 4 Dutch Masters \$23.50 * Heavy



871757 Hats Scarves, Mitts to Wear \$24.50



LA75358 Celebrity Slouchy Beanies \$6.50 (Crochet)



LA75357 Celebrity Slouchy Beanies \$6.50 (Knit)



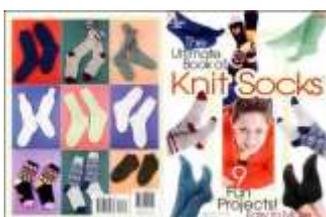
LA75343 Socks to Go \$6.50 (Knit)



LAPAT500861 Next Step 4 Sock Slippers \$9.50 (Knit)



LA75568 Cup Cozies \$13.50



873692 The Ultimate Book of Knit Socks \$14.30



ASN1307 A Crochet's Guide to Knitting \$16.30



LA4484 Big Book of Knit Hats & Scarves \$27.90 * Heavy



LA3137 Big Book of Quick Knit Afghans \$21.05



124027 Tops & Toes (Knit) \$35.70 ** Very Heavy



ASN1358 Learn to Knit Cables \$14.60



ASN1265 Knit It! Wear It! \$36.75 * Heavy



**Basket Bases and Tissue
Toppers—from \$11.95**



KNITCIR100LITE1000 \$13.75
Circular Knitting Needles
10mm KNITCIR100LITE800
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KNITCIR80LITELGE \$11.95
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KNITCIR80LITEMED \$12.50 4
-5mm
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3.75mm



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\$6.80
Loyal Tweed
Wool Yarn 8 ply



YRN8FSTWEED
\$6.75 Fiddlesticks
Superb Tweed
100gms Acrylic



YRNSOCKBOHO
\$14.50 Boho Sock
Yarn 100gms



COTNYLON \$10.50
#18 Nylon Cord 100gms