



Crochet Extra

158th Edition - September 2019

As you read this I will be returning from my skiing trip to the Snowy Mountains – where I went for 3 days with my son, sister and her family and some friends. Experiencing (hopefully) the last of the cold weather before spring arrives. Living here on the Sunshine Coast I've been using my beanies and gloves a bit for my morning walks, but being in the snow means I've been able to use more of my crocheted items – jumpers, socks, scarves and hats.

This month it's retreat time! We've got 46 people attending our Crochet Retreat on the Sunshine Coast to learn with myself, Jenny King and Lyndall Reeve new techniques and take their crochet to the next level. I am looking forward to it – a whole weekend of uninterrupted crochet!

Our new how-to video is out where we take a look at the crochet hooks we have in store and how to select the hook that's right for you. And if you've ever wondered what some of the 'unusual' looking hooks are in our store, then check out the video to find out what they are used for.



Everyone enjoyed learning the mosaic technique this month and I've seen some lovely purses finished already—and many more still in progress.

This month in our workshops we are getting ready for summer with crocheting a pair of Dreamcatcher sandals from the Make and Do Crew. You will

need a pair of thongs, cotton (4 or 8 ply) and an appropriate hook to suit the cotton. I used a 4 ply cotton when I made this pattern, although an 8 ply would work just as well. Book your spot now Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.30 or Wednesdays 5.30 – 7.30.

Until next time

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Spring into Colour

With the cool mornings we've been having and the windy days it is difficult to believe spring has arrived. But it won't be long until we do feel it. And with it comes colour – the fresh green leaves on the trees, the yellows, reds, purples, oranges and pinks of flowers – all complemented with beautiful blue skies. So our theme this month is using colour in crafting.

Colour changes our mood! It brings happiness and joy - whether it be from playing with colours to select them for a project, when making the project, when wearing or using the finished project and/or when receiving it as a gift.

A touch of spring can be added anywhere: to our wardrobe by adding accessories - jewellery, scarves and belts - or new outfits, such as skirts, tops and dresses. Or bring spring inside the home with colourful décor - cushions, wall hangings, bunting, pot plant holders, baskets and colourful throws. I've even seen colour added to cars – spare wheel covers, steering wheel covers, seat cushions, throws and even window shades.

Fortunately for us many of the yarns have an extensive colour range – eg Scheepjes Catona has over 150 colours and Fiddlesticks Superb 8 has over 60 colours. We can all be creative with such colour choices. Of course, choosing the colours to use in a project can be difficult when there are so many to choose from. Many of the pattern books give some colour combinations or take inspiration from the world around us – gardens, landscapes, seascapes, magazines or other pictures that make us feel good. Or look to the variegated yarns- eg Camilla Batik, Fiddlesticks Superb 88 or yarn cakes- eg Whirls, with colour combinations already chosen.

In the next sections we feature a selection of patterns suitable for colour and other tools to help bring colour together. Our tip on choosing colour has been recycled and updated! Can you spot what's new since we last talked about selecting colour?

Or try this free spring inspired pattern to [crochet](#) or [knit](#) a bicycle seat cover, and enjoy the outdoors.



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Tip of the Month



Choosing the colour for your project can often be the hardest part – particularly with some yarns where there is a large variety of colours available. And of course it becomes even harder when you are making a project with several colours.

Below are some of the things that I have learnt over the last few years from reading about colour theory, attending workshops and experience, that I thought you would find useful:

- Consider the emotional impact of colours:

Yellow – brings energy.

Blue – imbues trust and is calming.

Brown – brings comfort.

Red – stimulates the senses, is passionate and aggressive

Green – considered to be growing and good.

Purple – brings mystery and a sense of regalness.

Orange – warm and cozy

- Odd is best — use an odd number of colours, eg 3,5,or 7. Using 5 works well - select three colours from a group plus a neutral and a complementary.
- Try to use 3 hues of colour – light, medium and dark. Light at the top and dark at the bottom, as this is easier on the eyes.
- Darker end of the scale (hue) – brings warmth and closeness. The light end of the scale (hue) – is cool and gives distance. Projects often need both to bring harmony.
- Using white with colours will help other colours stand out.
- Using black with colours will dull other colours.
- Using grey will enhance the other colours used.
- Be clear on the objectives—what feeling do you want to create, what colour schemes will the finished item be with?
- Use a colour wheel to select colours:
 - If blending or harmonising – select colours from the two wedges either side of the main colour.
 - If contrasting– select colours from directly across from the main colour.
 - If looking for a difference – select colours that create an equilateral triangle on the colour wheel (every fourth colour) or tetrads or the split complementary combinations (generally marked on the wheel).
- Don't avoid colours that you don't like—they can often enhance the colours that you do like, and can often look good when combined with other colours.
- Once you've selected the colours, order them from light to dark (the hues) and check that you have the three hues. You can of course use all the same hues, but having all three brings more depth to your project.

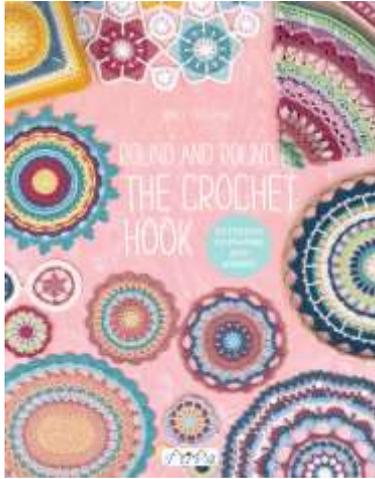


Some points about the process when you are selecting colours:

- Take a photo of selected colour combinations. Look at the photos to choose the combination that makes you feel the best.
- While colour can impact mood, your mood can also select your colour choices, be conscious of what mood you are in and the mood you want to achieve from the project. You may even need to consider colour choices on another day.
- Seek help...ask friends or shop assistants what they feel from the colour combinations



Lynda's Book of the Month



T6330 Round & Round the Crochet Hook \$38.00 ** Very Heavy

By Emily Littlefair.

Working in the round has never been so easy or enjoyable. From quick projects, to ones that wow, this crochet book has it all. No matter your experience, or the size of project you're looking for, this book has something for everyone.

The timeless designs allow readers to personalize each pattern to suit them. Each project is beautifully illustrated with step by step instructions and detailed charts. The book also includes other useful tips and hints for giving the professional finish to each project.

Projects included are: Winnie's Wonderland Blanket – Emily's favourite design – cushions, coasters, placemats, doilies, rug, table centrepiece, wall hangings, garlands, shoulder bag, table runner.

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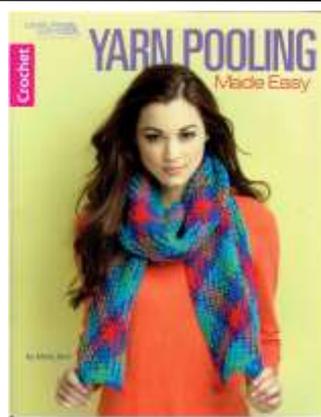
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Look What We Found



ICM002 Crochet Projects for Little Ones \$26.50



LA7083 Yarn Pooling Made Easy \$20.50



871724 Colorful Crochet \$24.50



PAT1316 Modern Crochet \$24.50

Visiting hours:

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

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

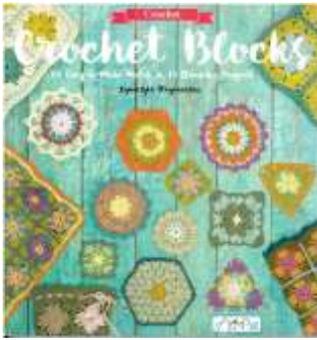
Workshops: Tues 9.30am—11.30am, Wed 5.30—7.30, 1st Sat of the month 9.30—11.30

Lessons: Tuesday afternoons—call to arrange

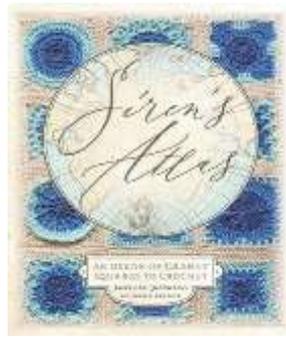
Order three ways (See front page for contact details):

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.



T6130 Crochet Blocks
\$35.50 ** Very Heavy



SH02 Siren's Atlas
\$34.00 * Heavy



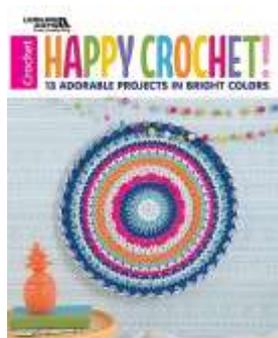
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AYC364 Crochet Club
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871045 Learn to do Bavarian Crochet
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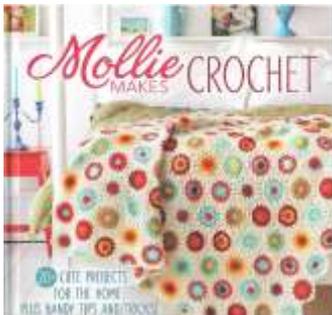
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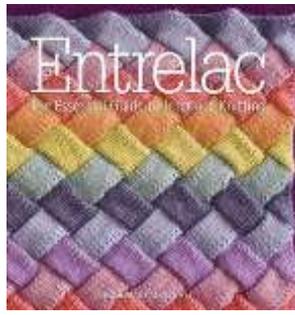
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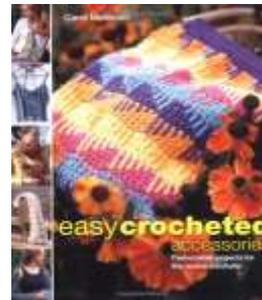
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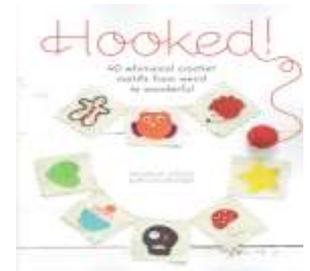
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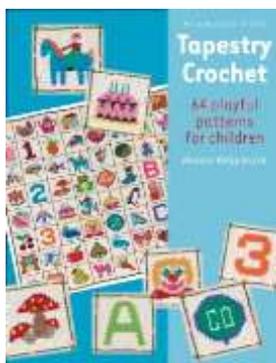
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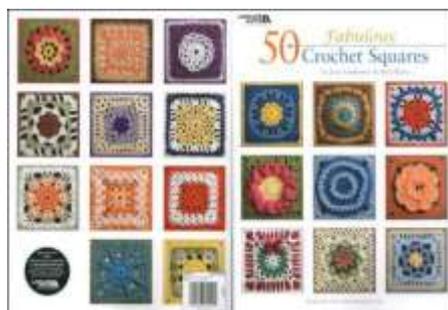
S3493 Easy Crochet Accessories
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DC5751 Hooked!
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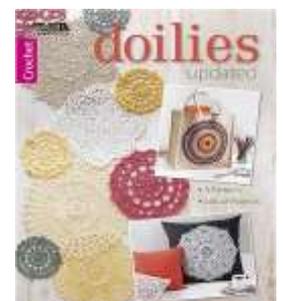
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LA4420- 50 Fabulous Crochet Squares
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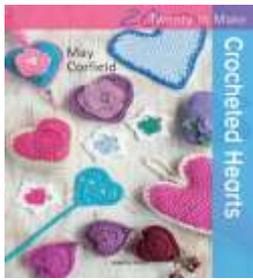


SP1222 Simply Stunning Crochet Bags
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LA7035 Doilies Updated
\$20.10

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SP0634 Crocheted Hearts 20 to Make \$14.50



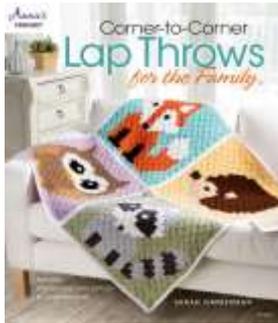
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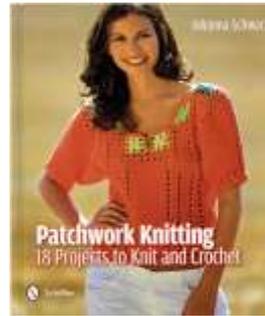
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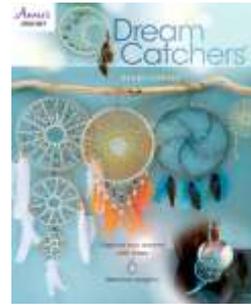
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871626 Corner to Corner Lap Throws \$19.50



P4092 Patchwork Knitting \$32.50



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SP1194 Crochet Purses 20 to Make \$15.50



873851 Easy Afghans \$11.00



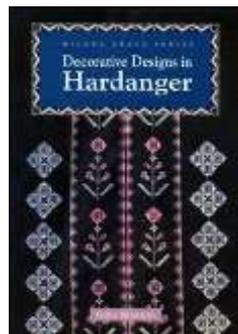
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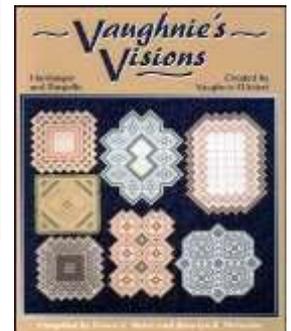
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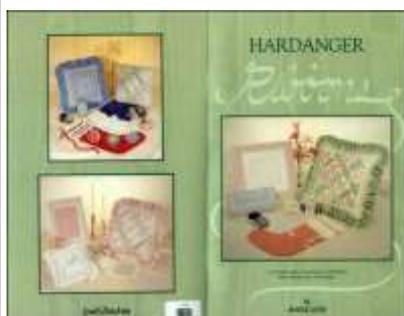
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LNSB7 Hardanger Potpourri of Pillows \$23.95



NN203 Vaughnie's Visions Hardanger \$14.50

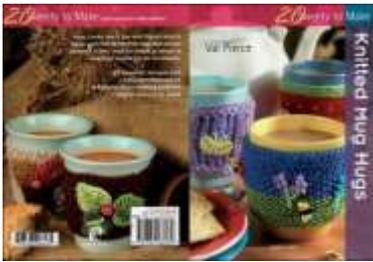


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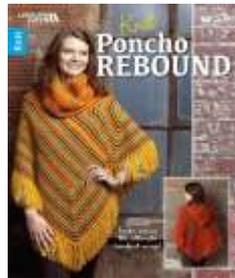


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LA6793 Knit Poncho
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LA75066 First Choice Ripple
Afghans \$8.30



121120 Creative
Knitting \$24.50



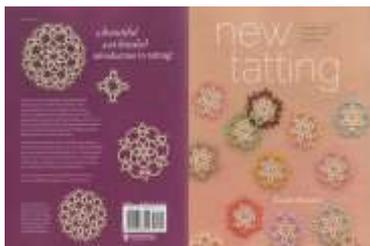
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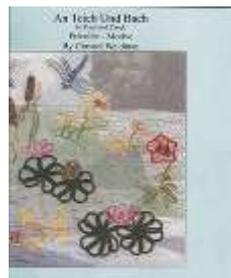
LA4922—50 Fab Knit Ripple
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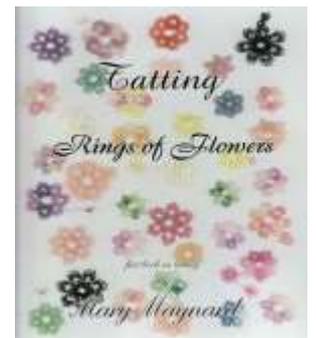
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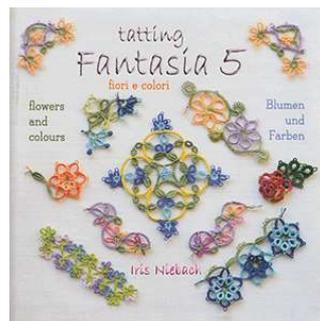
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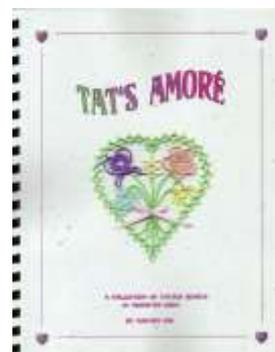
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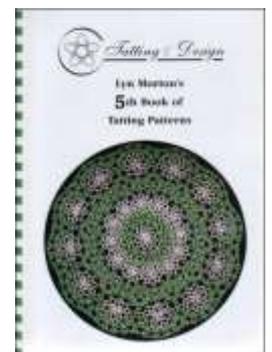
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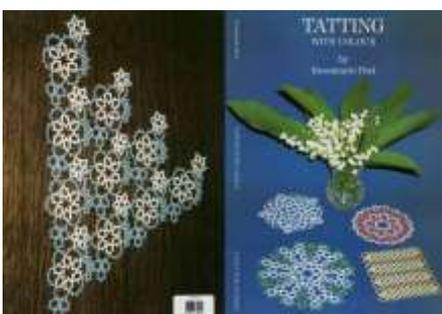
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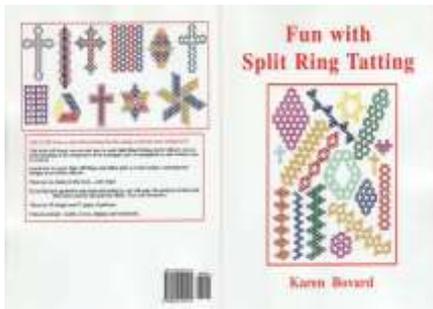


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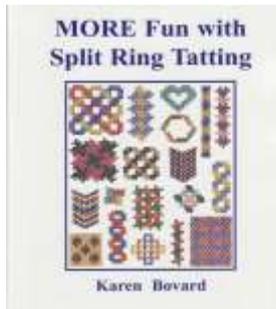


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