



Crochet Extra

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It's that time again, where the months fly by like weeks and the weeks like days and before you know it



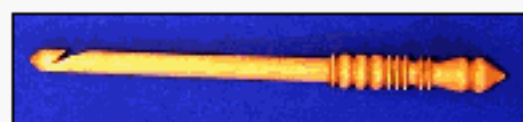
Christmas Day is on your doorstep! Last month we featured all our Christmas stock and it's great to see so many people are getting in and organised.

We have lots of new stuff for show and tell this month. Our personal favourite find for the month is the **Weldon's Practical Needlework** series. These books are a Limited Edition reproduced from the original Weldon's books that were printed in the late 1800's, the engravings in these books are just beautiful. We love them so much they are our product of the month.



Other new arrivals are **Forlaget Akacia Tatting** books just in from Denmark, as well as a new range of **Victorian tatting shuttles** to go with them.

Brittany wood crochet hooks are here and are stunning.



These hooks are wood with a decorative wood turned end.

You will be the envy of your

crochet friends with one of these.

Madame Tricote Camilla 8ply

Multicolour thread from Turkey is here 100% Cotton Mercerized, 50g balls (approx 125m), 7 multi-colours, use 3.50mm / 4.00mm crochet hook, you have to see the colours to believe them, ask for a colour chart with your next order.



For those of you waiting on **Leisure Arts** books – the shipment has left and will be here soon. Yeah!

In other not so great news, **Coats Mercer** is in short supply at the moment due to circumstances beyond our control. News from the suppliers is that when shipments finally do come through there will be at least a 20% price increase. So now is a good time to stock up on you mercer before the new stock arrives and the price increase is implemented. Currently we are out of stock of #20 White and #20 608, but have stock of all other colours.

Well that's the news of what's hot and what's not, So until next month.....happy crocheting!!

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PRODUCT OF THE MONTH



WELDON'S PRACTICAL NEEDLEWORK BOOKS



These books open windows on another time and another place. The time is the turn of the twentieth century and the place is London, England. In an effort to bring needlework to a then emerging middle class, several companies in the late 1800s in London began publishing patterns and instructions for various needlework projects. Unlike other magazines available at the time, which ran one or two needlework projects in an issue filled with other editorial, these new publications were devoted solely to needlework. Many of the companies involved in these publishing ventures were thread companies, and their purpose, of course, was to sell more thread by making patterns and instructions more readily available. One company, however, Weldon's, began as a paper pattern company and became one of the most recognized needlework publishers in Victorian England.

In approximately 1885, Weldon's began publishing monthly newsletters, available by subscription, featuring patterns and instructions for projects. Each fourteen-page newsletter was devoted to one technique and cost 2 pence. Thus, there was *Weldon's Practical Knitter*, *Weldon's Practical Patchwork*, *Weldon's Practical Crochet*, *Weldon's Practical Cross-Stitch*, and so on. By about 1915, Weldon's had published 159 issues of *Practical Crochet* and 100 issues of *Practical Knitting*.

Around 1888, the company began to publish a series of books titled *Weldon's Practical Needlework*, each volume consisting of the various newsletters (one year of publications) bound together with a cloth cover; each book cost 2 shilling/6 pence.

Editions feature instructions for making flowers from crinkled paper or leather, items suitable for selling at bazaars, tatting, smocking, netting, beading, torchon lace, and much more. In addition to knitting and crocheting, which were frequently covered, *Weldon's Practical Needlework* books contain extensive coverage of decorative needlework, including crewel work, appliqué, cross-stitch, mountmellick embroidery, drawn thread work, ivory embroidery, hardanger, and canvas work. Each volume is filled with hundreds of projects illustrations, information on little-known techniques, fashion as it was at the turn of the century, and brief histories of needlework.

Piece Work magazine is pleased to present this limited edition, exact reproduction (neither alterations nor corrections were made to the original) of *Weldon's Practical Needlework* Books. They are a fitting example of needlework and history, hand in hand.

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Photo by Vicki in Kitch and Co. Crochet.

THESE BOOKS ARE LIMITED EDITIONS \$47.95 ea
There are 12 Hard Covered Volumes with 152 pages in each. 300 - 400 engravings (pictures) in each volume.

A must have set of books for those who love "old crochet and needlework".

Every one of these books is a keepsake for ever.

Lay-bys accepted on these books.

Call Vicki now for details and reserve your copies.

Customer Comments



The learn to crochet book & kit looks wonderful to assist my children to learn to crochet. I find it difficult to explain as I am left-handed and they are right handed. Your web site has been a wonderful find and your service quick and efficient. Thanks so much. **LOUISA C - NANANGO, QLD**



Yesterday I received my order. The second hand books were in excellent condition and brought back many memories for my mum. She is also excited to reintroduce herself to crochet now that she has the little beginners kit. Nearly a little envious of her as her learning hooks are in much more funkier colours than mine were! **MEGHAN Mc - LANE COVE, NSW**



What an exciting website! I've found it very easy to navigate. It's quick and easy. Congratulations. **ALMA G - MOUNT GAMBIER, SA**

I just wanted to thank you for your prompt service. All my items arrived within 2 days of my order! I can now begin teaching myself to crochet and start on those Christmas gifts. **CHRISTEEN M - GRANDCHESTER, QLD**



I'm not used to ordering online but my sister is a genius and loves computers and orders for me. It is great fun looking at your site. My orders always arrive so quickly and my little (16mths) grandson, loves granny's parcel as he gets the lollies! Thanks a million. **GROOVY GRANNY LEE & LITTLE SISTER LAUREN - BURLEIGH, QLD**



Masterpieces of the Month

Send us a photo of your masterpiece and tell us what book it came from and your masterpiece could feature in the next edition of "Crochet Extra"

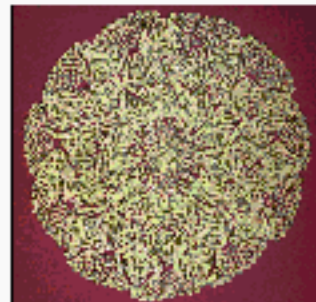
JOAN M - BANKSIA BEACH, QLD -Joan from our crochet group has been a busy lady lately, here is just a snippet of what she has been up to!



The patterns for these beautiful baby afghans can be found in *LA75004 Snuggletime Baby Afghans*.

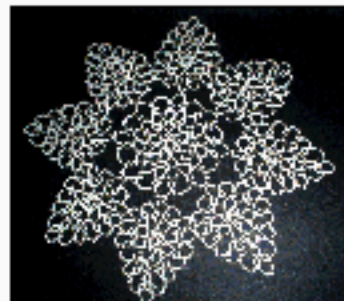


HELEN D - EVERTON HILLS, QLD came to visit us recently and was overwhelmed with our extensive range of crochet supplies. On her return visit Helen brought with her this doily to show us. She got the pattern from an old paragon book 102 Pineapple Crochet Designs. *(This book is currently out of print, however we have 2nd hand copies available along with over 500 other 2nd hand books. Read about them on our web site or give us a call.)*

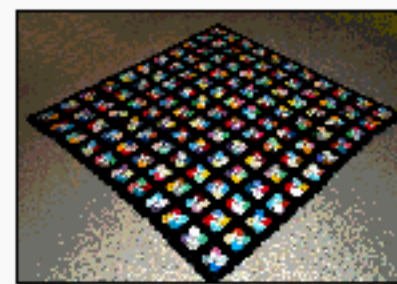


Here is my first tatted doily from Traditional Tatting Patterns by Rita Weis, tatted in Altin Basak Klasik. I love tatting with this thread.

MAUREEN L - EVERTON HILLS, QLD



GWEN L - WOORIM, QLD Gwen from our crochet group, has created this clever interwoven rainbow granny square! Once complete they can be used to make rugs, bags, or just about anything. *Gwen sure has been thinking outside the square!*



If you would like the pattern for Gwen's Rainbow Square simply ask for one with your next order.

I just wanted to show you my latest project out of the Fashion Doll Evening Wear pattern book I purchased recently. I used a #10 crochet cotton to make this cute little ruffle dress and am currently in the process of making one of the other



gown and hat combinations in the book. I have 3 children under 6 and after I finally get them in bed I like to get out my crochet. It's my way to wind down and relax! **ALICIA W - MOUNT EVELYN, VIC**



HAPPY HOOKERS COMPETITION

The Crochet Australia Team is proud to announce the winner of our "Happy Hookers Competition" who will receive a \$20 gift voucher.

CONGRATULATIONS
DANIELLE BRENNAN
ARMIDALE - NSW

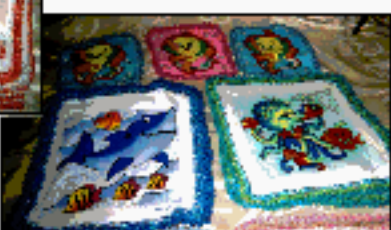


Entering the competition couldn't be easier. All you have to do is place an order. All orders will enter the random draw which takes place on the last day of every month. Good Luck!!



LORNA B - MARYBOROUGH, QLD sent us these pictures of her crochet work with face washers. They look fantastic! Lorna has

used our *4ply Clever Country* and incorporated the glitter *4ply Clever Country* between the plain colours.



THE INSIDE STORY

Well it's been all hands on deck around here lately inside and out! Our new building has finally started!! Yippee! However with the signing of the contract and the beginning of construction down came the rain! So

now we have big holes full of water! It looks like it's going to be a big building. Hopefully we won't out grow it before it's been built. I'll have to find a way to curb mum's spending habits I think!

She's most excited about these Weldon books, originally she bought in only one set for herself, and then as people came to visit and she showed off her treasure, it was decided that we would share the gold find and order them in to make them available to everyone. Lucky she's the caring and sharing type!



Birthday celebrations went well last month, I think I'll have to put in a few extra hours at the gym in the coming weeks to try to compensate for all the celebrating we have been doing. What can I say - the chocolate brownies were calling my name!



I'm off for a break next week - I'm going camping at Jimna's Landcruiser Park for Mud, Bulls & Music, I'm not much of a camper but I'll give it a go and let you know how I go next month. Shadow and Dancer will be sleeping over here at

Grandma's, and you don't have to ask them twice about staying. I'm sure to them it's like going to Sizzler - all you can eat! Mum has trouble saying no to the puppy dog eyes! So until next month wish me well on my camping adventure!

Kim

