



Crochet Extra

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Welcome everyone to the new year!! Here at Crochet Australia in 2006 we aim to be bigger and brighter than last year!



We've almost got the bigger part sorted, we will shortly be moving into our new premises where hopefully it won't feel like we are working out of a shoebox! Of course with more room comes more stock so keep your eyes peeled for some exciting new stuff about to hit the shelves!

This month in the new arrivals see more additions to our Bella Linen range, as well as plenty of new books to browse through, including new books for the Teddy Bear lovers!



Bamboo hooks are now available in sets. 7 bamboo hooks and a pouch for only \$65.

**EXTRA, EXTRA,
READ ALL ABOUT IT!!**



We've had a WIN!! After many discussions with suppliers, finally they have seen the light and the Arthritic Hooks are back!! In all sizes including 2.00mm aluminium. So I guess good things do come to those who wait!!



All of you who are waiting on the Crinoline Ladies book MCL016 wait no longer they should be here any day now!

Be sure to keep your eyes open for these new arrivals coming soon to Crochet Australia

- New Altin Basak Maxi #10 colours
- New #20 colours in 100g balls
- DMC stranded cottons (full range)
- Bamboo circular knitting needles (for arthritis sufferers)
- "Liteflex" knitting needles made from Casiene (for arthritis sufferers)
- New perle #5 colours (Pellicano style ball)

So until next month.....happy crocheting!!

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PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

BELLA TRACED LINEN



To date we have had DMC & Semco Traced Linen in centres, runners, and three piece sets - and yes, we know how after a while you really need something NEW!

We are now stocking the Australian made and designed "Bella" range. This comes in NEW designs for centres, three piece sets and supper cloths, which are all made from quality linen with a spoked (hemstitched) edge, so that you can crochet around them when you have completed the design. We also have blank, spoked cloths, 36" square for \$36.60 (LINBEDCLOTH36)



In addition to this, we are also carrying traced panels for candle wicking, quilting, pillows and more. (These are not spoked)

These designs are NEW and exciting. They can be viewed at our website. Designs include crinoline dolls, frogs, old houses, a horse, cat, flowers, fairies and a ballerina.



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. These are the winners from the November / December period.

CONGRATULATIONS

HAZEL B

BRIGHTON, QLD



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COLLEEN W

McDOWALL, QLD



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!!

Customer Comments

"I would like to thank you for the prompt and caring attention I received from you. I received my products yesterday and the information you sent me was an extra I did not expect. Thank you."

DAWN L - WOOLLOONGABBA, QLD



"I just wanted to let you know how happy I was with the Christmas Crochet Hamper that I received. It really was like Christmas opening it up and discovering all the goodies. They were all fabulous!"

DIANA M - STRATHPINE, QLD

"Received my order yesterday, thank you for the free gift! The books & yarn should keep us busy for a while. Thank you for the phone call & the prompt delivery."

LYNDA N - DAVISTOWN, NSW

"Just a brief note to say thank you for your great range of patterns. We purchased a pattern of a train whilst visiting you in March and my wife Kim has now completed it. I am now the proud owner of a crocheted train set!"

ROBERT & KIM S - WALLSEND, NSW

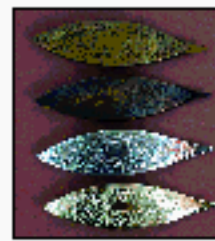


"My crochet on a roll hooks arrived safely today. Love reading your newsletter, I am very inspired by what everyone has sent in!"

SHARON L - ROCKY POINT, NSW

"It is an absolute delight to know that good old fashioned service with a smile is not dead! The items I bought were to replace my aunty's entire tatting 'kit' which was stolen while she was having her heart surgery in the UK. I just know she will love the bits and pieces I have purchased from you, especially the vintage tatting shuttle replica. Thank you so much for the valuable service you provide!"

JENIB - MUNGLINUP, WA



Thank you for the order I rang through, the beads are beautiful. I am so happy with all the goods you have sent me at different times, you are so prompt and friendly!"

DORRIE B - LOWER TENTHILL, QLD

"I had an enjoyable time at your craft group while I was holidaying at Bribie Island a few months ago, and I am looking forward to attending next time we are there. Thanking you."

HILDA J. DALBY, 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"

ANNETTE W - THORNLANDS, QLD

Thought you might like to see the Nativity Set I crocheted for my six year old Granddaughter. It's proudly sitting in the classroom at school, and the children are going to make the Chapel. Then it's Emma's for home.



I made it out of LA2354 *Away in a Manger*. It was very easy to work and lots of fun to see it coming together



This is the christening dress I made for my youngest grandchild, it was made in *Altin Basak Maxi #10*. I did the full set from the *Leisure Arts Christening Ensemble book, LA2882*.

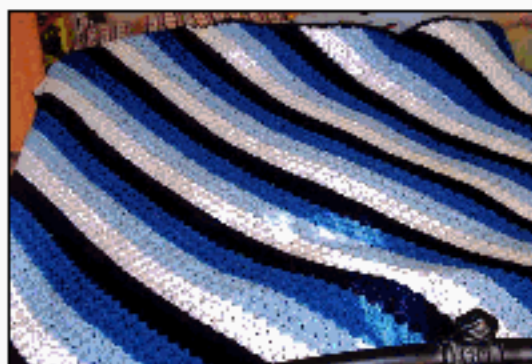


ROSEMARY R - KINGSTON, QLD



"I love my Crochet Extra!"

Hi guys this is my latest version of a diagonal blanket. I added an extra colour



and it has 5 rows of each colour. I used a 4mm hook and 8ply yarn. The size of it was made with a friend in mind whom is over 6' tall. I think he will like it!

SHARON C - ENOGGERA, QLD

GWEN L - WOORIM, QLD also a member of our crochet group has these two stunning doilies to add to the collection also from the *Extra Special Doilies book*.



KATHY G, LALOR PARK SYDNEY, NSW has kindly let me borrow these photos from her online photo album to show you. How gorgeous is the crocheted hat! These afghans were created with *Easy Tunisian Hooks*. Kathy loves to inspire people to keep crocheting and knitting alive and pass it on to the next generation. Her nanna taught her when she was 6 and she has now taught her daughter.

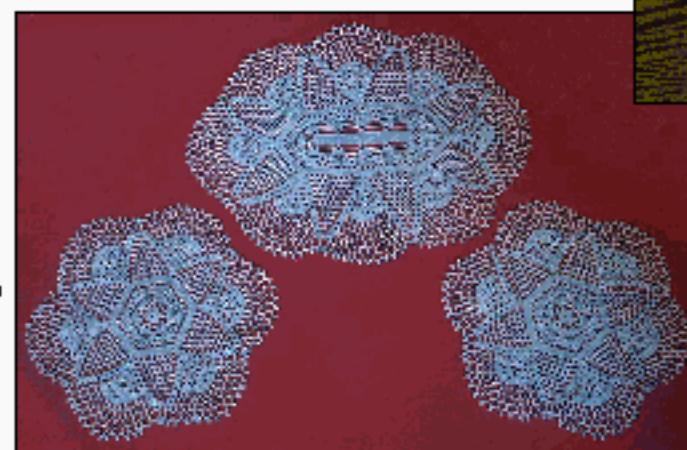


Thanks for the inspiration Kathy!



This beautiful doily and 3 piece set was crocheted by one of the very talented ladies from our crochet group.

EDNA M - KALLANGUR, QLD



Both ladies used our *Altin Basak Maxi #10 Cotton* and *LA3588 Extra Special Doilies*





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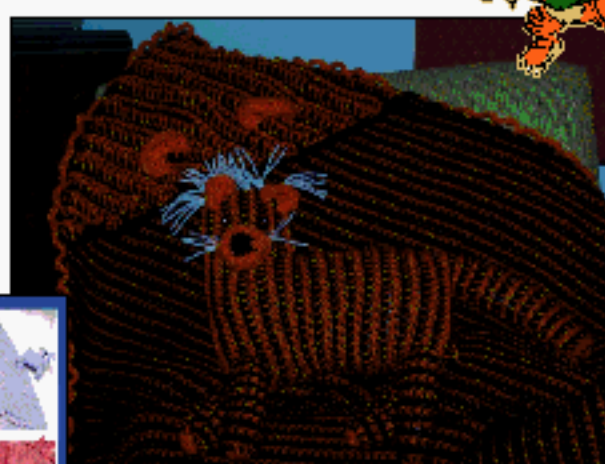
Crochenit Rug using our New *Magnum Prints 8ply* and a *Crochenit Cable Hook*.



Here are some pics of some crochet work using our *Baker's Dozen Hankies & Altin Basak Klasik #30 (European #50)* sent into us by GLORIA C - TORQUAY QLD



This is my first attempt at "Crochet on the Double". It is for our 1st grandchild. Dad & Grandpa are West Tigers Supporters! It is from 843311 *Naptime Buddies & Blankets*.



DIANE C - QUEANBEYAN, NSW



ESTELLE K - WOODFORD, QLD, has crocheted these gorgeous doilies.

Crochet Monthly no 273 using #10 Aida



BW6507 *Lovely Crochet Lace* using #10 Maxi

THE INSIDE STORY

Well another year, been and gone, and is it just me or are they going past faster each year? (That must be a sign of old age on my behalf! How depressing.) I hope that Santa brought you all something nice and if he didn't don't worry there is another chance coming up soon with the Easter Bunny!!

On the home front there has been a lot going on around here, tradesman everywhere, and soon all will be finished and we will be able to move in! As I sit in my office (which is my old bedroom) I wonder what Mum & Dad will do with the 3 spare bedrooms and the granny flat we currently work out of. It sure will be roomy in here! Maybe they can make it into a bed and breakfast for crocheters!! I shouldn't laugh they just might do it!

We are all looking forward to moving but not looking forward to the logistical and technical nightmare! A regular customer e-mailed us just yesterday asking us to send her a crochet hook that she needed "yesterday" so being the jovial person I am and trying to lighten the mood I told her, "That unfortunately all stock is in storage pending the move, and we would not be able to process her order for 21 - 28 working days and that a finding fee would apply if she wanted it before then!"

Of course that's not the case and orders are being processed as usual, but I found it highly amusing waiting for her reply!! I do like customers with a sense of humor! She replied telling me that "you should put the dogs to work, helping with the move, little saddle baskets on their backs, and they can move all the tatting shuttles!" I like her style! (maybe I can get them to answer the phones and download the orders instead!)

Anyhow, we should be in and moved by the next time we chat. So cross your fingers for us that everything goes well and I will let you know how it all goes in next months Extra!

Until then it's back to breaking this years New Year resolution by sneaking food (mainly chocolate) off the table from the crochet group ladies morning tea while they aren't looking!!

Kim

CREATIVE CROCHET COMPETITION WINNER

Entrants of the competition had to
Step One - Buy 1 or more packets of *DMC Perle #3, DMC Embroidery Rayon, or Maderia Decora Rayon*.

Step Two - Crochet a small project using any of these

Step Three - send us a photo or the article

We are proud to announce the winner of the Creative Crochet Competition

RHONDA S, QLD with her design "Tamika's Bag"



Congratulations Rhonda you have won a \$20 Crochet Australia Gift Voucher!