



Crochet Extra

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Welcome to the June 2006 Edition of Crochet Extra.

It's been 12 months since our Crochet Extra was introduced. A newsletter for you the crocheter, combining feature articles, new books and products, crocheter's corner, competitions, and the inside story! As most of you would know the Extra is only sent out with orders so if you have missed previous editions and you would like a copy simply ask for them with your next order or you can send us a stamped self addressed business size envelope and we will post you the edition you request. Please include a separate envelope for each edition requested.

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



We hope that the Extra has been a vital tool for keeping you in touch with what new in the crochet world. We are currently working hard on the next catalogue but with Extra's in hand you'll always be as up to date as possible. Of course if you have the internet our entire catalogue is available on line and is updated daily, you can also join our online mailing list and be informed regularly of new products and specials.

Last month we had many visitors from far and wide including 4 very special Australian authors.

Betty Franks – Author of **Hairpin Crochet Made Easy (BK29)**, Anne Green – Author of the **BKAG Series of Candlewicking books**, Robyn Jellicoe – Co Author of **BKAG03 Country Applique & Candlewicking** and last but not least Penny O'Neill –



Author of **ArtRageous Crochet (CLK934)**. These ladies are a wealth of knowledge and we congratulate them on their contribution to keeping crochet and other crafts alive and well in Australia and across the world.

Linda Blake from **Bella Embroidery Designs**, came for a quick breakfast visit on her way to a show in Bundaberg. Linda designs, spokes, traces and ultimately produces our latest line of Traced Linen featured in our February Extra. Designs include crinoline dolls, frogs, old houses, a horse, cat, flowers, fairies, ballerinas and more, on a range of linen ranging from centres, three piece sets, runners, and suppercloths, to tracing panels for candlewicking and quilting.



Also amongst the visitors list were some of the ladies from the **Qld Division of the Australian Lace Guild**, yet another group of ladies with a wealth of knowledge between them. We hope you enjoyed your visit ladies and look forward to seeing you up here again soon!



Anyone wishing to visit our showroom is more than welcome we do ask however that you ring ahead and make an appointment as we would hate for you to drive all the way out here and find that we've gone out for lunch!!

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



PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

CANDLEWICKING

Candlewicking is a form of surface embroidery that originated from Colonial America over 200 years ago. It gets its name because the embroidery was created with a running stitch from an unwaxed thread (used for candle wicks) in order to achieve a raised or embossed look. Motifs are made using a variety of knots and satin stitches. Sometimes stitches are cut - a method called "tufting", this creates a chenille like look.



Fabric - Traditionally Candlewicking is worked on 100% cotton unbleached calico. This dates back to when women often would use the calico from flour bags and the cotton from the seams as thread. However candlewickers of modern times also use homespun and even linen fabrics.



Threads - Embroidery threads in colonial times were very difficult to come by and somewhat expensive, so until coloured threads became cheaper and more obtainable, white and cream were the colours most used. Candlewicking thread is available in white, cream and some colours. Perle Crochet Cotton #8 and #12 can also be used and are available in a range of colours. Some even use 4ply cotton. Threads differ in thickness and texture; most people use 1 to 6 strands of thread to suit different stitches and the desired effect you wish to achieve.



Needles - A number 6 crewel needle is generally used for Candlewicking. The larger sizes 4 and 5 are used when working thicker threads.



Designs - Here at Crochet Australia we have many designs in Book Collections from Anne Green and Jean Jensen ranging from nature and flowers, to teddy bears and scarecrows. We also stock a range of Bella Traced Linen pieces that are can be adapted to Candlewicking as well as tracing patterns for crinoline ladies and old houses.



Don't ever be afraid to experiment with fabrics, designs, threads and colours, remember that it may become a treasured heirloom created by you, so the result will be well worth it!

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"Thank you for the Bun Cap pattern I appreciate it and now I can get some done for my Great granddaughter for her ballet lessons instead of her hair falling all over the place!"
YVONNE L – GLASSHOUSE MTNS, QLD

Customer Comments



"I think the world must have shrunk, as your package arrived yesterday!! (From Australia to Falkland Islands in 10 days)
Many thanks for superb packaging and speedy service." ROSEMARY W – FALKLAND ISLANDS, SOUTH AMERICA



"What great service Thank you, and thank you also for the free gift. It is very much appreciated."
MURIEL P – BENELLA, VIC

Thank you for prompt delivery of my previous order, absolutely wrapt with quality of product and efficiency that you have displayed.
DEBORAH C – WOODBINE, NSW



"Just a note thank you for the speedy delivery of my order. I'm very satisfied with my purchase (and the Freddo!)" JUDY G – BONDI JUNCTION, NSW



Thank you very much for sending my order quickly so I can give it to my Mum for mothers day. She has made about 6 spectacular tartan rugs and was looking for new patterns, which I found on your site. KARON C – PANANIA, NSW

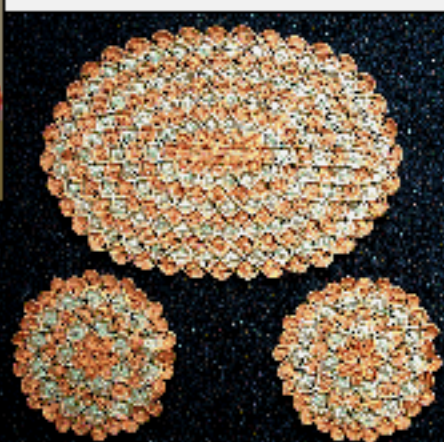


Masterpieces of the Month

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"



EDNA M - KALLANGUR, QLD
yet another collection of works from one of our talented crochet group ladies.

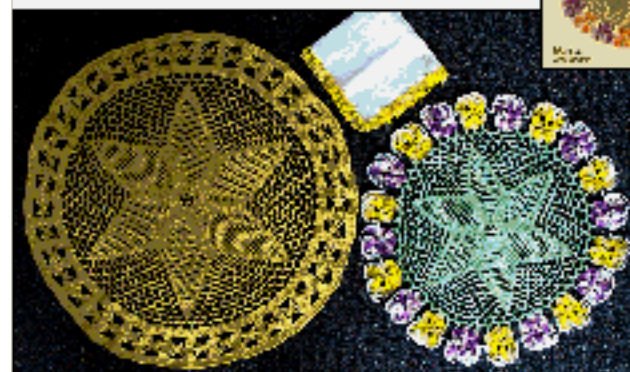


These stunning doilies were crocheted with our #10 Maxi

EDNA E - WAMURAN QLD
created these beautiful star and pansy inspired doilies using #10 maxi and PARC122, and #20 mercer and a Paragon pattern. The hanky edge was crocheted in #40 mercer.

A big shout out to Edna from the Crochet group and all of us here at Crochet Australia. Edna took a fall recently and broke her leg and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Hope to see you here again soon Edna!



JAN C - BEACHMERE, QLD came to visit us recently and brought with her this gorgeous dolly outfit crocheted in 4ply *Clever Country* using a pattern from *ASN1257 Dresses to Crochet for Dolly & Me*.



CAROL C - MORAYFIELD, QLD loves her set of *Weldon's Practical Needlework* books and brought along to our crochet group a Hairpin Doily that she made from a Pattern in Vol 11 using Coats Mercer #20.



SANDRA M - MAROOCHYDORE QLD emailed us this pic of what she's been making for mother's day gifts out of the *Hangers & Sachets* Book that she purchased recently.



I had to show you photos of my puppy Nutmeg on her lounge chair from the book *875551 Doggy Divas and Dandies*. She had no hesitation on using the chair and was sitting on it with in the first

minute of me putting it in her pen. She is now almost 7 months old and is sleeping on her chair every night.
KAREN G - MALENY, QLD



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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. This is the winner from the April period.

CONGRATULATIONS

**PHYLLIS W
LALOR VIC**



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!!



THE INSIDE STORY



Hello everyone. So much to say so little time and space! I've been a busy little beaver this month trying desperately to get more done on the new catalogue, I keep telling myself that all the effort that we have put into it will be worth it when it arrives in all your letter boxes in the coming months! I think I'll have to teach the dogs to process your orders so I can get it finished before Christmas comes.... So if you get a dog treat in place of a Freddo in your order you know I succeeded!!

Kim

