



Crochet Extra

20th EDITION - MARCH 2007.

Welcome to the March 2007 newsletter!!

With 2007 in full swing and Easter Bunny just around the corner there is no better excuse to get out your crochet hooks. See our Easter Ideas section over the page filled with ways to make Easter special in your crochet world.

Finally the rain has come (not a lot but rain none the less) and that's kept the crocheters indoors using up all their secret stashes!! Hence our thread sales are through the roof. Our local postie is beginning to wonder where we have been keeping all this thread!!



Last month we purchased all the crochet related stock from a shop in Brisbane that was closing down - meaning only one thing - bargain buys for our customers! We took the Crochet Mobile down with the trailer and brought it back packed to the brim. We made an announcement via our email update and the phone didn't stop ringing for days! But don't despair - for those of you who don't have email we still have some bargains to be had - check them out over the page.



New this month we have 2 new crochet kits as well as new embroidery mats and lotus shapes, and new traced linen designs. New Venus #70 and also Finca Perle thread in #5,

#8 and #12 to compliment the coloured Hardanger fabric we got in last month. Customers have been asking us to get in the plastic dolls in black - they have arrived in both the angel doll and air freshener doll variations. We also have coming soon a new range of variegated colours in the 8ply Dazzle.



A few new books, as well as the latest US Magazines. We only have a few copies of each mag left, so it's a good idea if you don't want to miss out on these mags to place a standing order with us so we can reserve your copy and post it when it arrives. For further info give us a call.

Here at Crochet Australia we love to hear from those people that are winning prizes at their local shows. Don't forget to take photos to send to us! We'd also like to take the opportunity to shout out a big thank you to those of you who give their crocheting to the needy and aged. Thanks a million!

THANK YOU



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



PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

VENUS #70

CROCHET / TATTING COTTON

From the shores of Thailand to the down under of Australia comes VENUS thread. Size #70 in black, white and 48 colours in between.

You'll love these petite 5g balls of high quality smooth thread, made especially for crocheting and tatting. This beautiful array of threads have been mercerised yet still have a brilliant lustre along with a high degree of colour fastness when washed.



Use VENUS thread for hanky edges, miniature crochet, delicate doilies and when only a fine thread will do your crocheting justice!

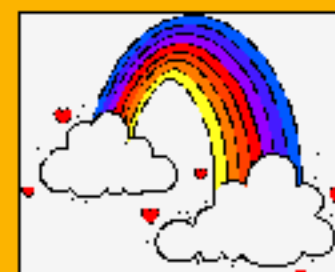
VENUS threads are a joy to crochet and tat with and compliment our current *DMC Dentelles* and *Precentia Finca #50* ranges.

But don't just take our word for it here is what one of our customers had to say! *"Thank you so much for the variety of colours of the cotton, I was absolutely thrilled! My daughter has claimed a few of them for her bobbin lace projects. MAVIS R - CLAREMONT, TAS"*

The rainbow of colours within the VENUS range include:-

*Yellows
Purples
Reds*

*Greens
Blues
Pinks
Beiges
and Greys.*



Ask for a free VENUS colour chart with your next order to make your choice even easier!

CROCHET AUSTRALIA

Postal Address:

PO Box 126

WAMURAN QLD 4512

Showroom:

76 Waterside Drive

WAMURAN QLD 4512

Phone: 07 5496 6826 Fax: 07 5429 8027

Email info@crochetaustralia.com.au

Website: www.crochetaustralia.com.au

ABN: 46 136 921 238



"I received my bead spinner and big eye needle today along with the chocolate frog! This made me smile. Thank you again for such a great service." **MARIE H - NOOSAVILLE, QLD**

"I found your site by chance, googling for a crochet hook that I knew nothing about (roll stitch hooks). Thank goodness for the internet! Now I have you listed in my favourites and I know my mother-in-law is going to love pouring through the catalogues you included. Cheers from a very happy customer." **JACQUIE K - DINGLEY, VIC**



"You have excellent customer service and I am enjoying past and present newsletters that you included in my order. I will definitely be ordering more goodies from you." **LEONIE M - FORRESTDAL, QLD**

"I have just placed another order, (can't help myself). Your service is outstanding and greatly appreciated, looking forward to getting my linen. Now that I have retired I am enjoying my craft to no end. With five grandchildren to sew, knit & crochet for my fingers are always busy!" **DENYCE B - NARRABRI, NSW**

Customer Comments

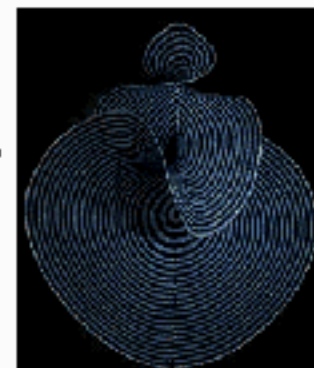
"Thank you for your great service and variety of items. Hope to be able to visit one day!" **DIANNA O - BUNDABERG, QLD**

Thanks to **FRANCES R - NERANG, QLD** who sent us a link via email to an interesting article titled "**Mathematician Turns Chaos into Crochet**" here is a snippet of the article courtesy of the ABC Website.

"Crochet is helping researchers to better understand mathematical equations designed to make sense of chaotic weather patterns. Dr Hinke Osinga, a mathematician from the University of Bristol, is working on the Lorenz equations, which are used to model the difficult-to-predict system we know as the weather. In these equations, small changes in initial conditions have a big effect on the long-term behaviour of the system.

Osinga and her colleague Professor Bernd Krauskopf have been working on visualising the Lorenz equations, which is how Osinga ended up with a crochet model. She says the crocheted 3D model could tell us what kind of weather patterns the Lorenz equations are best at predicting" to read the article in full visit -

www.abc.net.au/science/news/stories/2007/1834370.htm



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"



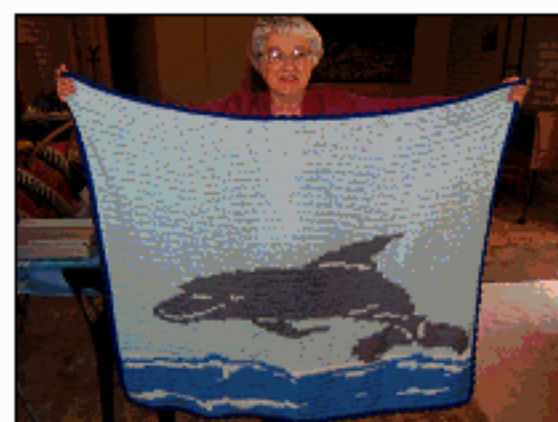
LYN S - KINGAROY, QLD came to visit us recently and brought with her a massive collection of her crochet work. Here are just a few of her winning entries from the Wondai and Kingaroy shows.



Congratulations Lyn!



This is a picture of a lap rug I did from a filet pattern. It was done in 8ply wool and it turned out OK. I was quite pleased with it. The lady holding the rug is our teacher Jan. **OLLIE W - KUPUNDA, SA**

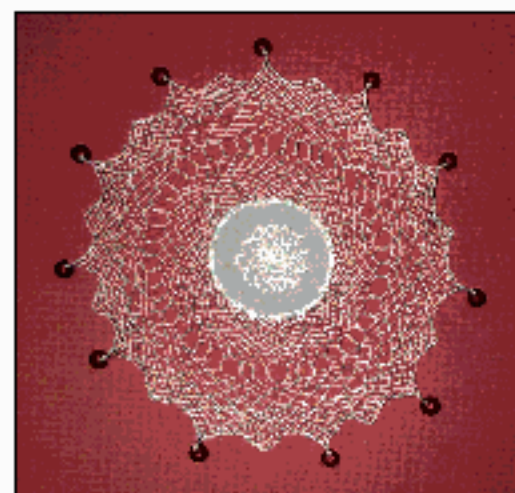


Check out this stunning afghan! This masterpiece was crocheted by one of our fellow crocheters and friend,

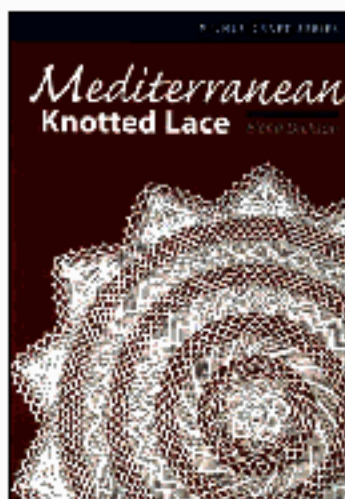
MARIE W - MORTDALE, NSW



The pattern comes from the *Blue Ribbon Afghans Book* **LA108205**



CAROL C - MORAYFIELD, QLD made this delicate doily using the knotted lace technique.

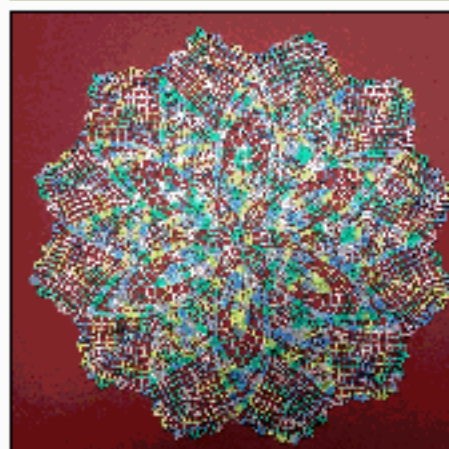


Carol used *Finca Bobbin Thread #40* and *SM3469 Mediterranean Knotted Lace*.

Whilst on their Xmas break at Yeppon Ray & Vicki visited The World of Shells & Information centre. Definitely worth a look if you are up that way, say hi to Ena & Molly for us! Hence this shell inspired doily crocheted by our very own Vicki. The pattern can be found in her book *BK21 More Jug Covers*.



EDNA M - KALLANGUR, QLD recently finished this pretty rose doily. The pattern is from an *Elizabeth Hiddleston book EH3* and the thread used is *Aida #20*.



This stunning multicoloured snowflake doily was crocheted by **SUSAN L - NAMBOUR, QLD**.

Susan used *Coats Mercer #40* and an old *Coats Book #525*.

(we have second hand copies of this book available for \$5 SHBK1131)

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 Jan 2007 period.



CONGRATULATIONS
MARGARET M
HELENSVALE, 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!!



THE INSIDE STORY



Well the big day has finally come to move! Yippee, finally the dogs and I will get some order back into our lives. Mum and Dad will be pleased too as I will finally be able to get some work done around here! I've been a little busy with tradesmen, real estates, banks, solicitors etc. Hey there's gotta be some perks to working with your folks doesn't there?! I'm also off on 2 weeks holiday - So be sure to take it easy on the oldies while I'm away! Dad's been in intense training and isn't looking forward to what we like to call around here "Mad Monday" (that's where we pack around 40 orders and the phone rings non stop!) so if your parcel turns up without a Freddo make sure you put your hand up for two with your next order!!

Kim

