



Crochet Extra

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Welcome to the June 2007 newsletter!!

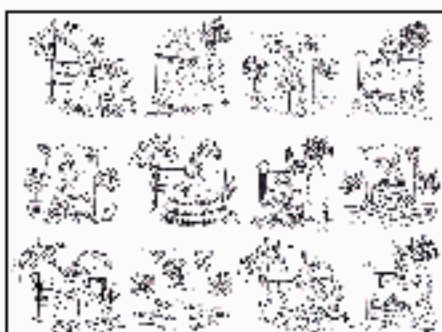
With winter fast approaching what better time to get out your crochet hook and start a new afghan! If you are looking for a new afghan pattern look no further as the Leisure Arts order has just arrived and it's jam packed full of afghan books (not to mention books on - doilies, baby wear, baby afghans, mile a minute, dish cloths, crochet cable stitches, crocheted flowers, crocheted jewelry, crocheted swimwear, baby knitwear, Lily Chin' Mosaic Magic, crochet for the home, crochet summer tops, geometrics, crochet wraps for dolly and me, free form crochet, doggie duds and much more!)



The LA order also arrived with 2 new DVD's, these can be seen in the new arrivals section, however as we have already sold all our stock, any requests for these will have to be ordered in, so it may be a few months before we see them.

Also new in, are thread and yarn cutters and thimbles.

New from Bella Embroidery are the 12 Country Belles. These are available as a set of 12 quilt blocks or as a set of 12 tracing patterns.



For those of you who purchase Hooked on Crochet or Annie's Favorite Crochet (American Magazine), as of the August 2007 Edition these two magazines have been merged into one called "Annie's Hooked on Crochet" and will retail for \$11.00 so keep your eyes out for it. Everyone that has a subscription to these magazines should have received a letter by now explaining the merge. If anyone has any queries please feel free to contact us.

For the animal lovers amongst us we have released this month 2 new crochet kits. The Dog and Cat towel toppers! Aren't they just adorable! Make sure you get yours today, these look so cute made up and would make the 'paw-fect' gift for any animal person in your life!



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

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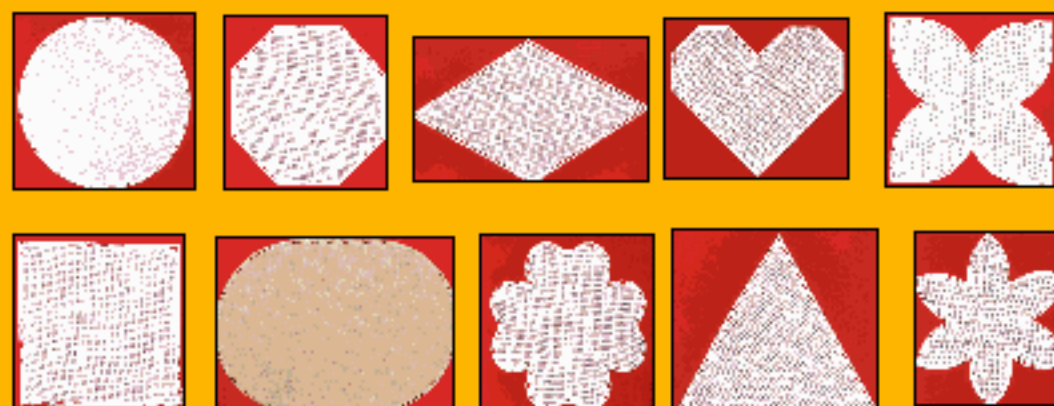


PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

FABRIC SHAPES

To our surprise the hottest items at the moment are the new linen shapes. Both the tatters and the crocheters alike have purchased these shapes which can be used as a single doily or joined to form larger articles, such as runners or cloths. Just add an edge and hey presto, you have a family heirloom. Nothing could be easier. Our fabric shapes are of good quality cotton, finished with spoked edges, so you could even cheat a little and add lace.

We are now expecting our third shipment of these little beauties. Not all shapes come in every colour but we buy what is available at time of shipment. With each shipment we have increased the range of shapes so that we now have the following while the current stocks last.



Round - white, green and natural
Octagon - white, dk red and navy
Diamond - white and cream
Heart - white
Lotus - white, yellow, blue, cream, rose pink and apricot.
Square - white, blue, apricot, green and yellow.

Oval - white and natural
Clover - white
Triangle - white
Petal - white and lt green



Our Spanish MYM books (symbol crochet) on edges, especially books PUNTI18 and PUNTI19 have ideas for square corners and rounds. \$11.95 each. PUNTI03, PUNTI09 and PUNTI10 also have suitable corners for the squares.

Vicki has put together a couple of edges, practising on the lotus, round and octagonal. When you order these shapes ask for a free copy. Hopefully in haste the words will make good sense. Perhaps you may like to share your ideas with others as we all play with these fun shapes. Who knows what we may achieve. We also have some give away books if you order 10 or more shapes, just mention this newsletter article when ordering to receive your free book!

No matter what size thread you choose to use for your edge, we can help you with Sizes #5 to #100. Vicki used #20 for hers, but it really is personal choice.

So come on, join in the fun and have a go. Try something different. You will be pleasantly surprised at how easy they really are.



"You provide a wonderful service for the crochet fanatic. Your website and service are clearly second to none. Thanks." **NICOLE D - WODONGA, VIC**

Customer Comments



"Thank you so much for the parcel of crochet cotton, and all the goodies, my two small great grandsons came in with the parcel, the eldest aged 4 wanted to see what was in the parcel - and they shared the freddo frog! Thanking you again for your prompt service." **DORRIE B - LOWER TENT HILL, QLD**

"I received my order today and I was pleasantly surprised. It arrived very well packed. I am very thankful for the catalogue and newsletters you sent. Your conversion pages have been invaluable. I would have had all these weird looking pieces from American patterns if it wasn't for your charts!" **CAROLYN O - PEAKHURST, NSW**



"Great selection, far better than I can find in England, Well done!" **MARIAN G - ENGLAND, UK**



"You have GREAT books, and a HUGE variety! Thanks for the excellent service and speed of delivery. It is very much appreciated." **LYNETTE B - EAST MAITLAND, 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"



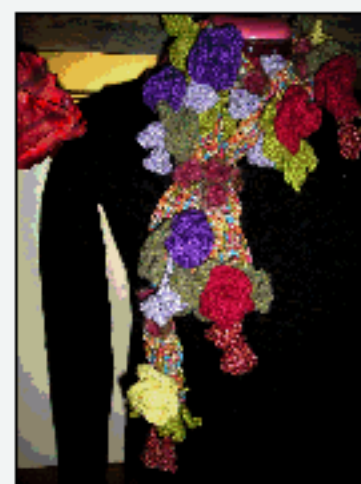
Vicki, Last year I bought a quantity of *Aida #20* cotton from you for the purpose of a bedspread. In the end it took slightly more than half what I'd bought, so am presently using the balance to create another bedspread in a more lacy pattern.

You may be interested in the result. It's a single 'overlay' spread which I'll be putting an apricot-orange underlay beneath as a bedspread, with matching curtains. Quilted, rolled bedspreads (which I have yet to make), will complete the room, which will double as my office. At the moment, my husband and I are finishing the renovation of the room it is to go into, so these are the best pictures presently available. Built in 1896, the house still has the kauri panels along the walls. The spread fits into this environment superbly.

SHERYL T - NEW ZEALAND



I was browsing your newsletters and saw the pattern for the *GC08105 Floribunda Scarf* which I have already made. Bought the pattern some time ago from an American site. I love it! Only used what yarns I had too but would change the base colour next time.



CATHERINE K - MOSSMAN PARK, WA

DEIDRE M - SPRINGWOOD, QLD Thought you may like to see the shawl I knitted with the yarn you sent me (*Peter Pan 4ply baby yarn*).

3 months of solid work but I'm pleased with the end result. The pattern is from a book called *Easy Knits for Kids*.



This is a rug I crocheted quite a few years ago. It is all done in double crochet. Sewing in the ends has always been a real pain in the butt for me, so I crochet all my ends in at the colour change and as most have two ends, which if I can't crochet them in as I make up the rug, I then have to get out the needle and sew them in. I like to crochet my rugs together as it is quick and I have just the final loose thread to sew in to finish off. **WILMA A - CRONULLA, NSW**



Dear Crochet Australia, here is some of the work I have been doing over the last 6 months or so!



The dolls pattern is from the creative hands website and is the Tooth Fairy design, using the *Pillow Dolls*.



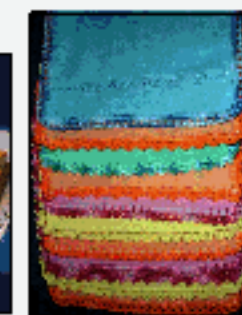
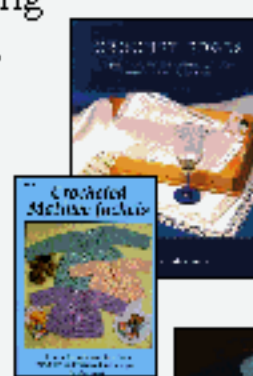
Thankyou for sending the patterns I am enclosing a photo of the crocheted ladies I have done, for you to see. **BERYL B - PORT MACQUARIE, NSW**



Some of the hand towels are *Kit033 Towel in a Ring*, the other hand towels and face washer designs are from the book *MC9316 Crochet Edges* by *Margaret Metcalf*.

The babies jackets are from *BK19 Crocheted Matinee Jackets*

Hope you like them, I've enjoyed making them all. **MANUELA S - MACQUARIE FIELDS, NSW**



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 2007 period.



CONGRATULATIONS
JUNE G
FORSTER, 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!!



THE INSIDE STORY



Well what a month it's been for me and the dogs! Earlier in the month we all participated in the million paws walk at our local park. This great event helps to raise awareness and vital funds for animals that end up in the care of the RSPCA each year. We had a ball, met lots of new doggy friends and the dogs looked great in their blue bandanas with puppy dog prints!! Of course these bandanas came in handy when barracking for the mighty Blues in the State of Origin the very next week!! How do I know my dogs are blues supporters you ask? Well I'm their mother - it's my job to know these things!! Rob and I were lucky enough to get to go to the game at Suncorp Stadium and although we didn't come away with a win we certainly enjoyed the electric atmosphere of being on the sideline at the game! Bring on Game 2 at Telstra Stadium Sydney I say!

Kim 