



Crochet Extra

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Welcome to the July 2007 newsletter!!

Winter is certainly here so be sure to make yourself a hot chocky (with marshmallows of course) and warm up under your favourite crocheted rug, relax and get a look at what's new and exciting this month here at Crochet Australia!



We had an overwhelming response to our Fabric Shapes last month and we are pleased to announce (finally) that the latest shipment has arrived. With lots of new shapes and colours. See them in our new section and don't forget to ask for your free pattern when ordering the lotus, round, octagon or clover shapes.



Also a big hit last month were our new dog and cat towel topper kits! Speaking of dogs and cats, it's great to see lots of people purchasing patterns to make their special pooch or puss



a winter warmer, from coats to rugs for baskets, there is something for every little furry friend.



In other news, we are very excited to tell you about the fantastic new colour range in the Madame Tricote Perle 5 and Maxi #10. With 8 new in the Maxi, 28 new colours of Perle 5, and 10 new colours in metallic Perle 5! If you already use this thread you'll love the new colours and if you haven't tried it yet - well there's no time like the present! Be sure to ask for a colour chart with your next order!



We have some great specials this month and also some fantastic clearance stock to offer you at a great price!

With so many books from last month's Leisure Arts order running out the door, we have re-ordered and hope to see another shipment of new books very shortly, so keep your eyes peeled and be sure to get a hold of next month's newsletter to see what's new.



So until next month.....

happy crocheting!!

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PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

Madame Tricote Perle 5

Madame Tricote Perle 5 Crochet Cotton - 50g ball

This is a quality Ne5/2 100% cotton thread, mercerized and gassed, which we have imported from Turkey to complement the Coats "Pellicano" Perle 5 range.

Madame Tricote Perle 5 is available in 35 plain, 15 variegated and 10 metallic colours (with silver or gold metallic highlight thread) in a 50g ball with an approximate length of 210m. This thread is the same thickness as Coats "Pellicano", thinner than "Regal" and "Clever Country" 4Ply and slightly thicker than "Milford" 4Ply cotton, so is suitable for projects using these threads.

Most crochet cottons today are "mercerized" which means they have been treated with an acid solution to expand the fibres and allow better penetration of the dyes which produces a slight sheen. The more expensive cottons are double mercerized. Perle cottons are mercerized then "gassed" which involves passing the thread quickly through a flame which removes any fluffy bits and makes the thread appear iridescent.

Perle cottons are normally associated with embroidery as they are softer and exhibit a high lustre and brilliance of colours, but today perle cottons are becoming less expensive and therefore suitable for many crochet projects.



**Plain & Variegated
\$4.40 ball**



**Metallic
\$4.95 ball**

If you already use our Madame Tricote Perle 5 - get excited about our new colour range! - and if you haven't used it before - see what all the buzz is about and try some today!

**Be sure to ask for a colour chart with your next order.
Try our Madame Tricote Perle 5 this month and we'll
send you a free coat hanger pattern!**



"I can not find enough words to express how grateful I am. The service you provide is truly excellent!"

THERESA T - PROSTON, QLD

"The parcel arrived today and I love the colours you have put together. I really appreciate the time and trouble you have taken with my order."

CATHY G (the proud owner of an F hook!) GREENSLOPES, QLD

"Thank you very much for your speedy postage of my cotton! 100% happy with your service - have already recommended you to my friends." **DEBBIE D - DURACK, NT**

"My order arrived safely yesterday afternoon, and the Air Freshener Doll book is absolutely fantastic! I was inspired to 'give this a go' after reading the June Extra where a lady had made the pillow doll. It reminded me of a bed doll I had as a child and I hadn't seen one since!"

SHARON L - ROCKY POINT, NSW



"I received my order last week and am very happy with all you sent. I am trying to allocate some time to the learning of new stitches and Tunisian Crochet." **MARIA K - LOFTUS, NSW**

Customer Comments

"Thanks once again. Everything is great - and as usual - I can not wait to do everything. That's my problem - my fingers don't crochet nearly fast enough to keep up with all I want to do!"

JULIE D - CHAMBERS FLAT, QLD



"Just a note to let you know my Clover Crochet Hook (for arthritic hands) arrived. I've just had a 'play' with the hook. Oh WOW! It's fantastic...It's so good to use... I noticed immediately I didn't need to grip the hook so firmly! I'm off to show a friend who also has problem hands!" **ANN B - MOUNT RICHON, WA**

"Many thanks for your prompt delivery and catalogues and newsletters you sent me. I am now going to teach myself to crochet some edges on handkerchiefs." **ELAINE H - ULLADULLA, NSW**

"Very impressed with the promptness with my request for tatting book, shuttles and a full weekend of reading material. No more running around like a chook with it's head cut off, just contact Vicki!"

JACQUI A - HOLLAND PARK, 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"



I would like to brag about my recent First Prize win at the local Nowra Show. The crocheted top was made for a friend's granddaughter. My friend gave me the pattern from an English Womens Weekly (May 2006). My husband came with me to the show and I am not sure who was more excited when we discovered the win! **JULIE K - HUSKISSON, NSW**



Congratulations Julie!



The pink one is done in 4ply baby wool (Bendigo Woollen Mills) from your book of shawls. (BK18). **DENYCE B - NARRABRI, NSW**

Thanks Denyce - these baby shawls look beary snuggly!



The crochet sampler displayed in photo belongs to my Grandmother. She was born in 1885. It was she who taught me to crochet more than 50 years ago. She also taught me how to do 'Hairpin' Lace and I still have my 1st effort at a D'oiley. All the work attached, was worked either by candlelight or Kerosene Lamp. Considering that most of the thread used was '150', '120' & '100' - its amazing that at 79 years, just before she passed away she was still crocheting fine d'oileys for grandchildren and great grandchildren. When I was 10 she detached a piece and gave it to me to keep (it was the fillet 'cat' because I'm a cat fanatic) How I treasured it and worked to attain her high standard of craftsmanship. I thought that the sampler was either lost or destroyed many years ago, so imagine my delight when my one remaining elderly (85) aunt bought it out and asked me if I knew what it was! "Even better" - I said, "I have the piece that was attached THERE." I feel honoured that I have been entrusted with this 'history of crochet', of which, some pieces would be more than 100 years old. Following our family tradition I have taught my two daughters to crochet; and so next I hope to teach my three grand-daughters to crochet too.

BETH T - MORWELL, VIC



Check out this masterpiece! This bedspread received Champion Prize of Crochet at the Kingaroy Show recently.

LORRAINE S - KINGAROY, QLD created this bedspread using our Daphne #20 and Maxi #10.



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 MAY 2007 period.

CONGRATULATIONS
BARBARA P
MOOROOLBARK, 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

Now I've always wondered what went on in our Wednesday morning "class". To me it seems like Australia's Biggest Morning tea is held here once a week! From my desk all I ever hear is chit chat, giggles, coffee mugs, and then - a curious silence followed by outbursts of laughter!! Well to my surprise there is actually some crocheting going on amongst it all and I have the pictures to prove it! - see them in our Crochet Class Creations over the page and get inspired!

Kim





CROCHET CLASS CREATIONS!



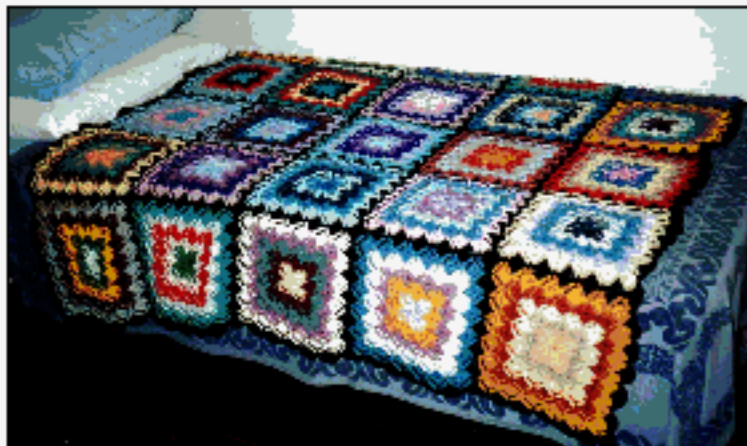
Ever wondered what goes on at our Wednesday morning get togethers?

*Well apart from morning tea, cups of coffee and giggles -
on occasions in between all this, crafty things are actually created!*



DONNA E - NINGI, QLD made this eye catching pillow using our Madame Tricot Perle 5 in Apricot and Cream.

Using the same design idea as the pillow above, this rug was made by **BRENDA F - BALD HILLS, QLD**



This 3 piece set was brought to life with beautiful colours by **DOT L - BURPENGARY, QLD**, not only does Dot do lovely fancy work she also bakes the tastiest sponge cakes ever!

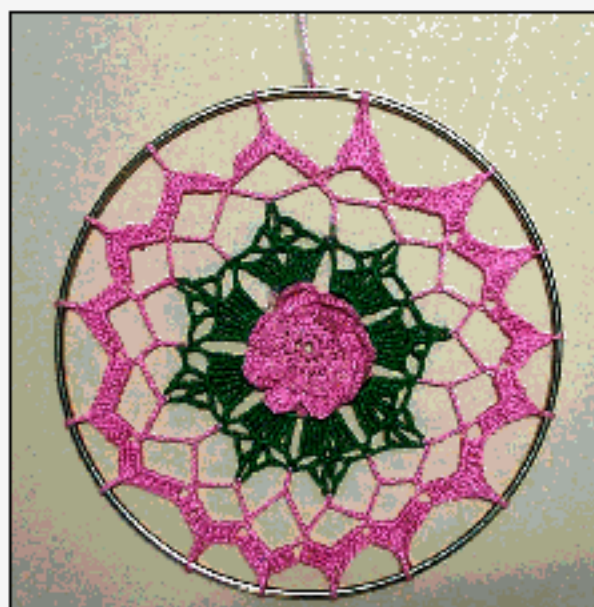
A bit shout out to Dot from everyone here in the group. We wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you back here real soon!



JOAN P - STRATHPINE, QLD made this rug using 8ply acrylic (variegated) and a pattern from Elegant Nursery Blankets



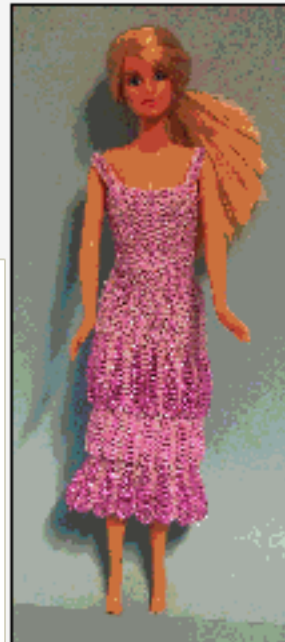
This brightly coloured rose sun catcher is sure to be the feature of any window! Beautifully created by **CONNIE C - CABOOLTURE** Connie used our DMC Perle #5 and Kit 013 pattern.



The border is from a design in LA4382 - 50 Crocheted Afghan Borders.



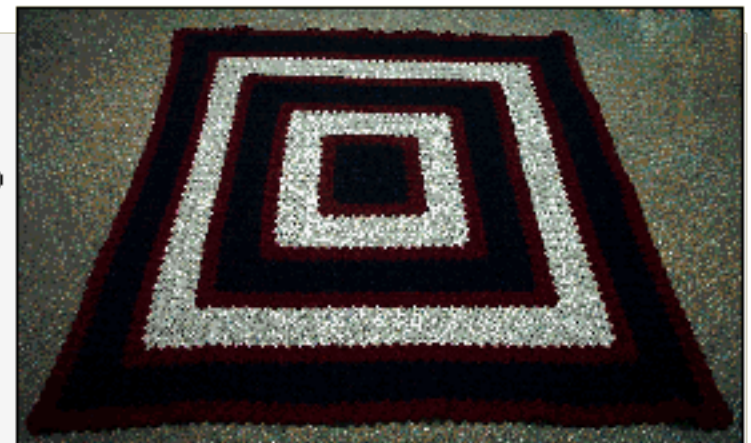
LORRAINE W - DELANEYS CREEK, QLD is the creator of this stunning evening gown. She used Anchor #8 and Size 11 beads with a set of 1.25mm knitting needles.



BARBARA T - CABOOLTURE, QLD used DMC perle #8, size 11 beads and a pair of 1.25mm knitting needles to make this beaded gown.



HILDA J - DALBY, QLD comes to visit the group from time to time and has just finished this eye catching rug!



Ever wondered what to do with our Wonder Knitters?



Well here are some ideas from **GWEN L, WOORIM - QLD** and **KAY Z, CABOOLTURE - QLD**.



EDNA M - KALLANGUR - QLD crocheted this top. It's made with Clever Country 4ply and a pattern called Waves of Blue from book ASN1294 Crochet Cotton Separates.



Thanks Donna for being our model!