



# Crochet Extra

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Welcome to the November 2007 newsletter!! This month we have lots of ideas to get you in the Christmas spirit! The countdown is on and with less than 2 months till Christmas it's time to get creative. Be sure to read our article on Christmas Crochet as well as check out the great Christmas specials that we have on offer for you this month.



Our first shipment of Christmas towels arrived last week and already most of them have walked out the door. We have a second shipment arriving soon so by the time this newsletter goes to print I expect we will have plenty of stock!



We have 6 great designs to choose from. These tea towels are great for those of you making towel tops or even just as a gift on their own. At only \$2.20ea you can afford to get one of each!

In the towel department we have also received a new range of printed towels adding 6 new designs to our collection. Another shipment is due late November so keep your eyes out for those ones as well.



Also new in by request are the Clover Yo Yo makers. Stitch yo-yos together to make various kinds of handywork. Put them together as you like using your own ideas, decorate them with buttons and lace, use for appliques or combine with embroidery, string yo-yos together with ribbons or wool, perfect for greeting cards and wrapping decorations, the possibilities are endless. We stock the Yo Yo makers in a variety of shapes and sizes.

From Denmark we've had arrive a new selection of Tatting and Bobbin lace books to wet the appetite! For those of you who love Tunisian crochet get excited. We have just imported a book direct from the author in the US. Encyclopedia of Tunisian Crochet is a must have for all Tunisian enthusiasts and it features as Vicki's Book of the Month so be sure to check it out. We have only 30 copies so be quick!



The plastic doll order has arrived and with it the new Music Box Dolls, these crafty dolls have a cavity in their back to hold an electronic music box. We also have electronic music boxes available these music boxes play "Brahm's Lullaby" when pressed. The music boxes are designed to fit in back cavity of Music Box Dolls, however can be used to add melody to any crafting project.



Hands up those who love to travel and love to do craft at the same time! Well now you can with this nifty portable daylight lamp with rechargeable batteries!! It's stylish and compact and at only 1.3kg it's perfect to take with you camping or in the caravan. It gives up to 3 hours of Daylight light or can be mains powered. And when you need to charge it, simply plug it in and soon it's ready to go again! These lamps were ordered by request and have become very popular with the Grey Nomads!



On their way we have orders coming from Annie's Attic, Leisure Arts, Gourmet Crochet, new plastic Baby Dolls, bead knitted skirt patterns and much more so keep your eyes out for these in our next edition of Crochet Extra!

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

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## PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

### CHRISTMAS CROCHET



If you haven't already started your Christmas projects – now is the time! Don't know what to do? Well look no further because we have it covered. From gifts to table centres, toys to decorations we have it all!!



For the dinner table we have a range of traced linen designs that are sure to create Christmas cheer. Make yourself a beautiful table cloth in red and green thread and maybe add some glitter thread to make it sparkle.

The tree will be shining after you crochet some sparkling snowflakes, or even try your hand at tatted ones. We have lots of books on crocheted and tatted ornaments for the tree. Christmas ornaments also make great gifts that will be treasured for a lifetime.



We have lots of Christmas kits too that include a pattern and threads to make snowflakes, door hangers, bookmarks, ornaments and of course your very own mini Christmas tree to sit on the table!



Threads with glitter are very popular at this time of year and we have a range to suit everyone. Glitter threads are available in #10 maxi, #30 klasik, excel yarn 4ply, clever country 4ply, Madame tricot perle 5 and DMC stranded cottons.



Looking to crochet a quick gift? We have hundreds of afghan (rug) books for the yarn lovers and doily books galore for the thread crocheters.

What's that - you only like to crochet tea towel tops?? Well we have that sorted too! A new range of Christmas tea towel designs has just arrived - but get in quick as these towels won't last long! Even without a crochet top these towels make excellent stocking stuffers!

We also have a range of toy books with Santa's, snowmen, penguins, elf slippers, Happy Holidays Amigurumi, stockings and more.



Still stuck for ideas? "Tis the season to crochet" is a book packed with Christmas ideas with over 70 projects including fabulous decorating ideas to create a wonderland, splendid tabletops that set the stage for festivities, handsome greetings to show your spirit, afghans and accessories to bring warmth to your home, wearables, cards, edgings, jewellery and quick gifts will please loved ones.



So don't leave it to the last minute, start your Christmas projects today. With all these great ideas you'll be sure to find something that you'll enjoy creating and help you spread that Christmas cheer!! Be sure to check out our Christmas specials to help you get your projects started!



## CROCHETER'S CORNER



"I would like to say thank you very much for your prompt delivery of my order. I appreciate it very much and found the enclosed catalogue helpful." **KATH - COOLGARDIE, WA**

"My linen arrived today, thank you. I am delighted with it. I look forward to purchasing from you again." **KATE - SALE, VIC**

"Just confirming I received my recent order via your mail order service in good order, I just love the book! Thanks so much for your great list of books etc - it is so hard to find them here in Australia!" **LYNN - COOPERS PLAINS, QLD**



### Customer Comments



"On behalf of the girls from the Embroiderers' Guild who came to visit yesterday, I would like to say thank you for your warm welcome and delicious morning tea. We we all delighted with our purchases and went home very happy, all eager to start 'the next project!'"

**ELLEN - EMBROIDERS' GUILD**

"Thank you for such great service, I ordered on Sunday night and it was here in Cairns Wednesday lunch time, can't do much better than that!" **SHIRLEY - CAIRNS, 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"



**SANDRA - WOODFORD, QLD** came to visit us recently and brought along her prize winning Christening Outfit. Sandra used a pattern from **LA2882 Christening Ensemble** and our **#10 Maxi** thread. Congratulations Sandra on your first prize win!

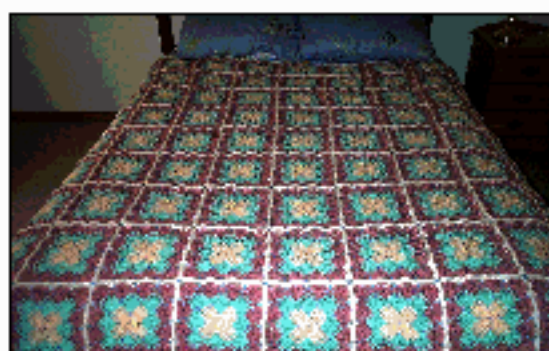


How cute is this little guy, crocheted by **KATH - BRAY PARK, QLD**. Kath's Rock 'n' Roll Rabbit won 2nd prize in the Crocheted Toy Section at this years RNA show. The pattern for this bunny and others can be found in **875534 Sugar Bunnies to Crochet**.



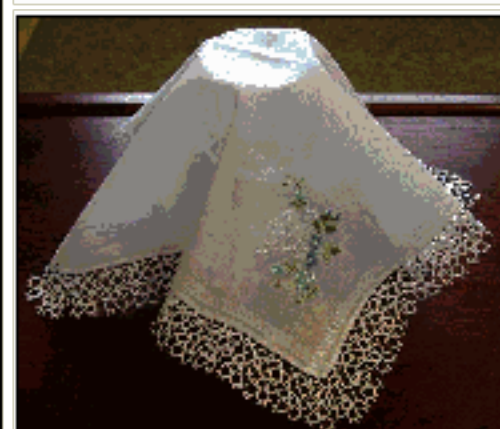
**BETTY - CABOOLTURE, QLD** is a class regular. Here is her latest creation this beautiful beaded doll skirt. This half doll is called "**Clementine**" and the skirt is made from our new skirt patterns "**Samantha**" it uses perle #8 and our pre-strung seed beads.

And this stunning bedspread was done by another class regular **EDNA -**

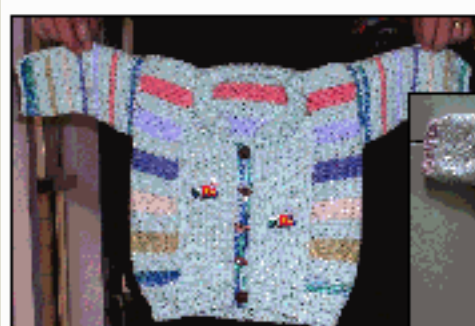


**KALLANGUR, QLD**. Edna's rug was made with 8ply acrylic yarn and is adapted from a pattern we know as "**Edna's Square**".

I made this outfit for my husbands 2½yr old granddaughter. It's made from **Heirloom 8ply**, using **Tunisian hooks** and some **jug** beads all purchased from yourselves. I tried for the first time the Tunisian technique on a kids dress. It's done without a pattern, purely based on the measurements. I saw a photo in amongst your patterns that inspired me! **RENATE - GREENACRES, SA**



This hanky edge is a real masterpiece! **MELVA - HOLLAND PARK, QLD** sent us this pic of her tatted edge on one of our white motif hankies. Melva used Mercer #80 and a pattern from **FA0536 Tatted Handkerchiefs**.



Here are some other pics Renate sent us.

Quite the designer don't you think!



Melva's hanky won a prize in this years RNA Exhibition.



We'd love to see your finished projects! We receive lots of letters telling us how inspiring it is to see other peoples works. So if you have a photo of your finished project send it to us and your article could feature in up coming editions of the "Crochet Extra".

Please be sure to tell us what book you got the pattern from so we can tell everyone else!



## 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 SEPT 2007 period.



CONGRATULATIONS  
MARJORIE H  
YOUNG, 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



Our engagement party was last month and we had a blast! We had an 80's themed party and everyone dressed up for the occasion! Here is a pic of the family dressed in their best 80's get up! Left to right Knight Rider (Jason), Punk Rocker (Kat), Ghostbuster (Rob), Cyndi Lauper (Me), The Karate Kid (Sue), Lady Flo (Mum), Sir Joh (Dad) Strawberry Shortcake (Jess) Ninja Turtle (Mitch) and Crocodile Dundee (Mick). The daiquiri machine was a big hit and great night was had by all - (I

know this  
because of the  
mess we had to  
clean up the  
next  
day!!)

Kim

