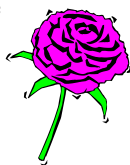


# Crochet Extra

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Welcome to the May 2008 newsletter. For some it will be the "Happy Mother's Day" Month, so if you are grandma, mother, or a mum to the 4 legged fluffy variety, we wish you a happy mother's day. Mums are special people.



Last month was pretty exciting for us with the arrival of pallets of books from France and the USA. The extra workload saw us asking Lorraine to join us in the business. Lorraine is also a crocheter and one of our Wednesday ladies, so that is good for us and for you. We have received many phone calls re the Crochet Monthly so here is a brief list to start you off. Some we only have a few - MAINLY IN THE EARLY TITLES. The average is about 50 per title, so plenty at this stage to go around.

1998 - 228, 229, 231  
1999 - 237, 239, 241 to 243  
2000 - 246 to 249, 251 to 254  
2001 - 264, 266 to 269  
2002 - 270 to 282  
2003 - 283 to 293  
2004 - 294 to 305  
2005 - 306, 307  
2007 - 331, 332



On the postal front, Australia Post now have red satchels that we can register. If you are not in QLD this will save you a lot, as a satchel is much cheaper than a box to register. So if you would like your order registered for the extra charge of \$2.70, please let us know.

For those of you who do not subscribe to this printed newsletter please be aware that you are missing out on some great savings that the others enjoy. The subscription charge of \$10 per year is a contribution towards the postage.

This month we would like to say a BIG THANKYOU to all of you out there teaching and helping others with their crocheting and not to mention all of you who drive their friends to the weekly group meeting as well. We receive many phone calls from crocheters who are at home looking after sick loved ones, so a BIG THANKYOU to you too. Crocheters are such giving and sharing people.



Until next month

Happy crocheting!!!!

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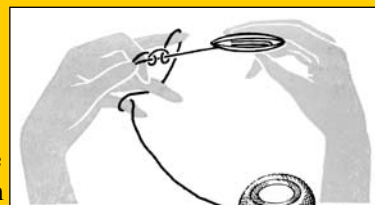
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## PRODUCT OF THE MONTH TATTING



Ok crocheters do not sigh and say we don't do that. Yes there are a lot of clever little tatters out there so from time to time we need to indulge in their interest. We still all use the same supplies. Tatters just use a needle or shuttle.



Tatting is a centuries old craft, which initially was used in garment making but today we have a variety of patterns for edges, collars, doilies, motifs and baby bonnets and booties. To make life even easier we have a variety of finished shapes - square, octagonal, round, hearts, diamonds, lotus, clover, flower, star, petal and oval, all just waiting for these beautiful edges. Yes, you can crochet around them too.

We have tatting books for the beginner, C104 Learn to tat for the left and right handed, a series of little books from Denmark that cover most subjects, Dover books from America, some really good reproduction from Lacis and many more. If you have the internet check them out at [http://www.crochetaustralia.com.au/category20\\_1.htm](http://www.crochetaustralia.com.au/category20_1.htm). For the rest of you we have included a list on page 11.



Shuttles being the tool of trade, we specialise in Clover (the most popular), Aero and Birch with the little hook on the front, Boye with the extra long nose, Inox and Bohin which must come from the same factory, and the fancy Lacis Victorian shuttles.



Our threads vary for tatting with Klasik #30 being the most popular. For those who prefer the finer threads we have Venus #70 and Dentelles #80 both in a variety of colours. We have combined these threads with some hankies and now have the popular thread / hanky packs. Yes, good for the crocheter too. Of course we have the 10s and 20s in whites and colours and the much finer #80 and #100 in whites and ecru.

So for all the crocheters out there we have put together a Tatting special, too good to miss. Book, thread and shuttle. Come on, give it a go!



For existing tatters as a treat, if you do not have 161011 The Big Book of Tatting give me call and you can purchase it at HALF price with any thread order. Do not miss that one. If you already have it, maybe buy it as a gift for someone else.

Happy Mother's Day to all Mums!!



## CROCHETER'S CORNER



### Customer Comments

Thanks so much for my order. I received it today it was sent so quick. I wonder how long this lot will last for?. Will probably contact you again soon. Thank you for the free gift, the book is full of ideas to do at class. Christine V GRAVELLY BEACH TAS.



Just wanted to let you know I have received my Daisy Wheels. Very impressed with the prompt service.(ordered 3<sup>rd</sup> April arrived 21<sup>st</sup> April)  
Ann S, Northern Ireland.

Just wanted to say how delighted I was to receive my order so quickly, and also the lovely surprise. You have really blessed me today - I was so overwhelmed - thank you ever so much! God Bless.  
Lynn H Coopers Plains Qld



Just wanted to let you know I have received my Daisy Wheels. Very impressed with the prompt service. Lisa M Tingalpa Qld



[Many customers from overseas have recently purchased daisy wheels, guess they are difficult to find in some countries.]



The order has arrived and I am very pleased with it and I'm sure Jennifer ( my daughter) will be happy to get her cotton. She told me she is making something for my Grand Daughter who is living and working in Finland.

Cynthia C BUDERIM QLD

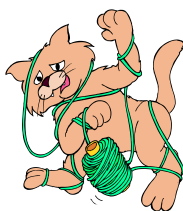
I can't believe how quickly my order has arrived. I ordered by e-mail on 14th April and have just arrived home to my package (22 April). I am absolutely thrilled with the books again, I just love all these Carolyn Christmas books, trouble is there are so many beautiful patterns about and unfortunately you don't sell TIME! Just had to

let you know how thrilled I am, thank you so much for your wonderfully quick, helpful and friendly service. I will be in touch again soon, lots more I shall have to buy!! How I would love to visit. Jan H in the UK



My orders came yesterday morning. Thank you for your prompt delivery and your good delivery system. I really appreciate it. No wonder your customers are very satisfied with your company. Keep up the good work! Cherry B Mile End SA

God, grant me enough **Enthusiasm**  
To complete each project the way I began  
**Determination** to have all projects completed,  
Before I start any more.  
And the will not to **Procrastinate**.  
Merrilyn T MORNINGSIDE VIC



Thank you so much for your prompt service of goods received on Monday this week, all in good order. I couldn't believe the parcel came so soon when you said it was being posted out on the Friday before. What great service!! Many thanks and I know where to go for future supplies even though you are in another State. Best wishes and continued success in your business.  
Joan R Prestons NSW



After you have placed your order, if you have not received it within 5 - 7 working days, please contact us to confirm despatch details. We will describe the type of package and when it was sent so you may check with your local post office.

We recommend parcels be registered - this provides insurance up to \$100 and enables the parcel to be traced - for a small fee of \$2.70.

### 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 MAR 2008 period.



**Congratulations**  
**LEANNE J**  
**Oxford Park 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!!



### Handy Hints



Ever started a crochet pattern, had a few problems and then wondered if it was written in British or American terminology? Well - other than the accent, a quick way to tell American patterns is as follows:

crochet hook size not in metric - eg E/4 instead of 3.50mm  
thread or yarn used is not recognised - eg worsted weight yarn  
8 beginning chain is generally shown as ch8 instead of 8ch;  
single crochet (sc) may be used (this is our dc)  
hdc (half double crochet) used instead of htr (half treble)

If still unsure, the actual pattern instructions may provide a clue - such as the number of turning chain used with a particular stitch.





## 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"



**Marie M of North Lambton NSW** recently forwarded this photo of a different table centre featuring roses joined with an interesting lattice technique. Marie used a pattern from a 2003 Crochet Magazine with pink Cebelia #10 to create this stunning centrepiece. Marie said she had made a lot of baby and childrens wear for World Vision and Babies in Africa over the last 45 years and having quite a few grandchildren and great grandchildren already and more arriving, she reckons she will be

busy for a long time. This rose lattice pattern and many other beautiful designs are available in book **876558 Favorite Throws and Table Toppers**.

Well done Marie, you are an inspiration to all of us to keep on keeping on.



Back in March we showcased a prize winning christening gown by **Anne B of Berowra NSW**, well Anne has been at it again and in March at the Castle Hill show she walked away with **1<sup>st</sup> prize** for dolly and **champion piece** for teddy. The bear is her own design and dolly is from an old 1984 crochet magazine using 4ply yarn. Anne has proved again that old patterns are

still winners and you have to be in it to win it!!



**Helen W of Toowoomba QLD** called in recently to "resupply" her stocks and provided us with pictures of some of her latest achievements. This beautiful red and silver doily shows what you can do with one of the octagonal shapes and Klasik #30 thread. Helen used a pattern from the **Spanish MYM book GANCH80**.



Helen also completed this colourful striped afghan from book **CL6710 Blue Ribbon Afghans** using 8ply yarn. We eagerly await Helen's next creation.



**Tere A of Terrey Hills NSW** thought you might like to see her crocheted scarf using 2ply baby alpaca yarn with a 1.75mm hook. Tere adapted a pattern from the book **LA3961 - 63 Crochet Cable Stitches**. Crocheted cables look as good as the knitted ones don't you think!!