

Crochet Extra

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Here we are again keeping in touch for another month. This has been an interesting month to say the least. I learnt a lot about others and myself and have concluded that many of you are like an extended family and that most have the same dramas as every family has.



We have heard great news of babies being born and some of you being a grandma for the first time. Sadder news of loved ones no longer with us, engagements, weddings, birthdays, hospital stays, sickness and the list goes on. We feel privileged that so many of you share your moments with us, and yes we do care.

This month we have sent orders to Turkey, New Zealand, Ireland, Malta, Canada, Mauritius, UK and USA. As for visitors, they have come from far and wide and still manage to find us. When you visit here you may feel you have come a long way until you find yourself in the same room as someone from New Zealand or Europe.



Makes for interesting conversation over a cuppa while you shop. Yes we have had several group visits and a surprise bus trip of 40 ladies. Did you know they were coming, we didn't!! SURPRISE!!!! It was like playing sardines when you were little, but we all had fun and everyone left happy. Ray was checking that none were left behind. Some from that group have even been back for another look.



On the crochet news, the Crochet Monthlys, Magic Crochet and Decorative Crochet have been the hot items. There are a few collectors out there. If you have old issues of these books that you no longer need, please let us know. Hankies, too, seem to leave here in parcels every day. The other hot bits would have to be tricot hooks, purse frames, #11 seed beads and threads to match. Books, too, seem to be everyone's favourite.



We have a few new books to share with you this month, new tea towels, back and new issues of Interweave magazines and for those of you waiting for the stork scissors sets, they are now back in stock.

Until next month

Happy Crocheting!!!!

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PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

All about Babies



Seems there are new babies everywhere, and more to be born soon. So get out the knitting needles and hooks and create some heirlooms for these new loved ones. We have books and leaflets for layettes, jackets, bonnets and booties, christening outfits, rugs, toys and more.



For quality baby yarn, we stock Peter Pan in 2, 3, 4 and 8ply so



all the bases are covered here. If you prefer just to crochet around the edge of bunny rugs - we have them in Flannelette and edge books for ideas - LA4382 "50 Crocheted Afghan Borders" is great for washers as well. MC9316 "Crochet Edges" by Australian, Margaret Metcalf, has a variety of baby projects such as edges for washers, rugs, socks, singlets and rugs and perle 5 or #10 thread to crochet the edge.

With shawls we have a range of square and round patterns all in different plys of yarn. The ultimate new born gift would be the crocheted nappy cake that is decorated with all the baby bits and pieces. GC36107 "How to Make a Crochet Nappy Cake".



Maybe you just love to crochet little baby gifts then LA2828 "Baby Shower Gifts" is



the book for you. Ideas for his and hers bibs, bonnets, booties, dummy holder, hanger, little booties or baby doll as a tie for a present, bible cover, toys, mobile, bottle covers and more.

Don't forget Mum, she may like a crocheted cape or shawl or even a pair of bed socks for those cold nights. Special offer to all readers is BK18 "Babys Crocheted Rugs and Shawls" at half price with any baby wool purchase. You will have to ask for this special offer for the month of June.



"Baby's Crocheted Rugs and Shawls"



8 rugs and shawls to crochet for baby using 3 and 4 ply yarn by Vicki Maule

WE'RE HOOKED ON CROCHET!



CROCHETER'S CORNER

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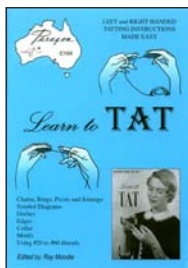
Masterpieces of the Month

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"



This month we have had so many emails and letters. Here are a few to ponder.

First of all I must commend you on your fantastic service. I have ordered recently tatting books, and couldn't get over how quickly and efficiently you dealt with the order, and your website is equally commendable, the payment page so easy to use, I wish more web sites were as good. I am an avid bobbin lace maker, and am currently trying my best to come to terms with tatting!!



The little Paragon book (which I notice you have on a super special at the moment) was the BEST instructions I had read and suddenly I could tat!!!! **Christine P, Perth, WA.**



Getting crochet patterns in the west is almost impossible. I decided to do a search on the Web and found your wonderful site. I know few people who crochet and most of them, I taught myself. I think it is a dying art here in the west. It is great to know that I am not alone in my love

of crochet after all. Now I have a great place to get all the patterns my heart could desire. I was amazed and delighted to get the four items that I ordered, so quickly. My biggest problem now, is what do I make first?



A very happy crocheter, Alexis, WA



Thank you for taking all the hard work out of calculating what size yarn to what size needles or hooks to use. The comparison charts with the American yarns to what yarns we can use with the Aussie yarns has made it so much easier to work projects. Thank you.

Much appreciated. **Merrilyn T, Mornington VIC.**

I just love my new crochet hooks (Clover arthritic) . They are really comfortable to use, excellent!! Thank you so much for the free gift also ...a lovely book ! **Judith F, Camden Sth, 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 APR 2008 period.



**Congratulations
Dorothy S
WOONONA NSW**

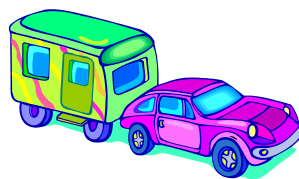


Entering the competition couldn't be easier. All you have to do is place an order. All orders will enter the random draw which takes place on the last day of every month. Good Luck!!



One of our class ladies, Donna, has yet again taken a simple pattern and transformed it into a colourful rug by clever colour placement and employing a unique method of joining the motifs.

I must congratulate you on your excellent customer service when we visited your shop today. First there was the cuppa for Wayne to keep him occupied while I had a good look and made a long mental wish list for a future purchase. Next there was great advice and a helpful answers to my questions. There was the offer of sandwiches if we wanted them. Then after a modest purchase you gave me a free ball of thread, a reusable bag and a pen - and there was more. When diving into the bag later there were 2 chockies for after!! What a shopping experience. It is very much appreciated, and of course I will tell all of my 'crafty' friends what great service you give. Thank you again.



Wayne and Merrilyn R, Travelling the Highways of Australia



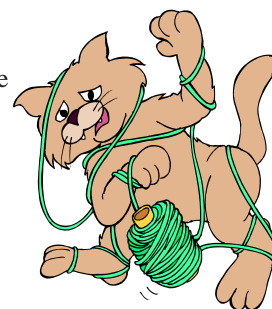
Handy Hints



One of our crocheters suggest that if when working in rows if you turn your work in the opposite way each time, the thread will not twist.



This is worth a try.





Theresa T of PROSTON QLD gets a special mention this month. Theresa, who is 75 (and proud of it) has continued to indulge in her passion for crochet and knitting despite life threatening illnesses which have plagued her for many years. She tells us this passion keeps her occupied and the kangaroos in the top paddock under control. Think Theresa is being modest, as she recently took out at least 9 First and 10 Second prizes PLUS a host of other prizes at two local shows for her crochet and knitting work.

Theresa also sent us this pic of one of her completed pillow dolls made from #10 crochet cotton and the Air Freshener Dolls using a pattern from the book 874413 "Air Freshener Pillow Dolls".

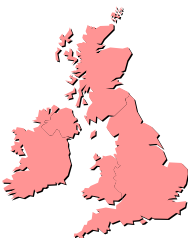


Theresa is an inspiration to all of us to remember that if things get you down, then



The crochet books and surprise arrived on Friday. Thank you for all your help and personalised service. It was great that you were able to supply so many back issues. You certainly provide wonderful service.
Sally C Toongabbie NSW

You are such a fantastic company to order from, so fast and friendly and your website is so easy for people like me to browse - too easy in fact as it means I have to keep ordering!!!! Very many thanks, **Jan UK**.



Once again thanks for your help. It is great to do business with someone who does what they say they are going to do.

Merle K, Grafton NSW

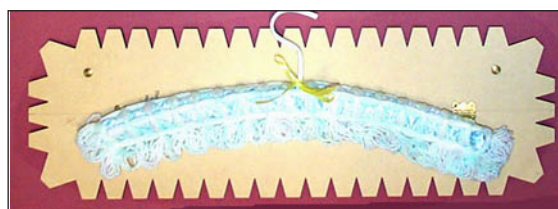


I have only been crocheting for about 2 or 3 months and I am addicted. I have tried knitting but failed miserably. I have placed 2 orders with you guys and I can't believe how quickly my orders have arrived, I would just like to say Thankyou for your hard work.

Lisa M Tingalpa QLD

Thank you so much for your speedy delivery of my crochet book and butterfly loom. I was so excited when I saw the butterfly loom for the coathanger covers on your website. I used to make these on a frame with nails nailed around it years ago and my mum was only asking me recently if I still have the frame (I do but who know where to find it). Imagine how happy I was to see the same thing on your site and to have been able to order and receive it before mothers day for my mum.

Katie S, Jindalee QLD



Well once again you have excelled with quick delivery of my order and everything in perfect condition. Only for the fact that YOU pack everything so well with good sturdy cardboard, my postman can't push or stuff it in the letter box like he usually does. I have often received magazines etc from elsewhere (not you), folded, and have at times been torn, from stuffing them in the letter box. So thank you so much!

Lynn H, Coopers Plains QLD



Thank you so much for your correspondence. I can not wait to order more products from you in the future, maybe even come up to visit your shop one day. I am so glad we have a crochet dedicated web site that is based in Australia. Keep up the good work because you have a customer for life here!!!! **Elan G, Mawson Lakes SA**