



Crochet Extra

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We wish you a merry Christmas and welcome you to the December 2008 to January 2009 newsletter.



On reflection - at Crochet Australia we have had a busy year with our customer database growing every day as more happy crocheters find us. It is usually



by word of mouth from the rest of you or via the web site which projects us to the rest of the world.



We packaged and posted more than 5000 orders this year and served a never ending stream of people over the counter as well. That is a lot of sticky tape and chocolate frogs.



Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in 2008 and hopefully we will be able to continue this service through 2009 and onwards.

May you have a safe and happy holiday break.

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PRODUCT OF THE MONTH



BITS and PIECES (not necessarily crochet)

Oh yes we have lots of them. Some how we convince ourselves that they are crochet related. We stock wool and tapestry needles for sewing up crochet and tucking in the ends and scissors to snip off the excess thread.



We have a variety of needle threaders from the simple to the ornate. Pom pom makers of several styles and sizes. Yo yo makers for circles, hearts and flowers. Purse frames to finish off the beaded purse

- these start at 25mm for those tiny projects. Fabric stiffer to stiffen the bells and baskets and awls to help with holes. Not to mention Christmas tea towels and tea towels to cut in



half and crochet. Face washers for kiddies and ladies, tatting shuttles of many styles and hair pin frames. Add a few knitting needles, gauges and pouches and sprinkle in some butterfly looms, daisy wheels and flower looms. Porcelain half dolls, plastic bed and cupie dolls and doll stands. Add a hanky or two and lots of different styles of daylight lights. Traced linen as tablecloths and doilies and stranded cottons. Not to mention quick unpicks and knitting nancys,



bead spinners and beads, doodle looms and knit wits and magnetic boards, eyes noses and paws.



As you see not a lot of crochet amongst this lot, but all necessary to the cause. We all love nick knacks and they make our world a little more interesting.

Just in case you are wondering, we do stock crochet hooks, crochet threads in numerous sizes and hundreds of colours, baby yarn (2ply through to 8ply) and lots and lots of crochet/tatting/knitting books - yes over 2000 different titles in books.





CROCHETER'S CORNER and 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"

Here are some customer comments and masterpieces for this month!



I would just like to thank you for your excellence service. I found your website by accident several months ago when I was looking for crochet patterns. Since then I have placed three orders, each has arrived promptly and well packaged. You must be the only place in Australia where you can buy American size crochet hooks, no one in Melbourne seems to stock them. **Shirley B Hallam VIC**



Love the tricot hook to work with. I am really hooked on this beautiful crochet. My friend Karen has made a number of these rugs for overseas friends. Cross stitch and flowers worked on each rectangle before crocheting together.

Dawn B Kincumber NSW



The book is just what I was after. I can not thank you enough for being "out there" for me.

Gail F Benalla VIC



My baby afghan is looking very pretty and of course it is so wonderfully soft, as one would want for a baby garment. I took your advice about using a bigger crochet hook for the Peter Pan yarn. The pattern stipulated 4.00, so after making a swatch, I used a 4.50 hook and the size seems to be okay.

Mary-Ann I Mt Gravatt QLD

I would like to show you the two lovely doilies that I had tatted with the shuttles and cotton I bought last time (DMC Dentelles #80 and Venus #70). This took me a long time as the leaves were many. Sent them to my family in Melbourne and they never arrived. Had an investigation by Australia Post but only received an apology but no doilies. So if anyone has seen them one has pink and one with blue leaves both white centres. I hope whoever has them enjoys them. I bought all the materials from you except the pattern came from an old photocopy. **Susie P Kallangar QLD**



Just a quick note to say the parcel of crochet cotton arrived very promptly. Thanks for that, as I have quite a few projects that I need to finish for our local hospital fete. "Freddo" arrived feeling the effects of heat exhaustion, so I've popped him in the fridge to recover. He was a nice surprise & much appreciated. **Rosemary W Cloncurry QLD**

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 OCTOBER 2008 period.



**Congratulations
Enid B
YANDERRA 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!!



Handy Hints



When doing Tricot work (Afghan Crochet/Tunisian Crochet) use a hook about one and a half or two sizes larger than you would usually use for normal crochet using the same yarn otherwise the finished work will be too small and very tight.

Thank you for sending the hankies, but you will never believe that I have lost them. I met a couple of the girls for lunch while I was on holidays, and one of them brought them to me (the parcel), and on the way out I went to the ladies, and must have left them there. I thought the person who picked them up



might have sent them back to me, but no luck. I was going to crochet them and send them to the nurses who looked after my friend Val in palliative care.

Merle F Townsville QLD

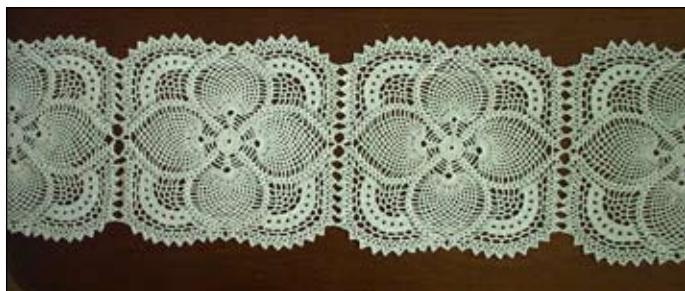
Editors note: Val passed away not so long ago.

Lovely lady and she will be missed.

Here is a picture of a cloth using Daphne #20 and one of your spoked linen squares. The pattern is from Old Fashioned Doilies by Rita Weiss (no longer available). A bit of a mission but is now a beautiful cloth which took out best exhibit at the local show.



Ricki D Moora WA



Beattie C of Gatton QLD recently called and showed us some of her lovely crochet work. Above is a runner using Daphne #20 cotton and below is a runner using Mercer #20. Both patterns are from the current book EH46 (Elizabeth Hiddleston Vol 46)

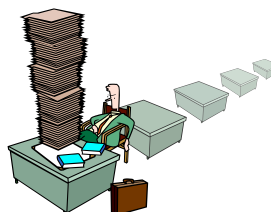


I always enjoy getting your parcels. Even though I know what is in them it is still exciting to be getting new stuff. I then just want to sit down with it all and decide what I am going to make first, always a hard decision! I have only recently learnt how to read crochet patterns and am getting quite skilled in translating the American terminology so that it is a bit of a shock to come back to English/Australian terminology. I have to stop and think about what I am going to do!

Gail B Parkwood WA



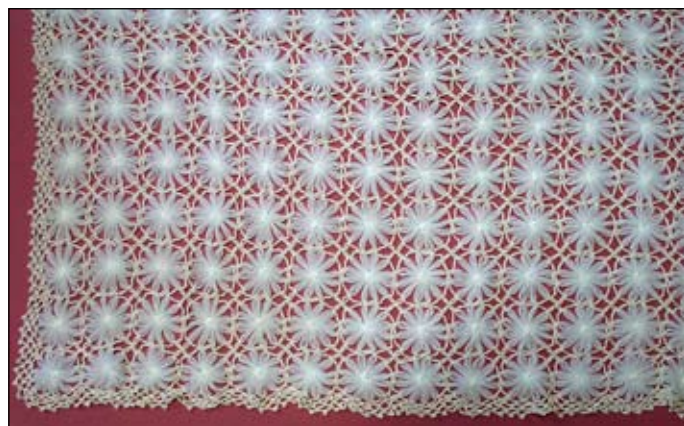
Merrilyn T of Mornington VIC recently sent us this picture of one of her favourite crochet pieces, a framed fan which she really enjoyed doing. The pattern is from **Crochet Monthly 231 (Nov 1998)**, which is still available if anyone else wants to try, and uses #30 crochet thread, although Merrilyn used #20 thread.



I'm looking forward to my goodies arriving soon! I must say that doing business with you is a most pleasant experience and hope that the sheer volume of mail orders never impacts on it; I know I tell everyone about you, if we all do that, and I'm sure we do, the

business will grow like Amazon.com! Congratulations to you for the easy navigation on the site, rapid replies, good packing and non-ending friendly touch. **Evvalynn V Nambour QLD**

Thank you for your kind words. We have been in retail for over 23 years and no matter how busy it gets we will never lose sight of our main objective - to keep YOU (our customer) so satisfied that you will keep coming back and bring your family and friends with you. A little harder using mail order - but we try harder.



Dorrie B of Gatton QLD also visited and showed us her crochet delights. Above is the section of a shawl made using 3ply baby yarn and a daisy wheel, with the daisies joined using rayon yarn. Below is a runner made using #20 Mercer and a pattern from Crochet Monthly 189.





Look what we found!!

This new section in the newsletter will provide a glimpse of some of the new and interesting things we have discovered during the month.



From SS3421 Wild Tea Cosies (\$24.95** plus extra post) come these very unusual cosies made using 8ply yarn. Liquorice Allsorts (left) is knitted while Coral Fantasy (right) is crocheted. Just a slight warning; your teapot will never go unnoticed again when swathed in one of these outrageous cosies.



How cute is this!!

Crocheted Poncho and Hat for your favourite pooch in 6 sizes from extra small to 2 x extra large. From the book 875551 Doggie Divas & Dandies (\$15.35).



ASN1261 Crochet Blessings (\$17.95) contains not only the expected designs with crosses, it also contains some unusual edges including the lambs and doves as shown. These edges are from 7.5 to 9cm (3 - 3.5") deep and use #10 crochet cotton.