



Crochet Extra

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February has been a very full month for us here at Crochet Australia. The lesson I have learnt is that just when you think you have all the bases covered and you cannot possibly cram anymore into one day, life has a way of letting you know that you just have to tackle everything that is thrown your way - whether you like it or not.

Our 13 year old grand-daughter Jessica has been in hospital for the last 2 weeks with Leukaemia and priorities have had to change in our household, so much so that this newsletter nearly did not happen. So if in the coming months, while Jessica continues her treatment, your newsletter is delayed or your order takes a little bit longer than usual, please forgive us - we will be trying our best.

Vicki

Clever Country 4ply is still available in 78 plain, 10 shaded and 14 metallic colours and has proved to be a very popular thread for garments, towels and rugs. A bit thicker than most 4plys but the finish is brilliant and holds its shape



wash after wash. Hence Clever Country has proven to be very good for your tea towel tops.

The great news - we now have our newest 4ply called Almina / Myra. To obtain the maximum number of colours we have this thread under 2 product labels, Almina and Myra. Same thread - different labels. This allows more choice for you.



This 50g ball is approx the thickness of the old Cottonfields and Regal and a tiny bit thicker than Milford. The biggest plus is that it has no inner core so that you can now crochet from the centre of the ball (less twisting of the thread as you crochet) and we can post 30 balls in a large red postal bag. Cheaper post per ball. Also it is mercerized and a different twist to the old 4plys so that makes it a superior thread. Again it is from Turkey and the colour range is brilliant - 49 plain and 21 shaded.

This month we have released in the specials a sample pack of 10 balls, including a free colour chart and a free 4ply book of doilies. Good value there, so check out the specials on pages 5 & 6 for this and other bargains!

PRODUCT OF THE MONTH



*Perle #5 and 4 Ply
Cotton*



As most of you are aware, Perle #5 (Pellicano), 4ply Milford and Regal have been diminishing off our shelves, so to replace Pellicano we have taken up the challenge and imported from Turkey the Madame Tricote Perle #5 in 53 plain and 15 shaded colours, (9 new extra colours have been added this month). The feedback from our customers has been very positive with some customers ordering over and over again. Hence the extra colours being added this month. If you would like a colour chart with your order, please let us know. The thread is still waiting to be unpacked, so the new colours may take a little while to appear on the internet, but we will get onto it.

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WE'RE HOOKED ON CROCHET!



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!

Oh my goodness!!!! I cannot explain how excited I was to receive my order today! I was like a big kid in a candy store. The books are just magnificent! I have been tackling a 'hardanger' project with very little success, using some not so fantastic set of instructions. The books I got today are OUTSTANDING!



I also ordered the Tunisian Crochet book that is 'UNBELIEVABLE'.

I couldn't wait till Monday to show a friend of mine (we get together every Monday to do craft). I just got in the car and went to see her. To say that she was speechless would have to be an understatement. I thought Tricot was just the one stitch.



WOW!!! Will have a wonderful time with that book!

(LA3758 Teach Yourself Tunisian Crochet \$24.35)

The 'free book' of crochet for people in wheelchairs is also spectacular. My sister and I knit for the 'Cancer Foundation' (both of us lost our husbands to the dreaded 'C' word) and it gives us both pleasure in helping out with gifts for people with Cancer. I can see us getting really carried away with this book.



(876546 Wheelchair Afghans & Rugs \$14.20)

As you might be able to tell, I am ever so HAPPY with my order. Thank you so much! You can expect a lot more orders from me in the future (and hopefully from my friends) and if I am really lucky I might even be able to visit and get to go through the threads. So much better to see them rather than looking at colour charts.

Ros R of Yarraman QLD

Sharyn D'A of Kotara South NSW has been busy with baby cardigans and forwarded us these pics to share with you.



This jacket is from Peter Pan Leaflet PP903 (\$4.65) using baby 8ply yarn.

Ed: We stock the Peter Pan range of baby yarn in 2, 3, 4 and 8ply. The 4 and 8ply are both available in plain and shaded/print colours. Prices range from \$5.80 (4 & 8ply) to \$7.45 (2ply) for 50g balls. This is a quality, machine washable polyamide/courtelle yarn made in the UK.

This outfit is from the pattern "Keith" in Craft Moods book Crocheted Matinee Jackets BK19 (\$9.50) using 4ply baby yarn.



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 JANUARY 2009 period.



Congratulations

Cynthia C

BUDERIM 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



Question. How can I get more pronounced points at the corner of my motif?

Abbreviated Answer Try placing a taller stitch in each corner stitch of the motif, or if the corner is made with chain, make one extra chain.

This and many, many more handy hints can be found in our Book of the Month "The Crochet Answer Book" featured on page 7.

Just had to write and say THANKS SO MUCH for attending so quickly and efficiently to my recent orders! You are to be commended greatly for the fantastic service you provide, especially to people like me who live in isolated regions where it is just about impossible to find specialist threads and patterns. I have never been disappointed with anything I have purchased from you - quite the opposite in fact! Rest assured my orders will keep on coming! **Jeni B of Esperance WA**

I have a sad story to tell. As you know I have been working many hours on a cream bead skirt. Last Friday evening, after more hours, I dropped it and to my horror several stitches slipped off the needle. I tried so hard to fix the trouble but the more I did the worse it got - so I decided the only thing I could do was to undo the work and start again. Well the reason I am telling you this tale of woe, it has made me realise I need a better lamp. I see you have one "ACCDAYLIGHTLGE" Daylight Ultimate Lamp with Magnifying Lens. If I had had this at the time it may have helped. **Cynthia C of Buderim QLD**
Needless to say Cynthia is now the proud owner of the Ultimate Daylight lamp



Irene McA from Junee NSW sent us this pic of her bedspread/tablecloth from Paragon C115 worked in #10 thread. Her Queen Anne Lace motif cloth won first prize at the local show. Well done Irene!!

This pink doily is another creation by **Mary R of Logan Central QLD**. The doily was made using Cebelia #20 crochet cotton from a pattern in a Crochet Monthly magazine. (MAGCROMHLY228 \$9.00)



Thank you for your phone call and your assistance with my order. The parcel arrived today. The porcelain dolls are beautiful. They are sitting in my display cabinet until I dress them. Faith is my Mum's first cousin's name and Sarah is my Great Great Grandmother's name. (I'm doing the family tree). The cotton is just what I wanted. **Lynda N of Davistown NSW**



Wendy sent some snaps of her tea towels. She used Madam Tricote Perle #5 and a 2mm crochet hook. Wendy found that when using our computer generated colour charts (which do not always show the exact colour) it is a good idea as you buy each colour to take a snippet of the thread and tape it to the appropriate shade shown. This makes identification of the right colour a bit easier next time you order. **Wendy D of Grafton NSW**



Marie S of Mayfield NSW sent us this bunny made from a hand towel and 2 face washers. The brooch is tatted. Thank you Marie.

We have the instructions for anyone interested in trying to make a bunny for Easter. (Towel origami??)

Just thought I would let you know that the shuttles arrived this morning in good order. Now I just need to purchase some motivation to get started tatting again (got the chockys too - mmm - mini motivators!!) Thanks again for fantastic service.

Jenni C of Broadford VIC



Thanks so much for your quick service. My Prym knitting mill arrived this morning and I'm having fun trying to learn how to use it. Have found some good videos on you-tube which have provided a few more clues on how to get started. The videos refer to the Innovations Knitting Machine but its exactly the same as the Prym. The balls of yarn you sent are lovely, and

thanks for the little treat. **Dorothy S of Canberra ACT**.

The knitting mill ACCKNITMILL was in the specials last month and is usually available for \$97.85.



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.



We are often asked for patterns for layettes for boys - give these a try.



LAFVOL8 Array of Layettes for Boys \$12.50 >

By Ruth Lafon Blythe - No longer are little boys ignored when it comes to creative fresh new patterns for the art of crocheting. 6 Gorgeous sets for boys each including layette, hat and booties. Uses 3ply baby yarn. 13 pages.

< LA460 Baby Layettes \$9.60

2 layettes, 1 knitted 1 crocheted. Each comprising of a short dress/ long gown, matinee jacket, bonnet, booties and a shawl. The knitted set is in 3 sizes (newborn, 3 months, 6 months) in baby yarn. The crocheted set is in 2 sizes (newborn – 3 months, 3 – 6 months) is worked in baby yarn with a 3mm hook and trimmed with pearl cotton. (14 pages)

Crocheted layette shown.



LAFVOL3 Crochet an Array of Layettes \$12.50 has 6 layette patterns many of which are also suitable for boys.

We are also often asked for crocheted dress patterns for little girls and EH1A contains some old but still fashionable dresses.

EH1A Crochet Designs Elizabeth Hiddleston \$10.00

3 baby matinee jackets, booties and bonnets 3-6 months. 4 Girls dresses sizes 2-6 years, baby dress with sleeves, poncho 3-4 years, girls cape and hat and Christening dress. 45 pages



878536 Think Pink - Crochet for the Cure \$24.40* plus extra post

A portion of the price of each book sold is donated to breast cancer research by the publisher. This book is filled with 31 great projects and some have the breast cancer emblem as well. Make pigtail hat, fabric basket, a filet book bag, rice pack pillow, free form hat, lapel ribbon pin, berry stitch hat and scarf, post stitch scarf, lapghans, edged hanky, bouquet of flowers, ribbon trim afghan, bookmark, hooded scarf, pillow and table run, rose hat and scarf, hope bear, prayer shawl, whimsy hat with curls, cross bookmark, bed socks, wraps, scarves and rugs. 63 pages

Our pick is this simple but very effective hat.

