



# Crochet Extra

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What an interesting month March was. Here in QLD we all performed our democratic duty on the 21<sup>st</sup> and used the ballot box to air our true feelings. Either which way, it can only improve from here - or so we are told.

Many thanks for all the kind get well wishes and prayers. Jessica is responding well to her treatment and the outcome is all positive. Just a long haul from here.

On the crochet news, we have had a terrific response to the new Almina/Myra 4ply thread. This month we are putting together a variegated pack for you as these variegated colours have proved to be popular. We would love to see some of the bits and pieces that you have crocheted from this great thread so we can share them with other crocheters.

The new Anchor Mercer thread is a bit over the top in price (double the old price for the same 20g size ball) so we have decided to stock DMC Babylo which is now in 50g balls and in sizes #10, #20 and #30 in great colours. This should be available from us in early May for \$5.60 per ball. As a trial special this month, we have Blanc (white) and Ecu at a great price. Do not miss this one. We also have tempting treats with the new Annie Attic books and 9 new tea towels designs. Cannot believe how many tea towels left in parcels last month.

Well, we are pleased to say that March was a busy time for us. Some days just blended into the next, but we still managed to get those orders out same or next day. So if your order does not arrive within a few days (up to a week to WA), please ask at your post office as sometimes they forget to card your letter box. If there is to be a delay with your order we will always contact you. Remember that Australia Post can only track registered goods, but this choice is still yours.



Keep smiling. It is catchy and worth the effort.

Vicki

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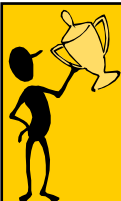
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## PRODUCT OF THE MONTH



### Tunisian Crochet

Tunisian crochet may be called "tricot crochet", "Afghan crochet", "shepherd's knitting", "hook knitting" or "railroad knitting". Tunisian crochet uses a tricot hook which is similar to a standard knitting needle with a hook rather than a point. Each row is made by placing loops on the hook and then working them off again. The work is not turned, so one side of work, usually the front, always faces you. It is sometimes considered to be a mixture of crocheting and knitting. As such, some techniques used in knitting are also applicable in Tunisian crochet.



Reversible Tunisian (where both sides of the fabric have a crochet look) which may be called "Crochet-on-the-double", "cro-hooking", "reversible crochet" or "crochenit" is a crochet technique using a double ended crochet hook (cro-hook) which quickly produces a soft, knit-like fabric. This technique is similar to Tunisian crochet but uses 2 or more colours of yarn and produces a soft, reversible finish. Stitches are drawn up through either the vertical or horizontal bars with the loops left on the hook (like knitting). When all loops are on the hook the work is turned, colour is changed and the stitches are taken off in 2's or 3's or as the pattern indicates. The yarn colour is changed every 2<sup>nd</sup> row so there are no ends to sew in later, just run them up the side of the work. Crochet-on-the-double appears to be called "crochenit" when thicker yarn and hooks of 9mm or more (crochenit hooks) are used.



We stock many books on both Tunisian and reversible Tunisian crochet and the hooks come in a variety of sizes - 2.5mm to 6.5mm for Tricot and 3.75mm to 9mm for double ended hooks.



We have another great book combo special this month, this time featuring 4 books - 3 tricot and one crochet-on-the-double. So check out this and other specials starting at page 5.

Page 12 provides a complete listing of all tricot and crochet-on-the-double publications that we have available, so if you are feeling adventurous and want to try something a little different - why not give these techniques a try!

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"

Here are some customer comments and masterpieces for this month!



**Lesley E from Innisfail QLD** recently sent us this pic of her prize winning rug from the book **LA4238 More Herrschners Blue Ribbon Afghans**, using 8ply acrylic yarn. The book name is apt as Lesley managed first prize at 2 local shows including Champion at Townsville 2008 show. Well done!!

**LA4238** \$52.20\*\* plus extra post



Thank you for my last order - the colours of the cotton were just right and my daughter was very pleased. Also, the free cotton will come in handy for crocheting around face washers and I love the patterns for the half-dolls. Once again, many thanks.

**Mavis R of Claremont TAS**

I have completed the doily off the front of the book **MCL016 Crinoline Ladies** and it was a little full but I could see how when you ironed it this one would be fine. It was done in the Cordonnet Special cotton - I like that stuff a lot as it sits differently. I thought you could just crochet these things and plonk them straight on the table and look lovely. Obviously have to learn how to block etc. I never saw my grandmother do that, I always thought it was just crocheted and wallah - it was beautiful. I did look through your learn to crochet book again in case I missed something. Anyway I am really looking forward to my new goodies when they come, you have fantastic service and I am so thankful for it and your advice or I would not be able to amble along trying some new things. **Leane H of Armidale NSW**



**MCL016 Crinoline Ladies Book 1** - \$17.55

*Ed note: Hang in there Leane, and keep experimenting with all the new stuff. There are so many variables in crocheting such as the pattern; thread size, quality and texture; tension, hook size, the way you crochet - and the list goes on - so sometimes things do not work out quite right - a ruffled doily is a better result than a pile of unpulled thread any day!!*

## 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 FEBRUARY 2009 period.



**Congratulations**  
**Marie W**  
**MORTDALE 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



Having trouble finding your place in a crochet or knitting pattern? How many times have you found yourself repeating the same row because you lost your place in the pattern? Frustrating eh!!

Well - borrow an aid from the needleworkers - place a copy of your pattern on a magnet board and use the magnetic strips to keep your pattern place.

We have 2 sizes 15 x 20cm (6 x 8 inches) for \$7.50 and the more popular 20 x 28cm (8 x 11 inches) for \$7.80.



Here is an article just in time for Anzac Day - **Amanda MacK of Isaacs ACT** writes - I used the #10 thread I purchased from you last year to make up this filet piece to enter in the Canberra Royal Show and won Grand Champion Crochet exhibit. The filet piece is approximately 92 x 88cm from my own design and used about 4 balls of Maxi. I would highly recommend this thread due to it's silky hand feel and the range of colours! I really do thank you for your service - in sending me the thread (especially in such short time!) and also in taking the time to try and find the right colours! Amanda also won a host of other prizes in the show and plans future projects for exhibit. Keep up the great work Amanda.



The parcel arrived already - wonderful service - thanks very much!! It's too bad we've only got one pair of hands for one project at a time!! but lots of books to inspire and drool over!! **Tara S of Granville QLD**



Just wanted to say how excited I was when the cottons arrived that I ordered and how wonderful the colours are. Do you have a store? or are you just mail order? **Janelle W Gympie QLD**

**Ed note:** Here is a pic of our business in mid 2006 - the garden has grow a lot since then!. We are not a shop as such but we welcome visitors by prior arrangements - that way we can schedule a time when we can try to assist you.



This is a matinee jacket I made using a pattern from a Patons Book number 389 for Feather Soft Baby nylon 3ply called "Those Beautiful Days in Feathersoft". It is to fit an underarm of 46cm (18"). The **daisy wheel** was bought from you. I love your web site and get my newsletter electronically. Keep up the great work. All orders I have made have been dealt with promptly and I would recommend your business to other knitters or crocheters. **Elizabeth W of Woongoolba QLD**

I just wanted to thank you very much for my order which I received Lunchtime yesterday (12th). I couldn't believe it got here so fast, I only ordered it late on Tuesday afternoon (10th). The colours of the Almina/Myra cotton sample pack are beautiful, I can't wait to start something. House chores will just have to wait another day. Thank you once again **Ann W of Umina Beach NSW**

**Ed note:** We have had some very positive feedback regarding our new Almina/Myra 4ply cotton - and at only \$3.70 per 50g ball you get a quality thread at a great price!!



**Meryl I of Whiteside QLD** has also been busy winning a prize at the last Ekka in Brisbane with this doll's outfit crocheted from DMC Cebelia #10 using a pattern from the book **875554 Beautiful Baby Boutique** (\$20.45). The cute little horse is from a pattern in book **CS0201 Quick Crochet Gifts** (\$7.35).





## 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 start with a couple of interesting projects for the knitters this month.



*How cute is this Blanket Doll!! This project any many more are from:*

### **124011 Easy Afghans for Knitters \$34.95\*\* plus extra postage.**

Edited by Jeanne Stauffer – Everyone love afghans. Here's a collection of easy afghans in a variety of sizes for everyone in the family. 67 designs including super-soft baby blankets, cozy throws for snuggling, a "doll" blanket, some with blocks, arans, cables, mosaic, amazingly simple afghans for every room, and striking afghans using novelty yarns. Beautifully illustrated with colour photos this book is a must for every afghan knitter. 176 pages.

*Now here is an interesting project where each square is knitted from corner to corner and sewn together to form four-petal flowers - great for pillows or rugs!!*

**124006 Big-Needle Afghans (was \$48.80) now \$36.60\*\* plus extra post** Edited by Jeanne Stauffer Over 60 Afghans which are all knitted on size 7mm needles and larger. Some designs use bulky yarns and others use multiples of strands. Many of the Afghans have 3D textured flowers, cables and textures. Some with patterns others are lacy. (176 pages)



*These 3 crochet projects, bookmark, mini purselette and neck nuzzlers are from the book:*

**876518 Gifts from the Heart \$26.70\* plus extra post** A thoughtful gift, made by hand and given from the heart, is always the very best kind of present. With that in mind, this book offers a delightful collection of gift ideas to please on special occasions, or to brighten the lives of others who are less fortunate. You'll find adorable designs for babies and kids, cozy comforts for seniors, warm accessories for the entire family (including pets!), snuggle afghans and decorative home accents. All of these special gifts are sure to be appreciated by friends and family as well as charitable organizations that assist our neighbours in need. Colour photos of all designs. 62 pages.



*This Cross-Stitch Vest is just one of the 30 projects using crochet-on-the-double technique from the book:* **876529 The Best of Crochet-on-the-Double \$28.80\* plus extra postage** The look and feel of knitting with the versatility and ease of crochet! Using a double-ended hook, you can complete a row, turn the piece, and then crochet back across making each project reversible! This 64-page, full-colour book gives you complete How-To instructions and 30 double-ended crochet projects and 13 stitch patterns using this unique technique. Projects include afghans, baby afghan, toys, ponchos, jackets, placemats, and Christmas ornaments. 62 pages.



## Crochet-on-the-Double Books

## Tunisian Crochet Books

Title	Price	Title	Price
201013 Dishcloths on the Double	\$12.75	873311 Afghan Stitch Afghans	\$13.95
842251 On the Double Sampler Afghan	\$19.95	874312 Toe Warming Lapghans	\$10.20
842614 Reversible Ripple Afghans	\$13.95	874316 Easy Tunisian Weekend Sweaters	\$14.30
842652 Scrap Afghans on the Double	\$12.95	874317 Easy Tunisian Afghans - Family	\$14.30
842653 Sensational Shawls on the Double	\$12.95	874503 Doz & One Tunisian Dishcloths	\$12.30
842654 Baby Blankets on the Double	\$12.95	874504 How to Create Picture Afghans	\$12.30
842912 Classy Capes & Cloaks	\$14.25	874505 Cable Hook Afghans (Tunisian)	\$12.30
843111 Southwest Ripples On The Double	\$14.95	874506 Cable Hook Fashions (Tunisian)	\$12.30
843311 Naptime Buddies & Blankets	\$11.95	878543 Special Techniques & Sts Afghans	\$15.95
843551 Luscious Scrap Afghans	\$13.95	879511 Tunsian Around the Home	\$15.95
873211 Grannies on the Double	\$19.95	CB14100 Easy Tunisian Crochet Entrelac	\$10.00
873216 How to Crochenit	\$15.95	CB14400 Easy Tunisian Ponchos Plus!	\$10.00
873217 Easy Place Mats & Trivets	\$15.30	CC2558 Encyclopedia of Tunisian Crochet	\$49.95**
873218 Easy Special Stitches Dishcloths	\$15.30	CCTCAN Tunisian Cro Arrowhead Netting	\$10.20
873253 Easy Cuddle Critters	\$15.95	CCTCC&B Tunisian Cro Cables & Braids	\$13.40
873416 Crochenit Cuddle-Up Lapghans	\$13.95	CCTCFAT Tunisian Crochet Feather & Fan	\$7.50
873421 Crochenit Beautiful Baby Afghans	\$13.95	CCTCP Tunisian Crochet Primer	\$7.50
873814 Heartland Comforts	\$14.30	CCTCTED Tunisian True Entrelac Diamonds	\$10.20
873851 Easy Afghans	\$14.30	GCET12105 Taffy Stripes Romper Set	\$10.00
873852 Lady Ester Bear & Friends	\$16.35	GCET13105 Easy Tunisian Felicity Jacket	\$10.00
873916 Crochenit Mile-a-Minute Afghans	\$15.95	LA3758 Teach Yourself Tunisian Crochet	\$24.35
873917 Cro on the Dbl Mile a Min Afgh	\$14.30	LE92 Tricot Crochet - The Complete Book	\$53.95**
874052 Faux Monk Rugs	\$10.95		
874056 Handy Dandy Discloths etc	\$12.95		
874711 Cro on the Dble In the Round	\$12.30		
876529 Best of Crochet on the Double	\$28.80*		
878543 Special Techniques & Sts Afghans	\$15.95		
991056 How to Crochet on the Double	\$12.75		
ASN1323 Reversible Ripple Afghans	\$15.35		
ASN1330 Reversible Kitchen Sets	\$13.65		
ASN1331 Reversible Scrap Afghans	\$12.95		
JE16031 Reversible Baby Afghans	\$14.45		
LA3275 Double Delight Afghans	\$14.95		

**\* or \*\* after price indicates a heavy book and extra postage may apply**

**TRICOT HOOKS**

30cm x 2.50, 3.00, 3.50mm	\$3.75
30cm x 4.00, 4.50, 5.00mm	\$4.85
30cm x 5.50mm	\$5.60
35cm x 6.50mm	\$9.15

**CRO-HOOKS (35cm long)**

3.75, 4.25, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50 and 9.00mm \$9.50ea



**HOOKCIRC Flexible circular cro-hooks**, 80cm (31.5") long, sizes; 4.25mm (G), 5.00mm (H) and 5.50mm (I) \$14.40ea



**HOOKCRONIT Crochenit Hook** - Double ended crochet hook, approx 9mm (US #N) diameter x 35cm (14") long with colour coded yarn stoppers \$14.50



**HOOKCABLE Crochenit Cable Hook** - Great for those larger projects (use 2 strands of 8ply together), crochenit hooks approx 9mm (US #N) diameter joined with a flexible cable to make total length 76cm (30"). \$16.35

**HOOKCABLEKIT** Includes the cable hook plus full instructions and 3 patterns. \$30.70