

Crochet Extra

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Welcome to the June 2009 newsletter. Last month was certainly an interesting month in more ways than one. South east Queensland has been awash most of the time so we have been juggling parcels each day to the post office under plastic wraps to ensure their safe delivery. We just hope that the delivery people have been just as careful. Wet weather is a blessing but can play havoc at the most inopportune times.



Again not a lot of new goodies to share with you this month, but the bulk of the Babylo thread is in. Still waiting for about 8 colours in each of the three sizes #10, #20 and #30. If you would like a colour chart please contact us, happy to post one out with your next order.



Bella spoked traced linen is now becoming scarce as Linda has decided to concentrate on other aspects of her business. We have stocked up on the last of her supply so hopefully will have enough to satisfy our customers for awhile. Only a few tablecloths among the pieces left so do not dilly dally if you would like these.



All in all, Cro Aus is still growing, with at least 35-40 new customers finding us weekly. The snowball is just getting bigger and bigger so we now need to consolidate our range and concentrate on reliable supply of your favourite things. We are pleased that the Almina/Myra has been a real hit with lots of reorders confirming we must have got it right.

Until next time, happy crocheting! *Vicki*

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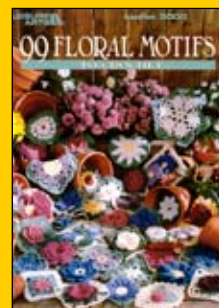
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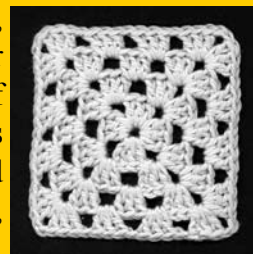
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PRODUCT OF THE MONTH



MOTIFS

Making motifs is an interesting concept, as most of us when learning to crochet, incorporated the most popular motif, the Granny square as part of the beginner's regime. These days we see motifs in many shapes and sizes. Squares, circles, triangles, octagon, hexagon, flowers, hearts, butterflies, pictured squares and now with the popularity of freeform crochet you can have any motif your crochet hook produces as the rules have been put aside in the name of art. Combine this with lots of colour and the memories of the humble motif being white or cream and being in the form of a doily are far removed.



Lately we have seen the daisy wheel and the butterfly looms that make daisies both round and square, the hairpin staples that make

strip motifs, the knit wonder that makes circular strips, and yes you can also add the knitted motifs that are usually blocks of all over designs and tatted motifs. The combination of these are used to produce afghan rugs, pillows, hats, scarves, bags, garments, doilies, tablecloths and runners, tea towel tops and more.



This month we have put together some popular books that get you started on a whole new journey into the world of motifs.

Have fun!!

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!

Just a quick note to thank you for your uncomplicated, superfast service. It is excellent to know I only have to wait a few days for an order to arrive. Having lived in mostly outback areas I have had to wait and wait and wait for orders to come. I am astounded to find out that your shop is in a town we passed through regularly, on trips to Brissie, when we lived in Roma, and I never knew you where there!! I was looking for a supplier of the Clever Country Crochet Cotton after leaving Roma and your shop came up on a Google search. I checked you out, submitted an order which arrived only a few days later. My latest order has just this minute arrived 3 days, excluding weekend and a public holiday, after the order was submitted.



Brilliant!! **Barb S of Frenchville Qld** Very Happy Customer!



Recently I purchased from you a book called Learn to Tat by Janette Baker with an interactive DVD. I cannot speak highly enough on the concise quality of this visual demonstration. There are basic elements from the starting position

and gradual elements of tatting plus extras to make tatting an even more beautiful lace plus also elements to keep tatting flowing from one round to the next. I love it and have watched it every day since purchase. **Rae R of Doonan Qld**
[ASN3766 - \$29.95* plus extra postage.]

I would like to thank you very much for your promptness in sending me the hooks and books I needed. I would especially thank you for the explanation you gave me when I had a query an order or two back.

Evelyn R of Armidale NSW



Just wanted to say thanks for the efficient service all arrived today in perfect condition. Just wondering which is most appropriate for the sports weight yarns for baby? 5 or 8 ply? I'm fairly new to crochet so if you can steer me in the right direction I would be most grateful. **Sally P of Doonan QLD**. *Editors note. Sally and her 3 small children came to visit later in the week and we chatted yarns etc. She is also expecting again so good luck with the crocheting Sally.*



My cottons arrived safely. Thanks for the "surprise packet" - I'll enjoy them while I'm hardangering!

Marilyn T of Caloundra QLD



I was absolutely astounded and impressed that my first order with you arrived the day after ordering it. I'm new to crochet, but keen to learn, so have ordered some books etc this time round.

Shirley W of Sandgate 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 APRIL 2009 period.



Congratulations

**Barbara B
SOMERSET TAS**



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



From PB1649 (See Book of the month on Page 8):

Motif sizes.

The size of the hook used is one factor in controlling the size of the motif, the other is how you hold your yarn. If your motif is too big either use a smaller hook or wrap the yarn 2 or more times around the middle finger when tensioning the yarn to release it more slowly. If your motif is too small either use a larger hook or allow the yarn to slip more freely through the fingers.



Gloria C from Point Vernon Qld crochets beautiful hanky edges and motifs. Her favourite cotton is the Altin Basak Klasik #30. See what a difference a motif can make.

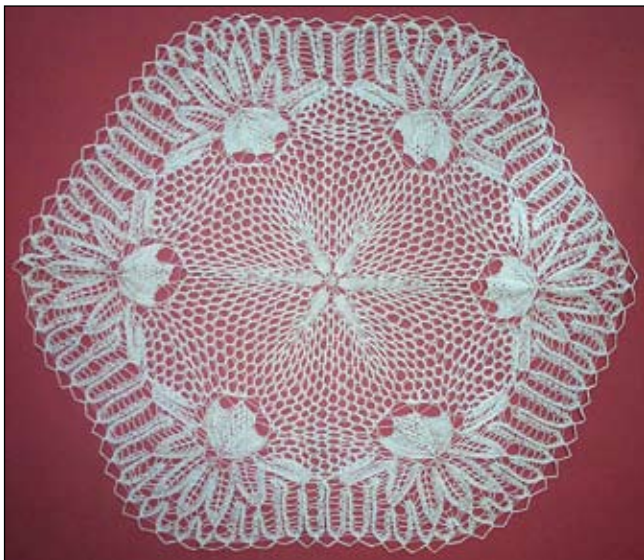
Patterns for the butterfly and Crinoline lady are available from a New Idea magazine (1983).

Thank you for your prompt service. I received my order today and I'm very happy with the books. I was unsure what to order because of not knowing what other patterns there are besides what we can see but I can't wait to start crocheting some of the rugs. Again thank you for your prompt service.

Jeanie F of Portarlington Vic

Thank you very much for the prompt service. The crochet cotton arrived 2 days after my phone call. And surprise, surprise, a gift on top of it. That does not happen very often. I enjoyed reading the Crochet Extra as I crochet and tat, but I like lace knitting best of all. **Marianne N of Mt Warrigal NSW**

Marianne is 81 years young and still uses #40 cotton. We received one of her lovely knitted doilies in the mail also - see pic below. Good on you Marianne, and thanks for your gift.



We stock a small range of knitted lace books if you too want to give it a try.

Editor's note: And thank you for all the lovely phone calls we receive too. A lot of the time we are busy when you call but we still appreciate your feedback. Vicki

My daughter and I are very pleased with our first order. We do a lot of knitting and crochet and we got so excited with our order and how fast it came back. We just love everything we ordered.
Edna W of Raymond Terrace NSW

Thank you for sending Hairpin Lace pins and book so promptly. I could be more prompt in sending this note but I have been busy doing hairpin lace!! It is very easy and quick.

Pat K of Glenwood Qld

Hi this is the first, but hardly the last order I've placed with Crochet Australia. My book "Gifts to make in a day" Arrived SO fast, I



just couldn't believe it, the next post after I placed the order. And, it's such a great book too! So thanks a million, you've definitely got someone who'll be back time and again. **Jo K of Melbourne Vic**

[877515 - \$14.20]

Lorraine F from Noble Park Vic has sent these pics of some of her "masterpieces" using motifs.



Pansy Basket 3 piece set from **KIT015** (\$20.00).



Pansy Luncheon Set from Paragon book **PARC122** (\$7.95).

See what you can do with simple pansy motifs - WOW!!



Books we found - using Motifs!!



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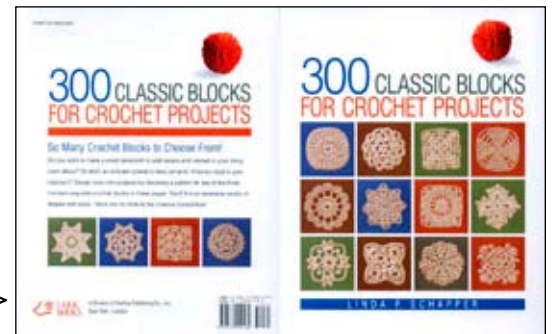
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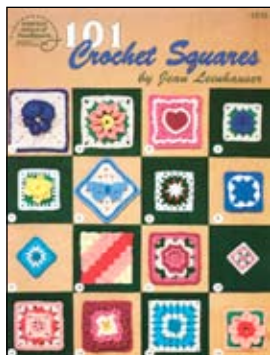
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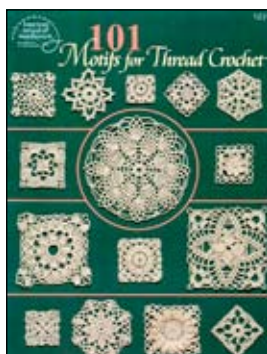


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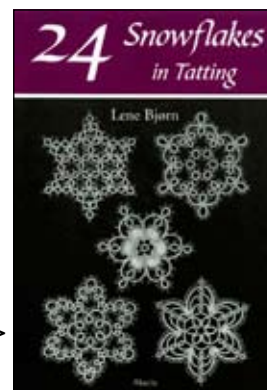


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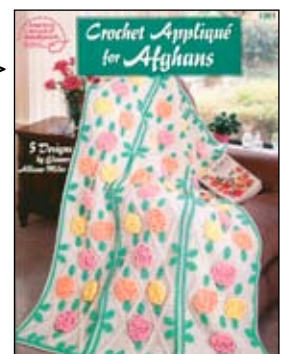
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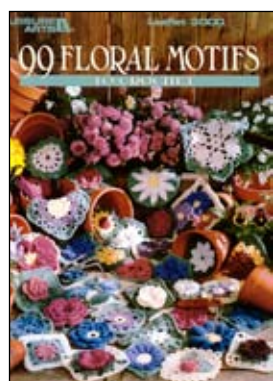
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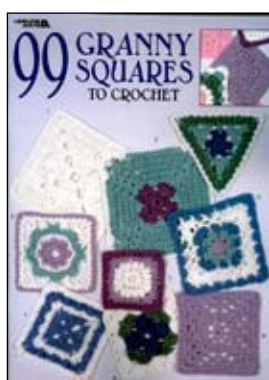
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