



Crochet Extra

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Welcome to the September newsletter 2009. Last month Tunisian crochet scarves and beanies seemed to cross the packaging table on a regular basis and this month we have the Tunisian cable hooks back for you. You see you need them if you are making Tunisian garments and rugs, as the regular Tunisian hooks are not long enough to hold all the stitches. We have started with the most popular sizes that are used with 8ply and upwards. Ray has put together a set so that you can have all sizes a little cheaper.

Last month's book of the month on knitted and crocheted flowers (SM3975) was definitely flavour of the month so if you did not buy a copy it is worth a second look. I will be having one in my library. The most popular thread last month was 4ply Almina, seems that our customers cannot get enough of it.

While wandering through the store room I noticed that we have an excess of stock in plastic tubing, American



crochet magazines, and a few oddities that need to find a new home. These will soon be on the internet in the clearance section or perhaps phone in and talk to us if you want a bargain.

Aero / Inox have been bought out by Prym and now these crochet hooks have been discontinued - so a serious special here. Good hooks but no supply does not help anyone. We have decided to stock the individual hooks in the Lotus brand. Up to now we have had them in sets only.

With winter over, spring seems to have turned almost to summer already, it is time to put the winter wools away and move onto summer cottons.

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PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

Ergonomic crochet hook set.



They are back again. Last time we had them they sold out very fast.



This innovative lightweight hook has been designed to fit in your hand comfortably, even for those who suffer from Arthritis or Parkinson's and have difficulty grasping normal hooks. It reduces stress, strain and tension on the hands, fingers, tendons and muscles which may cause or aggravate arthritic pain. No more gripping skinny shafts between two fingers! This hook will not easily fall from your hand, it is so light and comfortable that you almost forget you have it in your hand and you can happily crochet for much longer periods of time.

The mechanism works like a multi-headed screwdriver and easily tightens and loosens to changes sizes. Another of the superior benefits of this handle is that ANY of YOUR favourite steel hooks (up to 3.50mm) can be cut off just above the flat part and they will work perfectly with the mechanism.

This crochet hook set consists of a wooden handle and 9 interchangeable steel/aluminium hooks. Hooks sizes include: 1.25mm, 1.75mm, 2.25mm, 3.50mm, 4.50mm, 5.00mm, 5.50mm, 6.00mm and 6.50mm. Also includes spare O rings (which help stop the thread getting caught at the handle/hook joint).

This month if you buy a set we will include a FREE 1.5mm crochet hook (while stocks last). Some of our customers who have purchased these have also bought a second set for friends and at only \$47.90 they are a bargain.

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!

Merrilyn T of Mornington

VIC has shared a piece of history with us. She was given a stack of old crochet magazines, dated back to the 1920's. When she browsed through some of the magazines she discovered this prize coupon for entering a Needlework Competition in Manchester, letting you know that "Work should not be sent in before 18th. January, 1914." Are we too late??

By the way - if you won first prize they kept the entry and only left you with bragging rights and some cash. Bit tough those days!!



I just wanted to thank you for the fantastic range you have and the even better service. The new (Almina 4ply) cotton range is great, it crochets up beautifully and I have a lot of comments about where I got it from. I send them to your site of course. Keep up the excellent work.

I ordered some more Clover Aluminium Arthritic Hooks, they are fantastic and I brought one for my sister to use with her fine work, she is still raving about it. **Leanne B, Narembeen WA**

I discovered Crochet Australia in June 2009 and 4 orders later, again my order arrives within days. I have a bad back, so to ring, order and receive my order at my door so quickly is exciting, convenient and pain free. **Karen F, Clarinda VIC**

Eleanor H from Kippa Ring QLD sent us the great beanies for the Childrens Hospital. Good on you Eleanor. The kiddies thank you.



Just wanted to let you know my order arrived this morning and I just love the itty bitty dolls. They are so cute and smell lovely. **Anne W, Oxley QLD**

DOLLITY5 Itty Bitty Doll
13cm \$8.10ea



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 JULY 2009 period.



Congratulations
Eunice P
TOOWOOMBA 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



From our book of the month **CL1420 Beaded Crochet Designs:**

When loading your beads, if you are using only one colour then pour all the beads into a container and scoop the needle through the beads. If you are loading the beads in a specific colour pattern, arrange the beads in small adjacent piles in the correct order.

Julie P from Greenpoint NSW is crocheting this outfit for her black Hilda doll. This pattern is from Sweet as a Rose Layette, MCPA839.



Received my crochet cotton next day. Quickest service ever. The crochet cotton Finca 50 is great and has wonderful colours. **Bet O, Gympie QLD** is using this for hanky edges.



Even the boys are getting into the comments these days. Got the delivery - quick, efficient arrangement, thanks! I am going to use these materials for making my own rigging for ship models. **John N, Campletown NSW** bought different sizes of ecru thread and is being very creative.

Lesley E of Innisfail QLD scooped the pools with the Townsville show again with Champion piece and Supreme Champion, and also did very well in the Brisbane show. Lesley was inspired by the Mary Card book **BARBAL01** Australian Crochet Lace Designer.



My books have arrived, thank you! I am very happy with my purchase and wouldn't hesitate to buy from you again. Thank you for the copy of the newsletter. **Debbie W, Karratha WA**

----- and just when you thought there was no humour in the world anymore along came this one from **Trevor W, Rockhampton QLD**. Enjoy the read. Trevor sounds like a fun guy. G'DAY, Crochet Aust! Hezzagaaaaaan, eh?

Onya, kobbas, for the beaut trichot hooks below. They were for my 87yo Mum who has taught herself to crochet again after two cataract ops. She was after a No 8 hook. Now she has a full set! Her 9th great-grandchild just arrived, another boy, and she has produced a stack of baby gear for the little bloke's arrival. She had given her No 8 away, she thinks, with about 60 years of accumulated crochet/trichot patterns. Now she's finding some she never gave away and using up heaps of wool and big mobs of cotton. Thanks again. You've made an old lady happy, eh? Havagudwun, eh? Hooroo!

This is an unusual one from **Caroline K, Ingham QLD** we would like to share with you. Caroline tells us that she won 2nd prize in the Ingham show and mentioned that the crochet pattern for this jumper was made up as she went along and that this is only her third jumper ever made (all without patterns). The web and spider are both crocheted on top of the finished jumper and beads were used for eyes and marking on his back.



I have received all my goodies. Excellent service, sensitive touch and a pleasure to do business with you. **Helen M, Tumby Umbi NSW**. Helen is a tatter and recently bought Aero and Birch tatting shuttles. These shuttles have the little crochet hook to aid with the tatting.

Just a short note to let you know that I am most impressed with your service and the amount of stock that you have. I keep finding little lovelies everywhere. Keep up the fantastic work you all do. I really appreciate your effort in keeping my addiction going. **Anne McL Fraser ACT**.

My name is Janice and I am 76 years young. I have been crocheting with DMC Cebelia #20 in 50g balls and I am unable to buy it around my area. I am after a soft pink equivalent to 818. Could you suggest something similar? I can still get the small balls but there are too many joins for what I want to make. Hope you can help me. Janice bought Babylo in the 50g ball and tells us that she is very pleased this thread. **Janice A, Glenfield NSW**

Carol C from Morayfield QLD has been having a play with hair pin crochet and combined it with Tunisian to make this lovely scarf. The hair pin fringe was from Weldons Book 10 and the Tunisian from the Encyclopedia of Tunisian Crochet. Well done Carol.

