



# Crochet Extra

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Like the past few months, September passed us by so quickly that it was October before we all knew it. Crochet Australia is in the throes of preparing to shift premises in mid December and each day is spent preparing for the huge shift. We have enlisted the help of 4 shipping containers on 4 different days to help with the volume of stock, shelving, computers etc that need to go with us. We know what we will be doing for the Christmas break. We are still wondering what we will find behind filing cabinets and desks. We will keep you informed. When the time gets closer our new address and phone number will be available to you. We have a policy here where all visitors should ring first but many people just drop in unannounced. Won't they be surprised next year. So if you intend to visit next year you will find us in Maleny. This is a delightful country village a 45 minutes drive North from here at Wamuran. Maleny, in the Sunshine Coast hinterland, over looks the Glasshouse mountains and has lots of cafes and old fashion craft shops. The people are really friendly and the township is "like most small towns used to be" before progress caught up to them. This town has a close knit community that pulls together and opposes corporate development so we should fit in just fine.



Jessie (who does not wear grandma's beanies) has had her last big chemo treatments for the year and is doing really well. She has been helping with your orders in the past few weeks while off school. Many thanks to those who donated beanies to the Childrens hospital. To show our appreciation Ray has put a new section on the web site so that you can see some of the donations - refer to the Community Section at <http://www.crochetaustralia.com.au/webcontent33.htm>. Our apologies if we missed photographing your beanies as we know some sneaked past the camera. Well done everyone and a big hug and thank you from the children.

*Please note that owing to our move, our last mail out day for this year will be Monday 14 December. We will be closed from then and hope to be operating again by Monday 11 January 2010.*

Till next time, Happy crocheting!!!! Vicki

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## PRODUCT OF THE MONTH



### Traced Linen

The retailer in me wants to say Christmas, but the other me says please don't, ..... so this month we will chat about traced linen. A few years ago traced linen was readily available with many designs to choose from however only the DMC range with about 11 designs is currently still available.



For those who do embroider these lovely pieces, we have DMC stranded cottons on special for \$1 each.



Our traced linen comes with a spoked edge to make the finish neater and easier to crochet around. We have Centres, 3 piece sets and Runners. The DMC linen comes in wildflowers, Christmas bells, wattle, boronia, pansy basket, tulip, flowers of England, carnations, and lady in the garden.

We still have some of the beautiful Bella designs left but disappearing fast as they are now discontinued. Please contact us for availability of the Bella designs shown on page 4 or check the web site.



Of course when you finish your embroidery you will need to edge the fabric and we have the crochet cottons and edge books to help you complete these projects which make wonderful gifts and become heirlooms your family will treasure forever.





## 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 to thank you for the parcel that arrived earlier and I am very pleased with it. Thank you for the help and I am sure I will be buying more later. **Janice A, Glenfield NSW**

**Julie P of Greenpoint NSW** has sent us another picture of her babies. This one uses the pattern **MCPA838 Love Knot Layette**. Well done Julie, she is a little beauty.



Thank you for my crochet patterns, they arrived safely yesterday and I am very pleased with them. I am glad that you suggested the Floribunda scarf. It is quite something else in patterns and a delight for gifts. Thank you for your encouragement to get it. Thank you also for your newsletter. I shall now be a regular watcher of your site. **Helen P, Torrens ACT.** *Helen bought a selection of the Carolyn Christmas patterns to add to her stash.*



**Cheryl R of Caboolture Qld** has been making beautiful bikinis and to get a true result of her handy work we would have needed a model for a good photo. There are too many wrinkles and extra bits for any of us to model, so you will have to believe us when we tell you that the end result was as good if not better than the picture in the book **LA4383 Summer Fashions in Thread**.

As soon as I saw the lovely cottons, I just could not help myself and started straight away on a towel topper, to try out for my first time using the **Almina/Myra 4 ply cotton**. It is just so lovely to crochet with. The arthritic style hooks are my favourite. Thanks for being so easy to buy from and for being so patient with my queries and putting up with a beginner like me. **Veronica F, Gulliver QLD**



Just a note to thank you for my crochet cotton which arrived today what a great service you have. Also the surprise packet of m-m's, I'm sure I will be doing more business with you and will tell all my friends how great you are. **Margaret T, Runaway Bay QLD.** *Margaret is using the new Babylo thread.*

### 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 AUGUST 2009 period.



**Congratulations  
Belinda H  
RUNCORN 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 **BARBAL05 Mary Card's Crochet Lace Flower Designs** (\$38.50\* plus extra post) just published by Barbara Ballantyne.  
*See page 8 for details.*

Blocking or carefully pinning out your finished crocheted work to shape with stainless steel pins, spraying it with water and leaving it to dry is essential to even it out and present it well. Even the best crocheters can find their work looks untidy when just completed. Always block before working the edging.



I want to say a big thank you for the orders that I have received over time. You certainly are very prompt in sending them. While touring around on my recent holiday, decided to pay your shop a visit. It is so much better when you can see things, and I must say how well I was received by the girls, and suggest other crocheters, that when in the area, make a visit to your shop, as it is so good to see all that you sell. I must say, and suggest to others, just how good the pen style clover crochet hooks are. I only bought one, but will certainly collect the rest. The large variety of goods that you stock, is a real eye opener. Once again, thanks. By the way, what a lovely area that you live and work in. It sure adds to the visit. **Ann P, Wagga Wagga NSW**



*Editors note: The "girls" as she puts it are really old girls, just young at heart. We usually have a bit of fun with some of our customers.*

I thought I would contact you and let you know how I got onto your site. I was searching for crochet patterns on the Internet and typed same in and from there your site came up. I have ordered two crochet books from your company and am very impressed with the way the delivery was handled.



Thank you very much. **Roma B, Para Hills SA.** *Roma is now the proud owner of the new book 50 Fabulous Crochet Squares LA4420.*

My parcel has just arrived and I am so thrilled with everything! I just love those cutie little dolls, I will have to get more of those so that I can do each outfit from the book! I can just see them all snuggled up together in a basket!! How sad is that. And I know my crochet friends will want some once they have seen them so wait for another order soon. The books, hankies and threads are all lovely and I thank you so much for my free gift of the pack of antique hankies, they are truly beautiful.



Well it is a glorious day here, a real autumnal day and I have spent the morning doing chores so this afternoon is just for me and you can guess what I will be doing! Thankyou again so much for your wonderfully quick, helpful and friendly service, and will hear from me again soon!

**Jan H from the UK** is a regular customer and we email from time to time. She has a pen pal in Australia (who does not have email) who introduced Jan to us and we compare notes on the delivery times to the UK. Usually faster than sending a parcel to Western Australia.

**Dorrie B from Lower Tent Hill QLD** has been a customer for a long time now and recently bought the Venus special with the hankies. Her friend saw them, and yes, Dorrie being the lovely lady she is gave them to her and now has to order more so that she can complete the corners and edges. Dorrie read about us years ago in a CWA magazine and has been a loyal customer ever since writing me lots of letters and keeping us up to date with the happenings in her area.



I just wanted to drop you a quick note to say thank you for your amazing service. I ordered from you for the first time on either Thursday or Friday of last week and my package turned up Monday. I can't wait to finish my current project and start something out of one of the books that I ordered. Thank you also for the yummy little treat you put inside my envelope. Much appreciated! I will definitely be ordering from you in future. **Tracey M, Narwee NSW**



**Debra McA from Charters Towers QLD** recently scooped the pools at the local show. She tells me she had a lot of fun making doilies, fridge towels and a baby set from some of our kits. Well done Debra. See **BK30** for towel tops and **KIT015** for Pansy Basket.



Hi, thanks for sending my coloured crochet cottons #70 and books so quickly. Here is a picture of a table centre I crocheted in #20 from Crochet Monthly No 84 published in 1986 (no longer available).

**Gaye B, Highgate Hill Qld**

Thanks for the order I received this morning, next day service from interstate is just brilliant! And, I always look forward to a surprise lollie in the package, thanks very much. I love the Recycle It book, SO handy, and has a LOT of ideas in it that can be adapted, for example with the denim jeans being made into a skirt, I've just bought a top that's too low in the neck, so I'm going to use the jeans insert on the neck, easy! **Jo K Melbourne Vic**



**Irene C from Burpengary Qld** recently paid us a visit with her group and showed us this great cloth from **PANOS16** that she had completed using Maxi #10. *Irene does a lot of filet and this just a small one for her.*