

Crochet Extra

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This month has been a real roller coaster ride for us here at Crochet Australia. We have been spending 3 days a week at Maleny preparing the property for the big shift. I now know how much of my time off I used to actually spend in the business on my "days off" instead of having the feet up and crocheting. Oh yes, it is starting to show - a bit like when the housework goes on hold for a few weeks. We just have to look forward from this point. The main thing is to keep those orders pouring out the door and up to the post office. From what I have seen go across the desk, you are all stocking up for the Christmas break.



Chris is back from her 2 weeks away and we are so pleased to have her back behind the cash register to help with all the orders. October was really busy with many more new people finding us. Thank you to you all for the flow of referrals that come our way. We must be doing it right most of the time. Yes, in the flurry of the moments, Vicki has made some "errors" but we have been able to rectify them quick smart.



We have more new Leisure Arts books to show you and some novelty bow and rose makers to help jazz up those Christmas packages. With the silly season approaching, this month we will venture into ornaments and metallic threads to keep those hooks moving.



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PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

Metallic Threads



These threads are a year round favourite, but especially lovely to use to glitz up bits and pieces for Christmas. Some of our threads, when crocheted into lengths of chain, make perfect ties for your precious parcels, others are thick enough to use as they are.



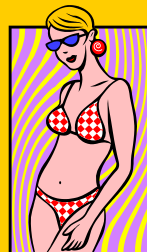
To re-cap the range for you, we have metallic stranded threads in skeins of 11 colours; Excel yarn which is all metallic and comes in a range of 16 colours and works well with a 3mm hook; plus the threads that have a twist of metallic with the cotton:- these are Clever Country

4ply cotton in 14 colours, Klasik #30 in 16 colours which are popular with crocheters and tatters and some of our Hardanger people, Madam tricoté perle #5 in 10 metallic colours which crochets



well with a 2mm hook and popular for garment making, and Maxi #10 Metallic in 11 colours. Lots of sizes to choose from so all bases covered here.

Now you have chosen your thread, it is time to make ornaments, doilies, trims, wraps, hair accessories, hats, suncatchers, bikinis, edges, wedding accessories and



anything that requires little bit of sparkle.



This month we have put together some sparkling specials to help get you started, so put some glitz back into your day and enjoy the 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!

The parcel arrived on Thursday morning just as I was leaving the house to do the grocery shopping, great timing. Thank you for your prompt delivery and for going ahead and swapping the hooks. I am just getting back into crochet after many years. I am totally in love with the amigurumi animals. I have started the little pig from 879519 'Itty Bitty Animals' for my daughter because she is currently researching swine flu for the NSW Dept of Health. I thought it would look cute on her desk at work. **Debby I of Woronora Heights NSW**



Penny G of Claremont WA recently bought one of our Boye metal tatting shuttles and some DMC Cebelia thread. I got my parcel on Monday, thank you! I haven't tested the metal shuttle yet, but the thread is gorgeous! I love the colours.

What do you think of this scarf by **Shirley M of Margate QLD**. She was inspired by the design in our **KIT044 Three Piece Set**.



I thought I would email you and say "Thanks" for arranging the prompt delivery as well as advice re White and Blanc No 10 DMC Traditions. I am very happy with the service.

Lesley B of Battery Point Tas

Ed: See Handy Hints at bottom of next column.

Just a message to let you know that my order arrived super fast, again. Thank you very much for the fast service. I found a couple of dolls (second hand) at a doll show a couple of months ago and thought I would dress them for a charity for Christmas presents for little girls. The idea was good but had no patterns to fit (without a lot of alterations) so of course I thought of you, and once again you had what I needed. (Paragon doll books PARK633 and 656)

Lyn G of Baulkham Hills NSW



Hi everyone at Crochet Australia, once again excellent service very fast and great products. Always a pleasure to do business with you all. Thanks heaps. **Sheryl C of Park Ridge 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 SEPTEMBER 2009 period.



**Congratulations
Joyce T
BIGGENDEN 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



B5200 is whiter than white!!



No, this is not another one of those boring laundry detergent ads!! Many of you may be unaware that many DMC threads have two whites, B5200 (which we refer to as super white) and Blanc (plain white). So take care when ordering "white" as although the difference is visible when placed together, they are hard to tell apart.

I have been meaning to write to say how much I enjoyed visiting Crochet Australia last year. We called in July 2008 and I purchased books, a Clover hairpin crochet tool and a kit for a baby's circular shawl (2ply shell design). I am happy to say I have used everything I bought. I had to finish the baby's shawl quickly and it looked beautiful and was very well received. The hairpin crochet tool is fun to use, and the books on Tunisian entrelac GCB14100 and double ended Tunisian are great. I belong to the Knitters' Guild in Sydney and also the Crochet Group, which is part of the Knitters' Guild. We do interesting and new projects all the time - no time to get bored. Thank you for your interest and help. **Jeanette C of Killarney Heights NSW**

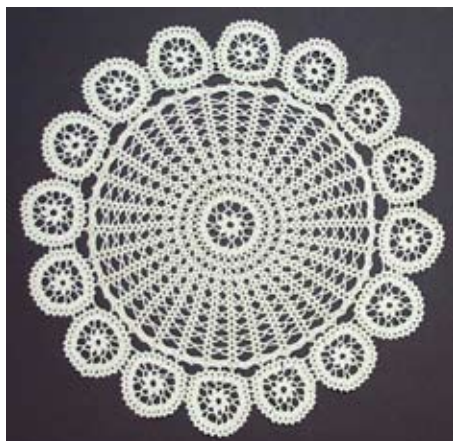


Here is a photo of a hairpin crochet handkerchief made by my mother **Shirley G of Casino NSW** using handkerchiefs she buys from Crochet Australia.



A short note to let you know that my parcel of Tunisian crochet hooks has arrived 'safe and well'. My fingers are just itching to try them all out!! As I only placed the order two days ago (!) I am more than delighted with the prompt service. Be assured I will tell all my friends who are of like mind (namely yarn nerds!) where to get supplies for future projects. Your newsletter is already 'doing the rounds'. The chocolates were a nice touch – didn't last long 'tho! Once again, a big thank you for the prompt delivery and I look forward to regularly checking the website to see what's new!

Del J of Middle Park QLD



Dorrie B of Gatton QLD recently showed us this doily made from PANOS09 (discontinued) using DMC #40 thread.



Gloria J of Gatton QLD has been busy again dressing the 7 styles of the 5" Itty Bitty Dolls using the book **Itty Bitty Babies 879516**.

Here are some edges from an old Semco book on our linen hankies by **Alex D of Placid Hills QLD**.

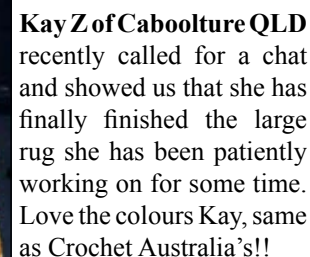


I received the parcel from you yesterday with the lovely face cloths inside as a gift. With a small granddaughter in the house extra face cloths never go astray so many thanks. Now down to some stitching. **Jennifer C of Port Hedland WA**



Thelma R of Gatton QLD recently called and showed us this completed beaded Christening Dress from the pattern **TTDSCD**. Thank goodness it uses our prestrung beads - saves hours of threading!!

Cheryl S of Toowoomba QLD.



Here are some ornament books to keep you out of mischief for a while!!

LA4241 Ornaments to Crochet 3 Ways
\$19.70



878529 Trim the Tree \$14.95



GC46107 Holiday Sweets & Treats
\$10.00

