

# Crochet Extra

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For us the year is almost at a close with the last mail out day being Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2009. Please put your orders in early if you need them for Christmas, as orders received after 11 Dec will not be posted until January.

Now I know it is not nice to boast but we have had a very successful year at Crochet Australia and have learnt to work smarter. Yes we oldies can learn new ways to speed up the process when the work load increases. We have also been working hard at Maleny 3 days per week and the new home for Crochet Australia is just about ready. New skills (and words #\*!^ ) have been learnt there as well. The good news is, everything should fit and trading should be even smoother next year.



Now for my second boast, I will have more boxes than the rest of you to open for Christmas. We have divided the removal into 4 shipping containers loads. Container No 1 (Craft Moods stock) and No 2 have been deposited successfully and thanks to lots of pre planning, all went

well. Container #2 was lots of spare thread and it all had to be unpacked and organized on racking. This was the spare thread, not the thread our customers see housed in the building here at Wamuran.

The other 2 containers are the contents of the building including racking, shelves (none of which fit exactly in the new building), 29 filing cabinets stacked with books, desks, tables, chairs, all the office gear and of course 2 walls of thread, 2 walls of hooks, looms, and knitting things and of course the computers, printers etc.

Chris has moved onto greener (or should that be greyer) pastures and has gone back to her chosen career of nursing, caring for the aged. We wish her well.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your loyal support throughout the year and look forward to helping you in the new year (if we survive the shift).

Merry Christmas and stay safe.

Vicki & Ray

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## PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

### QUICK THINGS TO MAKE BEFORE CHRISTMAS



Only a few weeks now before Santa comes to town so you will still have time to crochet some smaller items for stocking fillers.



We have put on our elf thinking caps and have a few ideas that might help turn your scrap threads and yarns into pressies. To complement this we have found a range of pattern books to suit. Don't forget we have the Excel metallic yarns that you can crochet into ties and the rose and bow makers to dress the top of the pressies. Yes you can have your own crochet Christmas.



Ideas include bookmarks, necklaces, pot holders, small doilies, hair accessories and scrunchies, coat hangers, purses, edgings for hankies and linens, towel tops, jug covers, slippers, tissue boxes, small toys (amigurumi) and flowers.



## Newsflash!!

In addition to credit card, we now offer the following payment options for Australian customers ordering on-line through our web site:

Direct Debit (EFT)  
Cheque  
Money Order

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!

Here is that picture of the guy with the crochet teapot on his head when I was in hospital. **Jess M of Wamuran QLD.**

*Jess, our granddaughter, is being treated for Leukemia and is progressing well after about 10 months of treatment at Royal Brisbane Childrens Hospital where this character gave everyone a laugh.*



I am attaching a picture of a blanket I made for my grandson Zac.  
**Rita C of Wetherill Park NSW.**



Once again many thanks for your prompt attention to my order which was put in via the Internet on Saturday afternoon and which was delivered on Wednesday. I wish other organizations would take their cue from you and put the customers first. Once again many thanks. **Dorothy McC, Warwick WA**

I received my order the very next day. I couldn't have got it quicker if I'd gone to the shops myself! Thank you so much, Good luck with the move! **Esther R, Mooloolaba QLD**



Thank you for the newsletter and the superb order which arrived late last week - and the sweets!! I must apologize for not writing sooner but I was engrossed in my new Tunisian crochet books - wonderful !! And thank you also for the two black packing sheets (ripple plastic stuff). They've gone into my stash of useful bits for craft projects! Will be crocheting up the Christmas tree pattern I bought very soon - that will cause a stir at work !! - keep up the good work! - **Veronica M of Mackay QLD**

*Books sent out in envelopes or tuff bags are normally protected from bending with one or more pieces of foam core board so glad to see Veronica is into recycling and has found another use for this packaging.*

### 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 OCTOBER 2009 period.



**Congratulations  
Jesse G  
Punchbowl 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



**Don't bag Elcheapo Cottons, turn them into bags!!**

We are often told that there are cheaper 4ply cottons on the market that do not crochet up very well and many customers ask what they can do with them. The solution is to run a #10 or #20 crochet thread with the 4ply cotton and make bags, especially string bags. The crochet thread makes a stronger yarn and prevents that annoying stretch that happens to cotton over time.



Just letting you know I received the Throw and Afghan patterns today, they are just lovely, and I look forward to knitting them for next winter. Thank you very much for your very prompt service, and I will surely recommend you to my fellow crafters.

**Hilary T of Bellambi NSW**



**8ply from Circular Baby Afghan (Morning Glory) LA4623**

Thought I would send some photo's of the Baby Blankets I have made from the books I have brought from Crochet Australia. Usually I give the blankets away before I get to take a picture. Thank you **Jennifer V, High Wycombe WA**



**8ply from Noah's Ark For Baby (Mountain Tops) LA2964**

Hi guys, I have only ordered from your site once before, but thought you might be interested to know that the #100 thread and the 0.6mm hook that I purchased assisted me to win a 1<sup>st</sup> prize and a 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for crochet doilies at the 2009 Royal Melbourne show. **Karyn W, Reservoir VIC.**

*Well done Karen, yeah must have been the hooks and thread - you modest thing!!*



**Leona H of Mt Larcom QLD** has been busy and has generously sent us these beanies for the children's hospital - thanks Leona.

*Well sometimes we cannot please everyone!!!!*

I received my order yesterday - thank you very much. But the free gift in Spanish is rather a rip off. Which truck did that fall off? It is for my mother-in-law who is ninety and there is no way she can try to translate those patterns. She wanted to crochet a bedspread and I thought this would be an excellent free gift. I was somewhat duped. I know you gave some symbol translations, but I don't crochet, so . . .somewhat duped. What say you? **Godelieve G, West Pennant Hills NSW**

*Godelieve ordered one of our MYM Spanish international symbol crochet books as a free gift - guess symbol crochet is gobblygook to non-crocheters.*

I just wanted to send you a quick email, to say thank you. I ordered some of the threads you had in your latest newsletter, and they arrived yesterday. I am going to take you up on your hints in the newsletter about crocheting them into lengths of chain, so I can wrap Christmas presents for my friends - I even ordered the colours to match each girlfriend's personality. On another note, the colours are even better in real life - the colour charts you had on the website did not do them justice. I cannot wait to start. A very satisfied customer, **Paula W, Werrington Downs NSW**



We enjoyed meeting you and Chris and seeing your business when we called in yesterday. It is always nicer to see things in person, especially the books. I now know what some of them are like for future reference. I have attached the photos of my husband, Barry knitting his

beanies and scarves, on the banks of Coopers Creek, just out of Windorah. What some people will do to attract attention. Thanks again for the good service and prompt delivery of my orders. **Dawn C, Urangan QLD**

This one from Dubai - Thank you very much. I received the hardanger books yesterday and I am very happy with them, cause they are going to keep me busy for a long time. Once again thank you. **Marlene T, Dubai**



G'day Folks! Wow your service is great. My sister & I went to Japan in Sept & I saw the clover soft touch crochet hooks & bought a couple, even talked my sister into buying one & that is no mean feat I can tell you. Well she was so thrilled with it, & of course she was wishing she had bought more so I ordered her a couple with this order. She will be so tickled pink when I give them to her as a surprise. Now I've received the 1.75 steel on I'm going back into your site to order one for myself. Thanks again for the great service. BTW that black foam core board you add to the parcels to protect our books is great to use to block small crocheted items, thanks. **Bethel S, Bethania QLD**



Thank you so much for the details of the freeform books you sent me. I was told about your wonderful warehouse by a friend staying with us from Gympie and she told me about scrumbling. My local wool shop had nothing on it. I am trying to decide which books to get first. **Donna A.**



**Hilary F, Morayfield QLD** recently called in and showed us this lovely piece of hardanger from NN312 **Wee Ones in Hardanger Embroidery** using DMC 5 & 8 perle cottons on 18 count fabric.



## Look what we found!!

The following listing of books may provide you with some quick ideas to crochet some trinkets for yourself or as gifts.



**877516 Lacy Hangers & Sachets \$14.20**



**878535 Edgings & Insertions \$12.95**



**87G52 \$9.95**



**TFDHB \$12.10**



**BK13 \$9.50**



**BK21 \$9.50**



**ASN1333 Delicate Purses \$13.95**



**878546 Handkerchief Edgings \$15.95**



**ASN1356 Fresh Flower Edgings \$13.35**

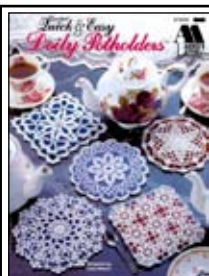


**ASN1238 Two Doz & 1 Scrunchies \$10.20**

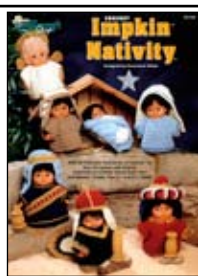


**878542 Slippers Hooked On \$15.95**

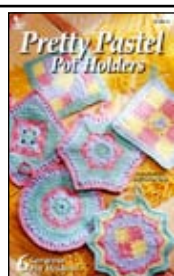




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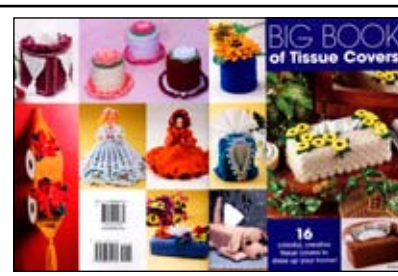
951704Z \$10.00



874414 \$9.50



BK16 \$9.50



876548 Tissue Covers \$15.30



879511 Tunisian around the Home \$15.95



101058 Oven Lovin Potholders \$10.95



870718Z Country Charm Angel \$10.00



ASN1383 Easy Breezy Wraps \$13.35



870312 Fanciful Fans \$10.95



871317 Chenille Baby Booties \$7.95



ASN1382 Fashion Flowers \$13.35



870314 Bookend Buddies \$13.50



873717 Baker's Doz Pot Holders \$12.95



LA4594 Scrap Bag Projects \$17.50



872592 (Knit) \$10.50



873814 (Crochet-on-the-double) \$14.30



874051 Special Day Bookmarks \$10.95



870517Z Peace Angel \$10.00



874351 Filet Afghans in a Day \$12.30