



Crochet Extra

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Welcome to the March 2010 newsletter. We are well and truly settled into our new way of life now. I am told if you slow down a bit you live longer so that is the new plan for this year at least. Ray is finding the cooler climate a lot better for his health so we have a win win situation.

Visitors have had no trouble finding the Maleny Cro Aus building. We have put a sign out the front to make it a little easier as well. Please ring first if you are coming up the mountain. Do not want to miss you as we are still between the 2 locations for a while yet.

The good news is that we have had a shipment of Annie's books from USA and back in stock are some of the dolls, Pegasus books and we have also found a company to sell us Susan Bates hooks and other goodies. We have been looking for a distributor of these for awhile.

The tatters of Australia have asked us to get in Lizbeth thread, so we have a range of 39 colours in #20. A lot of variegated colours in this lot, it should fill the void created by the loss of Coats mercer. Colour chart available on request, as are charts for all the other threads.

Last month our newsletter must have prompted many of you to take on the challenge and try new forms of crochet because we sold lots of "How to" books. We hope you found the experience rewarding - either which way we would love to hear how it went for you.

Over the past few months many of our customers have enjoyed DVDs on crochet, knitting and tatting. We now have a video (VHS) available on needle tatting.

Hope you all enjoy the new goodies we have found for you over the break and as usual there will be more to come in the following months. Meanwhile, happy crocheting.

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PRODUCT OF THE MONTH



AMIGURUMI

To find the true meaning we have gone to Wikipedia which sums this craft up beautifully.



"Amigurumi is the Japanese art of knitting or crocheting small stuffed animals and anthropomorphic creatures. The word is derived from a combination of the Japanese words ami, meaning crocheted or knitted, and nigurumi, meaning stuffed doll. Amigurumi are typically animals, but can include artistic renderings, and inanimate objects endowed with anthropomorphic features.



Amigurumi are usually crocheted or knitted out of yarn. The simplest designs are worked in spirals. In contrast to typical Western crochet the rounds are not usually joined. They are also worked with a smaller size hook in proportion to the weight of the yarn in order to create a very tight-looking fabric without any gaps through which the stuffing might escape. Amigurumi are usually worked in sections and then joined, except for some amigurumi which have no limbs, only a head and torso which are worked as one piece. The extremities are sometimes stuffed with plastic pellets to give them a life-like weight, while the rest of the body is stuffed with fiber stuffing.

The pervading aesthetic of amigurumi is cuteness. To this end, typical amigurumi animals have an over-sized spherical head on a cylindrical body with undersized extremities."



Although this is the true meaning, western culture has developed their version and most of the current books today have incorporated things like santa, elves, garden animals and monsters. We have compiled a list of books with this newsletter to give you an idea of what can be made in AMIGURUMI.



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!

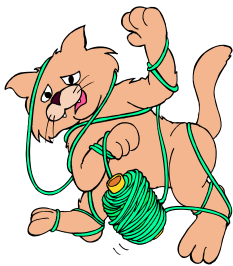
My order arrived this morning, complete and in good condition. Thank you. While size 10 cotton is widely available here, it is almost impossible to get other sizes or in any colour except white or ecru. **Eleanor G from**



Canada was very pleased to find we had lots of choice in colours for size #20 Cebelia and Daphne and also found some exciting books on our web site. Eleanor is a repeat international customer.

This is one most of us can relate to. A girlfriend gave me some yarn that she didn't want to keep, so far I have made one lot into a rug, twice! Yes, that is correct - twice. I didn't like the first one when it was almost finished. So I pulled it out - I am very good at reverse crochet - and am remaking it in Double Crochet instead of Treble. It is a variegated yarn and it didn't sit well in Treble or have a nice feel to it. It is much, much better in Double Crochet. Then I find out that it is supposed to be knitted up!! I am not doing it a third time. I am on strike. Using a hook that I bought from you guys and a pattern that I modified from an old placemat pattern that I found in a very old crochet magazine.

Pat P, Ultimo NSW



First of all congratulations on your new home, I hope you are extremely happy with the move. I have just finished the Heirloom Afghan from LA3201 Contest Favourite Afghans and have given it to my boss for his great grandson. **Rita C, Wetherill Park NSW.**



Thankyou for the prompt service, I could hardly believe that my order of cupie dolls was here on my doorstep less than 24 hours after I submitted it. Thank you very much, another satisfied customer

Annette S, Everton Park 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 Jan 2010 period.



**Congratulations
Maryna P
SUNNYBANK 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!!



Back in Stock!!



Pillow Dolls. Now available with brown hair, same price \$7.45

Angel Dolls. Now available with blonde and brown hair, same price \$7.95



Just a quick note to congratulate you on your new grandson. Glad to hear all is well and that you are enjoying your cloud change. I will miss being able to drop in as easily to see you and browse through your goodies. I will always be grateful to you for teaching me how to crochet. The expected grandchild that brought me to your door looking for knitting patterns started school this year. I can't believe that the time goes so quickly. I'm sure that it speeds up each year. Enjoy yourselves. It sounds lovely up there.

Colleen M, Moorina QLD



Another milestone for Crochet Australia last month. **Leanne K from Dalby QLD** was the 30,000th mail order to be posted out since we began (this does not include international orders as they are separate). Leanne is a crochetholic and I mean this in a nice way. She put her first order in on the 3rd Sept 2002 and this was her 37th order. **For this she now has a free Extra subscription for a year and free post on her last order. Good on you Leanne.**



One of our regular contributors, **Gwen L of Woorim QLD**, recently showed us this lovely afghan made from 8Ply yarn using a pattern from the book LA4623 Circular Afghans. *Keep up the good work Gwen!*

Your parcel arrived this morning, Tuesday. Many thanks for such prompt, efficient service, and the after-hours return of phone call on Friday night. The added bonus of a chocolate to nibble on while browsing my purchases was a wonderful surprise! Again - many thanks. I shall now busy myself with working out the patterns. **Joan S, Bidwell QLD** *Joan has a passion for circular lace knitting and now is challenging herself to Cro on the double as well.*



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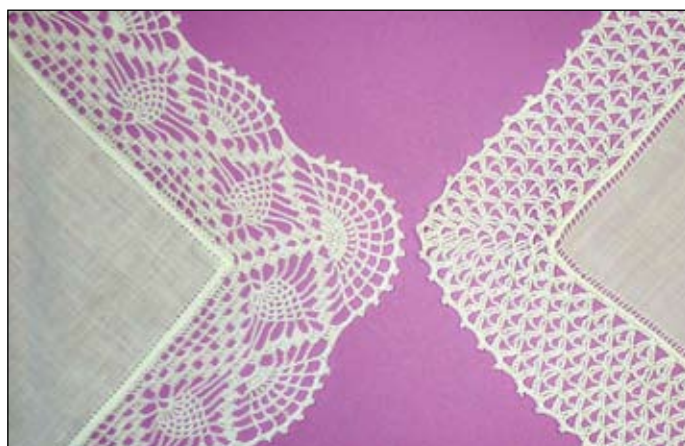


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My goodness! Your website helped me a great deal when I stumbled upon your WEIGHTS and MEASUREMENTS CONVERSION CHARTS page. I've nearly blistered my fingers by crocheting sample filet blocks with different size thread and hooks. Maths is a strong point for me, but I'd rather spend the time crocheting. And, then.... ***DRUM ROLL*** Google found your site, the 6th one down on the FIRST page. I searched for - filet crochet gauge hook and thread. You fell right out of the cyber-heaven and onto my computer screen! **Christina D, your fan in Northern California USA** *Some people are real easy to please.*



Helen W, Toowoomba QLD used some of our linen hankies and #100 thread to create these edges. The patterns are from a Spanish edge book that is now discontinued, but we have 16 other Spanish edge books in Symbol crochet still available.



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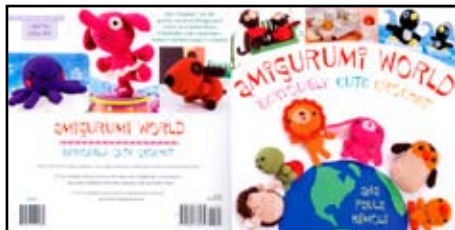
See the SPECIALS on page 6 for these books.



Look what we found on Amigurumi!!



The following list of books relate to our theme this month of Amigurumi.



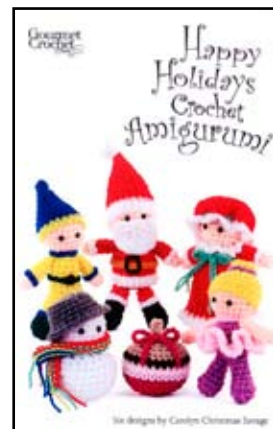
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GC09105 \$10.00



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SM3807 \$39.95**



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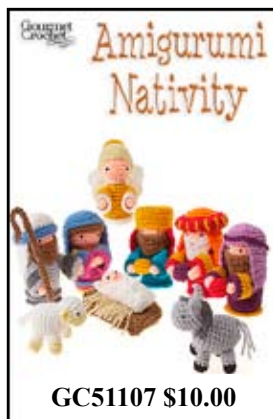
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GC70108 \$10.00



LA75266 \$10.70



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