



Crochet Extra

55th Edition - May 2010

Welcome to the May newsletter and a happy mother's day to all the mothers and grandmothers this month.

Cro Aus has been in Maleny for four months now and it has finally stopped raining. The low cloud still engulfs the building in the morning but it is a bit like being in fairyland. Throughout this time we have been outside (when weather permits) removing gardens, soil, rocks and trees that can be only described as "what were they thinking". Hopefully some of the windows of the building will be replaced this month (casement windows are a real pain in the you know what) and the leaky roof of the shed will be replaced. We have started the outside painting and at long last it feels like we are moving forward. Nothing like a face lift to make the place look younger but there is still a long way to go. Just as well we are 60 years young.



So as you see we have settled into our new way of life. Sure is a lot different to the rat race as Betty from the lace guild found out when she came to stay with us last week. Oh yes we found time for work, outside play,

unpacking the overseas orders and lots of eating at some of our Maleny restaurants and the odd bit of site seeing. Come on Betty put your back into it - she insisted on helping!! It is called a country stay and doing as the locals do.

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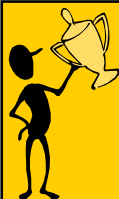
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PRODUCT OF THE MONTH



Dolls



Over the past 8 years we have had lots of different styles of dolls so here is a recap on what is available at the moment.

The new Berenguer dolls in 5" Itty with 7 expressions and also 7½" single expression have been really popular so now we have the 10" doll with 8 expressions. These dolls not only have movable head and limbs but look and smell like real babies. Their eyes are life like as well. Prices range from \$8.10 to \$25.50 for the larger ones.

In the mini range, the 3" dolls come as a set of 5. These too have movable limbs and are great for potpourri dolls. The 13" Angle dolls have always been popular for bed dolls and door stops. These have the 2 hair colours as well, but I have noticed that in this instance, blondes seem to stay at home more. For those who prefer the pillow dolls (no legs) these come in Brunette and have beautiful features.



The Air freshener dolls in brown and blonde are great when the project requires only the head, arms and chest. These fit well over bottles. Equivalent to about the size of a 10" if there were legs. Then there is the good old fashion 7" Toilet roll doll as we refer to them. They come in blonde and brunette. These are upstaged by the 11" fashion doll that has all the features of Barbie. Great for a lot of our doll clothing books and look extra smart as well.

Last but not least are the old fashion cupie dolls in 3 sizes. (120mm, 140mm and 160mm) Most of us remember these as being at the show, attached to a cane, glitter hair and wearing a ballet skirt. Only the rich kids ever carried one of those around the show. These days they are used a lot as wedding centre pieces and still made for fetes to tantalize the little girls.



We still have a small selection of porcelain dolls. Either visit the web site or give us a call for more info. Being hand made, no two are the same. Over the last year supply has been a bit lean and these are usually not on the shelf for very long. Also have 6" baby porcelain dolls which also find homes very quickly.

This month we hope you will enjoy the doll books, glitter threads for clothes and please send us photos of any creations that you have made.

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!

I received my order today and in your usual fine form it arrived promptly, thanks again. I had fun unpacking it and sifting through all of the goodies and then had to decide what I am going to make next.



Elizabeth S of Mangaroo WA



The two dresses are made from the **almina 4ply cotton**, for my twin granddaughters Arizona & Sierra for their naming day ceremony. The second picture is of a circular shawl I made using pattern #7 from **BK18 Baby's Crocheted Rugs and Shawls**. Your website is the best, plenty of things to browse through and I just love the almina cotton. **Marilyn C of Harvey WA**

Thought I would send some of my creations using re-cycled juice bottles and laundry liquid bottles. I love my email updates, hope you never get tired of sending them. **Lee B of Gold Coast QLD**.

For similar ideas see book 879526 *Recycle It*



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 March 2010 period.



**Congratulations
Lois B
Te Kauwhata NZ**



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 **876556 Crochet on the Edge** comes practical advice on how to make a 10cm beading needle when yours has gone missing in action and that beading project just can't wait!!

Cut a 20cm piece of waxed dental floss, hold the ends of the floss together forming a loop (eye), insert end of yarn through the loop in the floss for about 8cm, squeeze the ends of the floss together so that they stick together, forming point of needle. Hey presto an emergency beading needle!!

Just to say thank you for my 'Freddo', and also for the Almina 4ply cotton which is a joy to work with. I am crocheting a circular bedspread with it, so far so good. Keep up the good work.
Janet S of Nambucca Heads NSW.



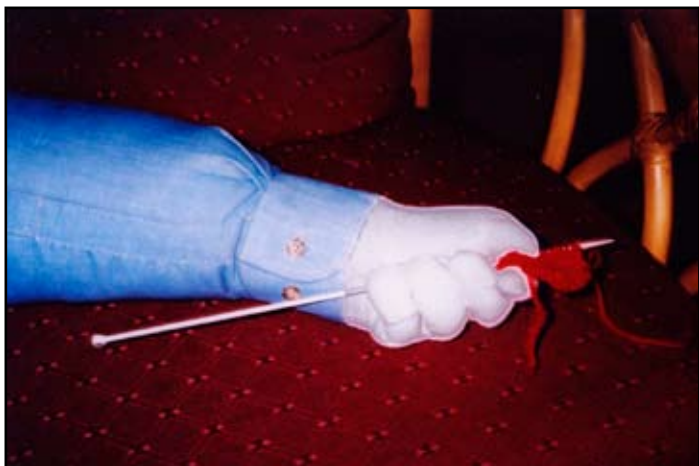
Thanks for the beanie pattern. I have made 2 so far and added a rose on one side of mine and loving it. I have also been making dog coats for the guide dogs - 50 coats so far and hope to do the same with the beanies. This project touches my heart, as I myself am a cancer survivor but lucky for me I didn't have to have chemo.
Rhondra C of Pialligo ACT *Keep up this wonderful work Rhondra, the world needs more people like you.*



Thanks you so much for having posted the parcel so quickly, it was here yesterday and for my daughter's birthday today. She really needed a lamp like this.

Pierrette C of Marickville NSW

Merrilyn T of Mornington VIC has taken her knitting to the next level. She is helping stroke patients in the nursing home to regain some of their skills. She has developed an arm from a sleeve and a glove that holds the needle. This arm replaces the left arm, and the weight of their own left arm is enough to hold it in place. The ladies are able to make knitted squares that Merrilyn then turns into toys for under privileged children. Well done Merrilyn.



I put this baby afghan in the Kalamunda Show on the weekend and it took second place. Pretty happy about it as I have never entered anything before. Thought my work was not good enough as I am only self taught. The shawl is from **LA2964 Noah Ark for Baby** and it is called Mountain Top. I did take first prize for a crochet baby dress from an old pattern book and first prize for a knitted cardigan for my granddaughter. I am so grateful for the beautiful crochet patterns you sell, as in Perth we don't have anything for crochet.
Jennifer V of High Wycombe WA *Well done Jennifer you must be a good teacher!!*

Thankyou sooooo much for my order which arrived this morning. I am delighted with my purchases and of course the 'happy rainbows' were yummy to chew on while I unpacked my parcel. Thankyou too for the phone call re my order.....I appreciate the service and time you put into what you do....you are an inspiration!!



Karen M of Gerringong NSW

I love opening my parcels, it is just like Christmas only you know everything will be exactly what you wanted. I grabbed a hook from the set and started immediately on a tawashis (fancy dish cloth) from **Ta Wash Is in Crochet 871025**. My two little grandsons like helping their mum and will love these.



Maureen M of Heathmont VIC

Thankyou so much for my order, great service. I often order from overseas and only just discovered your web site. I have found it frustrating not being able to order from Annies Attic (except for downloads). I have only just seen the Tunisian book with DVD on your site. I have not tried this type of crochet and have decided to have a go at something different. I notice you have some Leisure Art books, would you by any chance have a copy of the Leisure



Art book of Winnie the Pooh characters. I can't remember if they were crochet or knitted, it has been discontinued.
Marlene F of Parkinson QLD. *If anyone can help Marlene just let us know. The books are crocheted.*



The parcel was sitting at the post office and they had not carded it. The patterns are lovely. I have never done so much crochet before. Since my first order I have come on in leaps and bounds. I never thought I would be able to crochet being left handed but there is really no difference which ever hand one uses.

Helen Mc of Banora Point NSW.



If your parcel seems to be taking a long time to arrive, perhaps check with your post office as quite often they forget to card your letter box. Guess they are only human too.

I have already started making an afghan the cro-hook way !! Well, to be fair, I am attempting it, as crochet and I have a love/hate relationship. My friend was thrilled to get the hooks as well.

Deborah H of Alberta Canada

I could not believe how quick the order was - overnight. I am enjoying working with the Almina crochet cotton. It is all you said it would be and I will certainly be getting more at a later date. Thank you for the news letter. I saw so many things I know I would love to work with. I mentioned to you no one can say or spell my name properly except you. Thanks again for such wonderful service. **Thelma T of Meadowbrook QLD.**



Joy G of Toowoomba QLD has lots to smile about, she is with the CWA and has taken prizes at State Conference level and with the local shows with her baby shawl and rayon jacket. Made from our Kit patterns 043 and 011.



Gloria J of Gatton QLD has been busy again. This little boy doll arrived in the mail and has pride of place here at Cro Aus. This outfit is made from Sullivans Rayon and the pattern is a Gloria creation. Well done and thankyou Gloria.



The Crochet Extra is eagerly looked for each month. If only you could sell us extra time to do the many projects I would like to do.

Irene McA of Junee NSW Irene has won 2nd prize in the Junee show with this beautiful filet cloth worked in #20 Cebelia from Oval Tablecloths (now discontinued).



Julie P of Greenpoint NSW just loves the itty bitty dolls and when the new 10" ones came in she was the first to put her hand up to have them as well. Julie uses #8 perle to crochet and knit their beautiful clothes. She tells me that she has dolls all over her house, but can always find room for another one or two. Thanks also Julie for the little book of quotes. We will find some funny ones in there for the newsletters.



New 10" (25cm) Itty Bitty Dolls \$25.50ea, available with 8 different expressions - see the What's New section for more information.



Look what we found in Dolls!!

This page shows some of the dolls we have available.
We also have a limited range of porcelain dolls, please contact us for details.

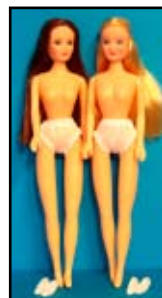


ACCDOLL \$2.40

Plastic Doll with Hair - 7" (18cm) tall, moving arms, legs and head. Available in 2 hair colours Blonde & Brown.

ACCDOLLMINI \$7.70

Packet of 5 Mini Plastic Dolls - 65mm tall, moving arms and legs.



DOLLFASHION \$6.15

Plastic Fashion Doll - 11" (28cm) tall. Moving head, arms and legs. Includes panties and shoes. Available in Blonde and Brown hair. Includes crochet instructions for a "Prom Dress" with Blonde doll and "The Bride" with Brown hair doll.



DOLLANGEL \$7.95

Plastic Angel Doll - 13" (33cm) tall. Moving eyes, head, arms and legs. Includes panties, socks and shoes. Available with Brown or Blonde hair.



DOLLITTY5 \$8.10

Itty Bitty Doll 5" (13cm)

Berenguer soft plastic baby doll - slightly perfumed - moveable head and limbs - moulded hair - lifelike eyes.

Although this doll is available with 7 different expressions - **no choice is available.**

DOLLITTY8 \$14.75

Itty Bitty Doll 7.5" (19cm) Berenguer soft plastic baby doll - slightly perfumed - moveable head and limbs - moulded hair - lifelike eyes.



DOLLITTY10 \$25.50

Itty Bitty Doll 10" (25cm) Berenguer soft plastic baby doll - slightly perfumed - moveable head and limbs - moulded hair - lifelike eyes - padded pants. Normally available with 8 different expressions



DOLLCUPIE Cupie Doll, plastic, painted hair, with moveable arms.

Available in 3 sizes:-

120mm \$1.75

140mm \$1.75

160mm \$1.95



DOLLPILLOW \$7.45

Plastic Pillow Doll - 8" (20.3cm) tall. Moving eyes, head and arms. Available with Brown Hair only. Crochet instructions for Pillow Doll included.



DOLLAIRFRESH \$6.40

Plastic Air Freshener Doll - 5 3/4" (14.6cm) tall. Moving head and arms.

Available in Fair Skin with Blonde or Brown hair. Instructions for "Little Bo Peep" included.



Look what we found in Dolls Books!!

This page shows some of the dolls books we have available.



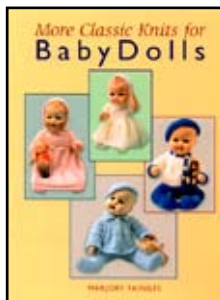
Please note books marked with the sheep symbol contain knitted patterns. * or ** after price indicates extra post may apply.




878549 Fashion Doll Collection \$35.70*



 SS7178 Classic Knits for Boy Dolls \$21.95



 SS2034 More Classic Knits for Baby Dolls \$19.95



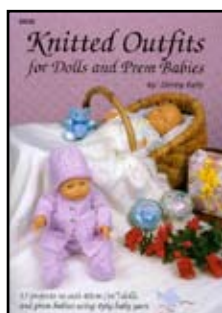
BKJM03 Dolls' Clothes in Crochet Bk3 \$6.50




BK24 Crocheted Outfits for Dolls & Prem Babies \$10.95




875563 Fashion Doll Collection Book 2 \$30.70*



 BK26 Knitted Outfits for Dolls & Prem Babies \$10.95



 BK27 More Knitted Outfits for Dolls & Prem Babies \$10.95




874311 Indian Maidens \$11.35



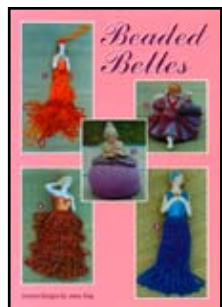
 ASN1420 Fashion Doll Knits \$12.45



 PARK633 Quickly Knitted Clothes for Dolls \$8.95



 PARK656 Doll's Clothes in Double Knitting \$8.95



TFDBELLES Beaded Belles \$12.10



931319 Crochet Air Freshener Maidens \$9.95



876526 Twentieth Century Fashion Doll Collection \$15.95



 121040 Itty Bitty Baby Doll Clothes \$11.65



GC23106 Topsy Turvy Doll \$10.00



GC39107 Favrielle Doll \$10.00