



Crochet Extra

56th Edition - June 2010

Brrrr!!!! June is here and the evenings are getting a little cooler to say the least. The past month has flown and there have been lots of visitors coming up the mountain through the morning mist to seek their crochet supplies.



New customers are still finding us in droves. Must be all the referrals from our current happy customers, thank you! Sometimes you would think that we know each and everyone of you on a face to face basis judging by the phone calls that tie us all together like one big happy family. It is also good to see that some of you are combining your orders with friends to save a little on postage.



Building reno has finally started!! The excavator is the next bit to come. More red dirt! It will be really good when we have a real entrance to the building and somewhere for waiting visitors to sit. Still that has not stopped us beginning the garden and a bit of painting to brighten up the place.



Last month had everyone doll crazy, so let's hope that that for winter you will find the time to make a rug or two. The cooler weather is great for afghan crocheting!! Til next time, stay warm.

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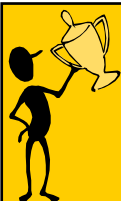
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PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

Afghans (rugs)



Everyone knows that crocheting a rug in the winter months is two fold - you get to stay warm as the rug grows. We are often asked for patterns for lapghans, which are small rugs suitable for people who are sitting down most of the time and require just a little bit of warmth. These are usually about a metre square and are great for nursing homes as well. Kay Z from Caboolture came up with a pattern some time ago which is great for using up your scrap yarns. Just let us know if you would like a copy.



Your beautiful rugs can be light and lacy for a baby, made with some of the exciting and unusual textured yarns, or the good old favourite 8plys that come in many colours or the favourite samplers. Afghan rugs can be knitted, worked on a frame (hairpin and butterfly), crocheted, mile a minute strips, Tunisian, crochenit or on-the-double, ripples



(chevrons and waves), cables and twists for the classic arans, pictures that tell a story, the forever popular grannies complete with florals, corner to corner, motifs of squares, triangles, flowers, circle which when combined using a variety of colours can be outstanding.

Squares, mile-a-minute and motifs are portable, designed for those on the run, and you will be surprised how much you can do while traveling or spending valuable time in waiting rooms. Whatever the rug you choose to make, remember a little of you will always be there giving someone else that warm and fuzzy feeling, especially if your masterpiece becomes a family heirloom.





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!

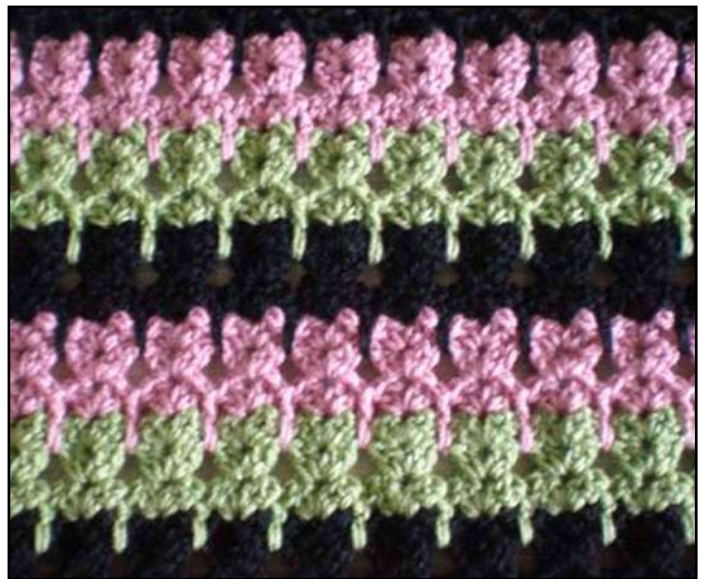
Our **Happy Hooker Competition** winner this month, Tersea C, orders regularly and has been with us since March 1995 proving the old adage that good things come to those who wait - or you gotta be in it to win it! All you have to do is place an order. All orders will enter the random draw which takes place on the last day of every month. Winners are gridders and you will receive a \$20 gift voucher to spend with us to keep you smiling.



I thought you might like to see the end result of the 'pussy cat' rug in which you helped match the colours of the wool. My friend loved it. Thanks again for a great service.

Maree S of Bermagui NSW.

Maree used our 8ply dazzle to create her heirloom which looks much better in colour than this printed monochrome picture.



This is the baby outfit that **Gloria J from Gatton** made. The pattern was taken from a Panda "Baby and Childrens, Knitting and Crochet" book. The outfit was made from Madam Tricot perle #5 crochet cotton.

I would just like to say many thanks for the patterns and cottons. The patterns look wonderful. Can't wait to try them out. Also I didn't know there was variegated size 10 cotton but now I do.
Denise W of Kirrawee NSW.

Yes we have variegated crochet cotton in #10 (Maxi and Babylo) and other sizes available are #20, #30, #40 and #80. We also have variegated 4ply cotton - so we have all bases covered!

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 April 2010 period.



**Congratulations
Teresa C
MOLONG 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



from SS2107 THE CROCHET STITCH BIBLE

A trim is a length of crochet worked separately from the main piece and then stitched along an edge or in any position required. Crochet trim may also be onto fabric. An edging is worked directly onto the edge of the main piece of crochet, often using a hook one or two sizes smaller than the main-piece hook.

Thank you so much for taking the time to fill in the gaps on the pattern. My friend was so excited to receive them her face lit up like a Christmas tree and she got a bit weepy. It was all worth while though. **Jesse S of Mandurah WA.**

I was so excited when my new order of Altin Basak Klasik thread arrived today, that I couldn't resist taking some with me on an errand, and while waiting around managed to whip up this little fellow, a rare Winged Australian Rainbow Book Wym. He will be part of a special event here in Brisbane later this month called Saviour of the Lost Arts, where the shuttles you sent will also be used to teach others tatting. Your contact details will be part of what I tell them, because the products are great and the service is excellent. **Karen B of Acacia Ridge QLD.**



Wow that was fast delivery. It seemed like I just hung up the phone and the goods were here. Thanks for the calories too, something my bum doesn't need. All arrived in good order. **Jenny M of Lowood QLD.**



You know those days when you feel not quite on top of the world and you wonder why you are here and you think no one cares. Well we all have those days. It is only a real problem when those days get closer together. A little package arrived here one day and inside was this cute little doll dressed by **Chris T of Wallan VIC.** It did put a smile on my face. The outfit complete with panties and socks is knitted out of perle #8. The doll is a 5" Itty Bitty doll. Chris tells me that it takes 2 days to complete. Definitely a labour of love. Well done Chris and thank you again.

My book arrived today and my mind is spinning, what to start with first. Its a pleasure to see patterns in colour and some new ideas. I only had 2 old books which have been passed around for some time but they got me hooked on tatting. I love any craft and always looking for a new challenge. **Judith L of Surf Beach NSW.**

Thank you very much my crochet hooks have arrived. Can't wait to try them out, especially the bamboo ones. Aluminium hooks are hard to come by down here (country area of Newcastle/Maitland). The larger sizes are the worst to find. Thank you also for my 'little rainbows' they were yummy. **Christine G of Glen Oak NSW.** Unfortunately the "rainbow" lollies have been discontinued by the distributor so is back to Freddo for the winter months anyway til we find a substitute.



This delightful rose and pineapple doily from **877511 Old fashion Doilies** has **Wendy D from Grafton NSW** all excited as she has been making the roses all different colours using perle #5 where there are no similar colours in the #10. What does Wendy do with her doilies? They are used for raffles with the proceeds always going to a good cause. Wendy has been doing this sort of work for a long time now. Crocheting helps Wendy get her through each day with a smile and even though every day is a struggle with her own health, she is always putting others first. Guess she had a good teacher in her mum - see below.



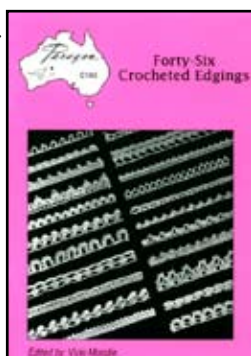
Jean S of Grafton NSW is now in a nursing home and her life has really blossomed. She knits lots of bed dolls with our fashion dolls and they are used for raffles which aid other activities such as residents' birthdays in the nursing home and most importantly some of the proceeds are also donated to the Lismore Helicopter Rescue team who are also there if the residents of the nursing need urgent medical help. It's a win, win all round. Well done Jean.



Dorothy McC of Warwick WA sent us these pictures of the shawls she has crocheted from *Craft Moods BK18 Crocheted Rugs and Shawls*. She is new to crocheting and tells us that she found these patterns very easy to follow.

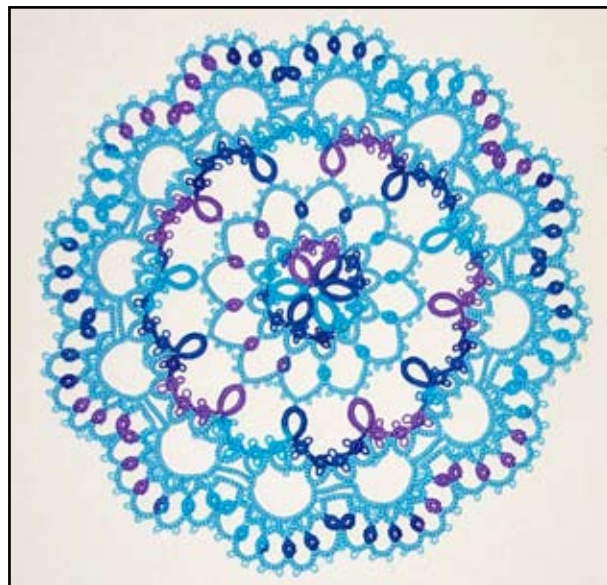


My book of *Forty Six Crocheted Edgings PARC103* arrived in the post today and is all I hoped it would be. I was about to ask you about new sizes of crochet hooks as I have inherited dozens of hooks which belonged to my late Grandmother, all in old sizes of course, but instead found the conversion chart on your web site. Problem solved before I asked! I am also delighted that I will be able to buy spoked handkerchiefs from you. I have been able to find a few in a local shop, but was told they are very hard to come by as they are only available from Spain. Well, now I know better and as a bonus your prices are competitive to say the very least. **Lenis W of Pasadena SA.**



Haven't tried Spain, we import most of our handkerchiefs from other parts of Europe where the price and quality is good. We stock spoked hankies in white and coloured both with straight and scalloped edge, with and without motifs.

Jenni C from Broadford Vic came to visit recently and showed us her exquisite little doilies tatted with #40 Lizbeth. Jenni was on a mission for the tatters of Victoria. They now have somewhere to buy all their threads, especially the full range of Lizbeth in #20 and #40 with 111 colours. That should be enough to keep any tatter happy.



Jan W of Maleny QLD has been at it again trying out our new Lizbeth thread and making this delightful doily from an old Coats book #735 Flowers in Crochet. She hopes to enter her crocheting in the local show this year.



The years that a woman subtracts from her age are not lost - they are added to the ages of other women. (Diane de Poitiers)

And from George Burns - I don't eat healthy foods - at my age I need all the preservatives I can get.



Look what we found to keep you warm this Winter!



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



201013 Dishcloths on the Double \$12.75
971534X Christmas Spirit Afghans \$7.95



877519 Delma's Diagonal Stitch \$14.95



ASN1330 \$13.65



873421 \$13.95



874351 Filet Crochet Afghans in a Day \$12.30



877536 Naptime-Playtime Blankets & Toys \$12.95



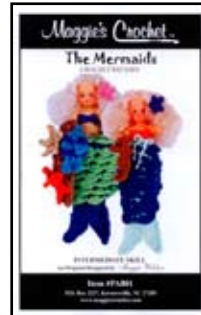
874054 Celtic Afghans \$14.30



874711 Crochet-on-the-Double in the Round \$12.30



TW9002 \$4.65



MCPA801 \$11.75



873916 Crochetnit Mile-a-Minute Afghans \$15.95



876517 Colorful Foot-Pocket Throws \$15.30



LA4590 Snappy Wraps \$14.95



SP2009 Great N American Afghan \$21.95*



876505 Birthday Bears & Blankets \$16.85



ASN1323 Reversible Ripple Afghans \$15.35



P2092 Great American Kid's Afghan \$16.95