

Crochet Extra

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What a month July has been and I am still wearing my woolen socks to work. Working in the building zone has been an experience. We have overcome noise, dust and dirt (thankfully outside) and really appreciate the tranquility when the builders go home each afternoon. The rusty roof has been taken off the building and replaced with an insulated higher pitched roof that will soon have some character and now we even have somewhere to park and use as an undercover area. Looking forward to having gutters on the roof next. It is the small things in life that we take for granted that makes us appreciate what we consider to be normal living. Have you ever wondered how many nails and screws are taken and discarded from an old roof. There has to be hundreds. (Know where 2 went.....in the car tyres!!)

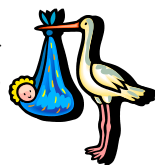


The gardens are slowly taking shape and a fence or two has sprung up from a lot of the recycled timbers, roof iron and fencings found on the property prior to our arrival. If you have any ideas for using recycled sheets of roof iron we would

love to hear from you as we have lots to play with. We are painting the old garage roof at the moment (between showers of rain) so still not much crocheting happening here at the moment.

A new shipment of Annies books is due in towards the end of August so lots to share in next newsletter. A few more tatting books and the new 2010 hardanger book have graced our doors, but not a lot of new items have been offered to us. Maybe the cupboards and shelves are full and it is time to embrace what is already available, so in the coming months we will recap some of the old favourites to jog your memory of all the goodies available here at Crochet Australia.

Stork Talk!! We have two new grandsons, River Kai to Sue and Mick in Feb and Baylen Mervyn to Kim and Wayne on 30 July.



Until next time

Vicki.

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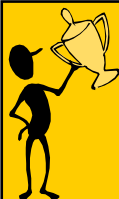
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PRODUCTS OF THE MONTH



Wind, Turn to Create and have FUN!!!

This month we are looking at all the gadgets that we stock for you to create quick and simple ideas to use in conjunction with your crochet and knitting skills.

For starters we have the knitting Nancy and Neville, the ever popular Knit wonder and the new Embellish Knit machine to create metres of circular braid and cord to embellish or form the basis of bracelets and necklaces. We even have a free scarf / rug pattern for you to try using these braids. Please just ask.

The Singer Knitting machine churns out tubular knitting sections that are great for beanies and socks or it can produce even flat pieces of knitting for rugs, scarves, bags, dog coats or whenever a flat section of knitting is required. It is easy, quick and fun. Have you seen 121033 Modular Knitting book yet? Use this book to create fun garments from blocks of knitting.

Then life would not be the same without the humble pom pom maker. Yes we have the plain and simple plastic rings with holes, the sets that are worked in halves and then clipped together, and the ultimate pompom maker from Clover that produce products that make your life even simpler. These are great if you have tired or arthritic fingers as they are virtually fool proof to use, and you get the perfect pompom every time. Lots of sizes are available too.

The Butterfly loom is another device for making squares and not a crochet hook or knitting needle required. Just wrap and knot and hey presto you will create beautiful squares. Work with some of the wonderful yarn now available on the market or combine them with your existing yarns and then make your squares into rugs, scarves, bags, wraps or wherever the whim takes you. Another portable loom that folds up for easy storage. Learn to Butterfly Loom ASN 1390 will guide you through the process.

Then of course there is the daisy wheel for making small flowers that can be joined together to make jackets, bonnets, christening dress and shawl for baby or doilies for mum; the larger version, Bloom loom that makes reversible 3½" and 2" flowers and the multi purpose "Hana-Ami" flower loom from Clover that makes wonderful flowers, squares and hexagon motifs. 6 looms in the one set. Like the butterfly loom, if it can be wound it can be used with this tool. For a change try fabric strips, twine, raffia, embroidery threads and ribbons. Your imagination is the only limit.

To create spectacular things from ribbons or fabric remnants we have the delightful rose makers and bow makers in 3 sizes, and the quick and easy yo yo makers that create fabric motifs in rounds, hearts, flower shapes all in multi sizes. Embellish, bags, table runners, decorations, hats, hair ornaments and more. For your convenience we have enclosed a list of all these goodies to help you have a bit more fun and pass the time during the colder months of winter.

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!



Thanks for the great service, I ring today and by the next day's post my order has arrived. I have sent back the smaller dolls, everyone loves them [the smaller ones] but will buy the bigger ones. I have sent you a picture of a couple of dolls I have done, hope you like them. **Linda P, Gore QLD**

Thankyou for this order it was picked up at PO today. Ta for the gift. Haven't worked in white for a while should work nice - must remember to check if you have that yarn in colours, it should make a nice shawl for a cert lady. So nice to know you people are there - the mignonette tatting book looks fascinating. The book you sent last week has a pic of a tasy shuttle and it looks quite appropriately large. **Joseph H, Merrylands NSW**

Yes we now have the Tasy shuttles in stock for people wanting the larger shuttle for thicker threads- see the New Arrivals section near the end of this newsletter.

Thank you for promptly sending the tatting books that I ordered. Now I need some cottons to get on with some of the projects. I loved the hanky and chocky enclosed too.

Elaine R, Cornubia QLD



Lorna B of Maryborough QLD sent a picture of her completed towel edges. Lorna works with Clever country 4ply and donates her crocheting to charity. *We still have a range of tea towels available but unfortunately the cows have sold out.*

I have placed a few orders with you, and I am astounded at the fantastic service you provide!! Many, many thanks. I certainly shall continue as a regular customer, in spite of my husband declaring "oh no, not another order!!!!!"

Eva J, Redbank Plains 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 June 2010 period.



**Congratulations
Elaine R
Cornubia 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



From **Visual Crochet Quick Tips JW7410** (page 189).

Some plied yarns can be prone to splitting while you work. It may seem that pulling a misbehaved yarn would be the best way to control it as you work, but pulling yarn tight and working with a small hook strains the yarn. Be gentle with your yarn especially when ripping back as it can leave the yarn kinked and split.

Genevieve T of Rockhampton QLD had this to say on her postcard. Thankyou for the prompt delivery of my tatting order. All is perfect! Thankyou for the Freddo. "a spoonful of sugar" is always delightful.



My parcel has arrived. Thank you very much for your prompt service. My husband thanks you for the Freddo Frog! Look forward to doing business with you again.
Rose S, Palmerston NT *Appears many husbands pinch the Freddos.*

Gloria C of Torquay QLD uses #30 thread to create these beautiful edges on her hankies. Her favourite threads are the Altin Basak Klasik, Cebelia and Babylo.



Heather McK of Sherwood QLD rings me regularly with some of the oddest requests, but some how we manage to find just what she is looking for in the box of bits that we have kept and added to over the years. Heather recently sent us a butterfly with this note. "Thankyou for your prompt response to my phone call. All you have posted is just right. I must say, from previous experience, that I knew it would be. I hope this small thankyou gift brightens up your day." *Thanks Heather, muchly appreciated.*

Thankyou for your prompt service in sending my current hooks and guage. My 87 year old mother and myself do a lot of wool crochet and knitting throughout the year to go overseas to the missions. I always like reading your Newsletter.

Carmen P, Springwood QLD

Thankyou for my order. All arrived safely as usual. I love the free gift of the variegated crochet cotton. I am making tiny lidded gift boxes using 2 colours of #5 perle thread worked together, and the funny thing is the boxes I have made so far red, pink and aqua - exactly the colours in the thread.

Maureen M from Heathmont VIC *We try to match the freebie with the customer – guess sometimes we get it really right!! Scary Huh!*

Thanks for my book which arrived in today's mail.....the service is remarkable. The frog treat was a lovely surprise. **Kay M of Toowoomba QLD** was looking forward to receiving her book **Filet Lace Net Embroidery SM3654** (\$34.95) and learning a new skill. Kay was so happy with her book and when she took it to craft that week two of her friends ordered one as well.



I received my knitting needles from you yesterday. I wanted to say a big thank you. I always buy my accessories from you, you are hands down the best online shop in Australia! I can't believe how prompt your service is, but also the care you take with packing and the chocolate is such a delightful little detail. These are the things that people really and truly do appreciate, and I just wanted to tell you that. **Esther R, Mooloolaba QLD**



Just received my order and as always less than 24 hours from when I ordered it. Incredible!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I wanted to say thank you for the free gifts, both this order, and my last order. A bit of thought went into them both and I very much appreciated them. Also, wanted to say that I have just purchased my first Liteflex Pearls Circular Needle. WOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I have

used all the brands available for Circular needles in Australia, and this one is by far the best I have ever used. I normally have to spend a week straightening the cord of the other brands. This one I have just taken out of the packet and used straight away. Fabulous. Thank you once again for the great job that both you and Ray do. It is nice to get good old fashioned service. You can't beat it.

Carolyn C, Fitzgibbon QLD

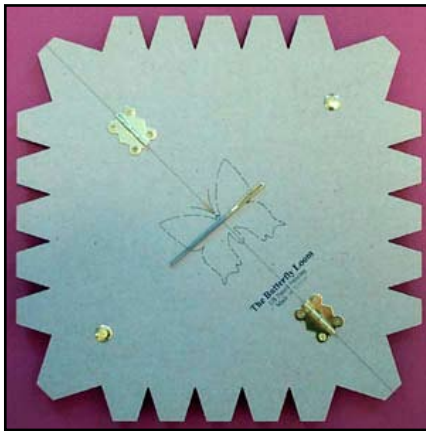


I have recently starting purchasing your Crochet Monthly magazines and I can hardly contain my excitement. I loved crocheting and have been searching for years for this magazine and who would have guessed that

I would get them from another continent. Thank you for your prompt service and I hope you keep on providing me with my favourite magazine. **Sandra T, SOUTH AFRICA**



*Look what we found to wind, turn to
create and have fun!!*



Butterfly Loom (Medium) \$12.95



Daisy Wheel (Metal) \$12.85



Bloom Loom (Flower Loom) \$7.00



French Knitting Looms
Nancy \$10.10 Neville \$12.50



Clover Flower Loom (Hana-Ami) \$32.65



Clover Wonder Knitter \$13.95



PomPom Maker Set \$2.30



INOX PomPom Set \$25.50

Clover PomPom Makers



Extra Small (20 & 25mm) \$7.90
Medium (35 & 45mm) \$10.10
Large (65 & 85mm) \$12.60



Extra Large (11.5cm) \$15.75



Prym Knitting Mill \$97.85

**Note, this item is temporarily
unavailable - please contact us to order.**



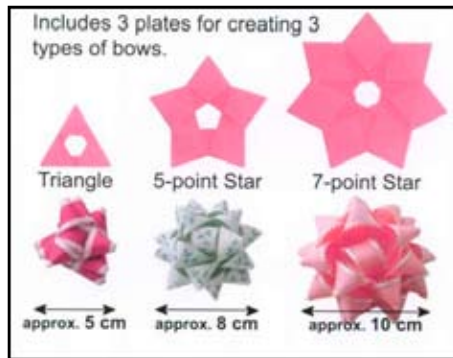
Clover Quick Yo-Yo Maker - Flower
Small Flower (35mm) \$10.00
Large Flower (45mm) \$11.00



Clover Quick Yo-Yo Maker - Heart
Small Heart (25 x 30mm) \$10.00
Large Heart (40 x 45mm) \$11.00



Clover Quick Yo-Yo Maker - Round
Extra Small Round (18mm) \$9.20
Small Round (30mm) \$9.20
Large Round (45mm) \$10.00
Extra Large Round (60mm) \$11.00



Clover Bow Maker
Small \$9.40

Triangle approx 3.5cm wide
 5-point star approx 5cm wide
 7-point star approx 7cm wide

Medium \$11.20

Triangle approx 5cm wide
 5-point star approx 8cm wide
 7-point star approx 10cm wide

Large \$13.20

Triangle approx 7cm wide
 5-point star approx 10cm wide
 7-point star approx 14cm wide



Clover Rose Maker
Small (4cm) \$11.20
Medium (5cm) \$13.20
Large (6cm) \$15.00



Singer Knitting Machine \$57.35

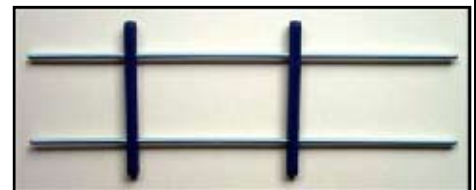
Creates flat knitting up to 5" (12.5cm) wide and seamless tube up to 10" (25cm) diameter.



Boye Loopy Scarf Tool \$7.50



Embellish Knit Automatic Spool Knitter \$28.50



Adjustable Hairpin Crochet Loom \$7.95

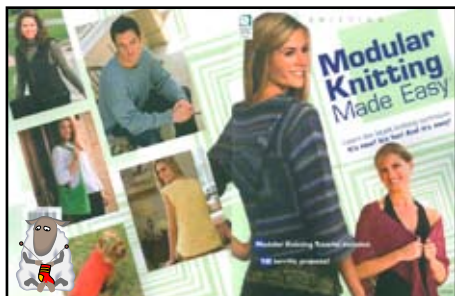


INOX Steel Hairpin Fork 2cm \$8.80



Clover Adjustable Hairpin Lace Tool \$24.20

The following books are not new but are included as you may find one or more of interest.



121033 Modular Knitting Made Easy
\$16.70



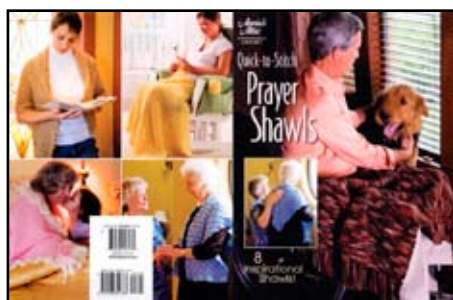
Delmas Diagonal Stitch \$14.95



LA75111 Ponchos and More for Kids
\$8.30



875552 Eternity Shawls \$13.45



877531 Quick to Stitch Prayer Shawl
\$16.20



Crochet Monthly Magazines (British)
\$9.00 each.



875553 Desperate Crochet \$15.35



877537 Single Crochet A to Z Sampler
\$14.95

Also sets of 6 available for \$45 (save \$9)



875559 Spectacular Polish Star Fashions \$16.35



LA4814 Panel by Panel Afghans
\$25.10* plus extra post



Decorative Crochet Magazines (USA)
\$10.00 each.

Also sets of 6 available for \$50 (save \$10)



876513 Scrap Granny Crochet \$15.30



LA75050 Little Kitchen Helpers \$8.30



Magic Crochet Magazines (USA)
\$11.00 each.

Also sets of 6 available for \$55 (save \$11)