

# Crochet Extra

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It is happy birthday month here at Crochet Australia. Both Ray and I, our grandson Mitchell and our sons-in-law Jason and Michael all share this time of celebration. For some of us it is just another day and we hope it passes quickly.



Well our customers must all be gearing up for Christmas as we have been exceptionally busy since the election results were announced. No more will be said on that subject except - was there a winner or did we all miss that. Seems that the antics are still unfolding.

With warmer weather on the horizon, summer crocheting of clothing including swimwear and cotton tops, doilies, knick-knacks, towel tops and cotton rugs are on the agenda. Those nimble fingers just keep working tirelessly. Thank goodness we have great hooks. There has been a large increase in the number of people using the Clover arthritic hooks so guess the work is spreading throughout the land that they are the most comfortable hook for all crocheters. Certainly a very good investment and age has no barrier here.



As you will see by this newsletter we are still finding  new bits and pieces to keep everyone interested. We are always happy to hear from our customers about new products that we may not have found yet.

Until next time, happy crocheting.

*Vicki*

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## PRODUCT OF THE MONTH



### Knitting

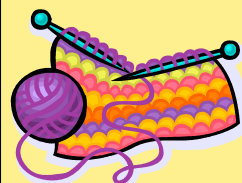
From Wikipedia, we are told that knitting is a method by which thread or yarn may be turned into cloth or other fine crafts. Knitting consists of consecutive loops, called stitches. As each row progresses, a new loop is pulled through an existing loop. The active stitches are held on a needle until another loop can be passed through them. This process eventually results in a final product, often a garment.



Like crocheting, knitting has always been a popular pastime and most of us learnt to knit at an early age. Alas if you have never taken up the challenge, there are lots of great ideas and patterns that you are missing out on. Tricot and crochtnit, although not knitting, produce a similar style of fabric as this technique has knit and purl rows worked with a long crochet hook. There has been a lot of interest of late in both of these, as it is seen as a new craft even though they have been around since knitting began.

Here at Cro Aus we have mainly concentrated on baby knitting, afghan rugs, childrens clothing, toys and novelty articles that are available. We do however have great knitting needles with arthritic properties. We are always receiving rave reviews over the Liteflex range and the Boye circular knitters in sets have always been a favourite of the lace knitters. If knitting needles seem a lot of effort to you, alas we have the Prym knitting machine available, and you will be able to whiz up those endless pieces of plain knitting in no time at all.

Most of our cottons ranging from the finer #100 to the thicker #5 are suitable for lace knitting and the thicker 4ply and 8plys are wonderful for clothing, shawls, rugs etc all year round. Our 8ply Dazzle acrylic in the 100g balls and Peterpan baby yarns in 2, 3, 4 and 8ply in 50g seem to be popular no matter what the season. With bead knitting for dolls and purses or knitting miniatures being of interest to some, the perle #8 in both DMC and the Turkish thread Oran Beyan are available and there are 100s of colours to choose from. Yes some very tiny knitting needles used here and of course we stock them as well.



Colour charts are available for all our threads and yarn. Please ask if you need them and we are happy to post them off with your orders.

WE'RE HOOKED ON CROCHET!



## CROCHETER'S CORNER

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## 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!



This is my first attempt at filet crochet. From Ondori book Filet Crochet Lace and is worked in #40 cotton. I made this runner for a friend's wedding present. **Susan L, Nambour Qld.** Susan also showed us a thread holder she had made. Great idea too.

I received my parcel today!!!! It is the replacement one you sent me. I just want to say Thank You so very much. The service is always A1 from Crochet Australia but this time it went way past the normal. **Diana M, Strathpine Qld.**

*Oh yes Australia post does loose parcels and the only way to track them is registered post. Worth a thought when placing your orders. Unfortunately Australia Post cannot boast that they always deliver and this can be very inconvenient for you the customer as we are not responsible for the item once it has been lodged at the post office. Sad but true. We lost 2 last month.*



The parcel of wonderful crochet booklets arrived today and I am absolutely thrilled with each one. Thank you so much for the prompt service and excellent packaging. I look forward to choosing something soon and ordering some yarn for same. **Margaret M, Mount Martha VIC.**

**Jane M, Carlingford NSW** put in her first order this month. I was looking for information on converting American Crochet hook sizes. I googled and naturally clicked onto the Aussie site first as I expected that it would understand my dilemmas. You met them and more and I haven't even looked at any other site - didn't need to.

*In addition to over 2600 products our web site contains a wealth of crochet information including conversion charts for hooks and USA crochet terminology. The site also has a multitude of customer masterpieces on display and of course every edition of this newsletter (excluding specials and new arrivals).*



### 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 September 2010 period.



**Congratulations  
Patricia T  
MILDURA VIC**



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!!

Thankyou for a lovely day when we came to visit. As always I had a lovely time. I have sent you a photo of the aeroplane I made from the amigurumi book, A6747. It is quite cute but need some advice on joining in colours when doing it in the round, mine do not seem to line up. **Avis W, Everton Park Qld.**

**Julie P, Green Point NSW** makes rugs and other things for the hospital shop and tells me that Freddo in her parcel was enough to break her diet. Sorry Julie guess that happens from time to time. Usually the husbands get them first. We will watch out for low calorie chocolate for our customers to keep them on the straight and narrow.



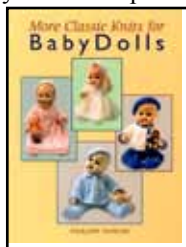
**Judy A, Lota Qld** usually crochets the tops for towels but has certainly excelled herself with this nativity scene from 951704Z Impkin Nativity.



**Lexi B, Tenterfield NSW** tells us that that her niece needed some traced linen and the only place she could find some was from Crochet Aust. Lexie is into dolls as well and just loves dressing them for Show competitions. She buys the 13" Angel dolls and the 10" Itty dolls.



Just had a quiet moment to sit down and open your parcel. Thank you for the pressie of the wool. I didn't realize that you stocked wool too. It was a good choice of colour as yesterday I got some yellow gingham to sew a little pair of pants so the wool will make a really good jacket to go with it. I am going to have some fun with these little things. As always the package arrived in good order and condition. Thank you so much.



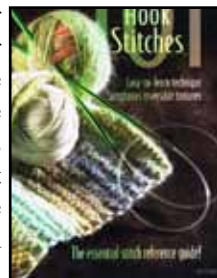
**Elaine R, Cornubia QLD.**

*Elaine has decided to make lots of dolls clothes and went mad buying dolly books. This one especially was a good choice - SS2034 More Classic Knits for Baby dolls.*

We certainly have lots of dolly ladies out there. Here is **Anne B's** from **Berowra NSW** creations. Anne dresses these 13" angel dolls using 5ply wool and a Cindy doll pattern to which she just added some length to the skirt.



**Esme D, Kurri Kurri NSW** is one of our newer customers and loves receiving her orders too. Not much to be found where she lives and phone orders work well for her. We usually have a bit of a chat as well. She has found lots of wonderful books and threads at Crochet Aust and feels quite special each time she gets a parcel. Esme is looking forward to trying out a new skill with 871060 - 101 Double Ended Hook Stitches.



**Jan W, Maleny Qld** created this great pansy doily with Irish crochet leaves using an old Paragon pattern from PARC122 and Lizbeth #20 cotton. Well done Jan.

**Dorothy L, Maryborough QLD** writes - Many thanks for Arthritic crochet hooks, Extra newsletters and freddo frogs. I really like the crochet hooks as I have arthritis in my hands and have trouble with steel hooks twisting and dropping stitches.

**Helen W, Toowoomba QLD** visited this month and gave us this lovely towel and washer set she recently edged. Thanks Helen.

