



Crochet Extra

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Welcome to the Nov 2010 Newsletter. Here in Maleny we are embracing the warmer weather and the Crochet Australia building is getting a new coat of paint and the gardens are starting to fill up with colour and more shrubs. Next year we should have colour everywhere to welcome our visitors and friends. We are now nearly one year into the 2 year plan and well on track with plenty to do outside and loving every minute of it. We look upon this as a working holiday with endless possibilities and new adventures arising everyday.



We have been taking advantage of the Aussie dollar being so high and have new dolls and books to share with you. The new Cebelia in #10 and #20 has arrived and the new colours can only be described as delicious. Colour charts are available.



Like good "green people" we have some very colourful string bags to give away with orders over \$100 this month and some terrific bags of Gluten free jelly lollies. There is only one problem, because these lollies taste like lollies used to taste, temptation seems to be tapping me on the shoulder from time to time.

We'll hope you enjoy all the new dolls. We look forward to hearing from our customers with photos of their dressed masterpieces, especially the dark skinned ones.



We have had many calls regarding the Art of Crochet series. Please note we have nothing to do with this series, available through newsagents and also by subscription. If you have any queries please direct them to either your newsagent or the magazine publisher.

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Colour my world.

When you enter the Crochet Australia thread rooms you are surrounded by an abundant array of colours in many different sized threads. From the finer doily threads to the 4ply and 8ply cottons, there is tremendous choice and we are always happy to help with blending and matching of the yarns. Gone are the days when ecru and white were the only choice, although some of the larger retailers would have you believe this.

As we wander through, we are beckoned into the many drawers of straight and scalloped edged hankies. Mostly pastel shades here, some plain and some with motifs, and some even come in packs with matching threads. Amongst them hide the linen shapes of all sorts to use singularly or to join into runners and more. But wait, above them sits the traced linen pieces - 3 piece sets, centres, tray cloths and runners that explode with colour and beg to be taken home and completed with a crocheted edge.

Crochet, tatting and knitting books a plenty here, over 2000 titles to choose from all proudly showing off their colourful covers just waiting to be read and spanning subjects from edges, afghans, doilies, baby wear, dolls, novelties, techniques, jug covers, towel tops, Christmas and more.

With plenty of hooks, looms, shuttles and other gismos draping the walls and adding their own splash of colour, life does not get better than this. All this colour is like an English cottage garden in Spring.



Lots to admire and enjoy the moment, but you have the pleasure of taking home the memory and some of the treasures.

All this and more can be found on our web site at <http://www.crochetaustralia.com.au> or please phone if you have specific needs.



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!

Thank you for the order I sent on Monday and which arrived yesterday (with lollies!) - such fast service. You were recommended by a friend. **Bonnie L, Mawson ACT.**



This great little comb and mirror case was made by **Elma R, Banyo QLD.** She does lots of charity work for Legacy, and created this beauty from Klasik Metallic yarn #30. Good job Elma.



Clista S from Biloela QLD recently sent us some photos of her doilies both crocheted and embroidered. The filet roses pattern is from an old Ondori book and the embroidered carnations with the crocheted edge would have to be an oldie as well. Keep up the hard work Clista.



The order has arrived all happy and complete, thank you - and thanks for registering it as well. I never remember to ask. **Veronica S, Sunnybank Hills QLD.** *This order of Venus thread, fine gold tip hooks and hankies was rather large, so we took the liberty to insure the parcel.*

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
Lola C
ULMARRA 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 the book **JW7410 Visual Quick Tips Crochet (\$19.95*)** comes this hint:

When you put your crochet project down for a while you may wish to temporarily fasten off. Simply make a loop large enough to pull the entire ball of yarn through. If the little knot isn't too tight you can loosen the loop and pull your yarn back through when you are ready to crochet again.

Thank you for your prompt attention to the small order I placed for crochet cotton yesterday - it arrived today. As always Clever Country colours are great and I love the quality and shade of the Almina you recommended.

Aileen O, Poona QLD.



From Queensland Australia to Wales UK in less than a week, how brilliant is that!! Your service really is the BEST and I do appreciate it. Thankyou so much for my latest order arrived this morning - now all I need to do is buy some TIME! I am still very tempted with some of those MYM publications so watch out for another order real soon! Do you know, I can order items from within the UK and they can easily take up to three weeks - or more - to arrive. **Jan H, UK.**



Wow, this surprise came in the mail from **Sheila S, Bundaberg QLD**. Sally is from the Jean Greenhowe book Scarecrow Family JG3013. Sheila has made 42 toys this year to give to the Salvos who then passed them onto the Childrens hospital cancer ward.

Her other love is thread crochet and this masterpiece is from the discontinued Ondori Book, Crochet Lace with complete Diagrams, worked in Daphne #20. Wonder what she does in her spare time?



Cynthia O'B, Rockhampton QLD and her group have found that the best way to deal with the postage factor is to put their orders in the one parcel. She says that our order has arrived safely and everyone is very happy with their choices. Also a very big thank you for the extra "gifts" we received. Really appreciated.



My baby patterns (Oct special) arrived today and I am really pleased with them. I have done your crochet patterns quite a few times and now my niece's want me to make knitted items, to add to their bottom drawer, all so sure they are going to get married and have families, one day. **Helen McC, Banora Point QLD.**



Lynda N, Davistown NSW recently bought an assortment of goodies she had been thinking of getting for a while. She loves our dolls that work well with her existing patterns and can now finish some of her UFOs.



Lexie B, Thistledome NSW was so surprised to see that her favourite Jean Greenhowe books were back. Now she has added a few more to the collection so that she can keep those toys rolling out for her market stall. Lexie dresses the 10" Itty dolls that her customers cannot get enough of.



Lesley E of Innisfail QLD has been scooping up the grand champion prizes around Qld so decided to enter some of her masterpieces in the Royal Melbourne Show. You guessed it, First prize and best exhibit Melbourne show 2010. Lesley works in Cebelia #40 and Cordonett #60. "Apple, blossom, birds and poppies" is from the popular Barbara Ballantyne book, Mary Cards crochet Lace Birds, BARBAL04.



The following books, which have been out of stock for some time, are now available again!!



NN312 Wee Ones in Hardanger Embroidery \$16.95

By Mildred Torgerson – Compiled by Susan L Meier & Rosalyn K Watnemo. Hardanger Gallery Collection Volume 12. Includes general stitch instructions with diagrams. These 17 small doilies make excellent small gifts and really don't take that much time to sew! Finishing sizes are between 4 and 7". Detailed black and white photos and charted designs. 40 pages.



PO112 Chicken Scratch & Candlewicking \$15.35



PO113 More Chicken Scratch & Candlewick \$12.35



PO115 Even More Chicken Scratch \$12.35



PO116 Chicken Scratch for All Occasions \$12.35