

Crochet Extra

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Well here we are into the new year of 2011 and enjoying the cooler summer days. Most of us have seen enough of the wet weather and confinement to the indoors but this also gives us the opportunity to finish some of the projects left over from the previous years. Yes, at long last I have picked up the crochet hook and worked a couple of patterns in the MT Perle #5 for the 10" Itty dolls. If the time arises, I am hoping to develop some tea cosies this year.

We have a new Aussie crochet designer. Linden is working on a range of fun dolls and we are delighted to have her very first pattern available to you this month. Her efforts are outstanding and the end product is a credit to her. See the New Arrivals section for details.



New colours should be available in the Lizbeth #20 and #40 later this month. This thread has been extremely popular, especially with the tatters. We now have a LAST COPIES section on the web site in the crochet books. The second hand books are in the process of a make over as well. Hopefully this will make those collectables a bit easier to find. Sometimes there is only one copy so this section varies daily.



With the floods all around many areas, our thoughts are with those affected. Aust Post has also had some difficulties delivering the mail, so guess patience is required, but we know that eventually they deliver. Registration is the only way to track your parcel, so perhaps consider that option next time you order.

Until next time, happy crocheting

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PRODUCT OF THE MONTH



Jug Covers, Edges and Beads

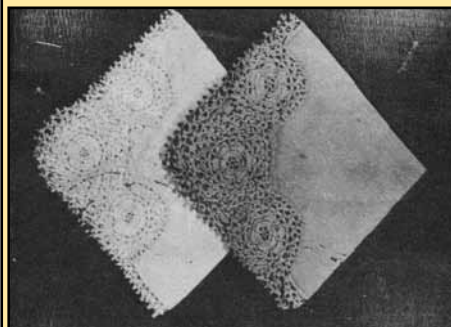
Jug covers have been around for decades. These were made from scraps of material or lace and the beads held down the cover to protect the contents of the jug or bowl from insects. Today crocheted jug covers are mainly decorative and the lacy doily



has taken on a whole new image. Some are elegant filet designs of birds and flower, or have seed beads that form a pattern, while others are made of beautiful coloured threads or the traditional whites and ecru. The large holed ceramic beads, even though very practical and popular, have been surpassed by beautiful glass beads of many shapes and sizes, simple sea shells and trinkets.



Some of the more practical covers are merely a piece of lace fabric complemented with a crocheted edge that lends itself to be beaded. We have a variety of edge books which are usually intended for hankies and linens, but they adapt very well to jug cover edges as well.



This month I was sent an old pattern (from a 1962 Womens Weekly) for an edge and corner of a linen hanky. The Irish rose of this design would

be ideal for the centre of the jug cover, or several of the motifs as an edging. *Ask for a copy with your next order.* In the past we have seen the miniature cup and saucer design as the centre theme, small porcelain dolls and embroidered fabric. With all the products that are available today, guess the possibilities are endless. Perhaps visit your local op shop and collect some bits and pieces and create your own. Would you like to share your ideas with other, then drop us a line.



CROCHETER'S CORNER

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Masterpieces of the Month



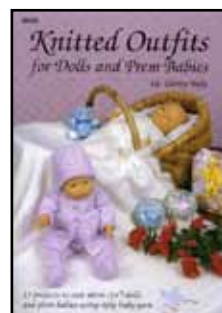
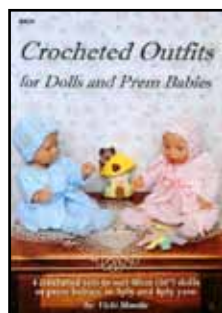
Send us a photo of your masterpiece and tell us what book it came from and your masterpiece could feature in the next edition of "Crochet Extra"

Here are some customer comments and masterpieces for this month!

Received my first order today, and now I am ordering a Singer Knitting machine. Can't wait to get this and try it out. Thanks for service you gave me and the surprise freddo.
Rosemaire E of Modbury North SA.



Thank you for the quick service. We arrived home this morning and the books were waiting for us. Cobie is working on outfits for prem babies. **Cobie H, Cherrybrook NSW.**



Thought you might like to see the two Itty Bitty Dolls and their outfits, that I purchased from you a few months ago. My granddaughters were delighted and I would like to thank you for your information regarding the Cotton No.10 size used. They came out perfectly. Will be definitely purchasing more goodies next year. **Diana F, Armidale NSW.**



Mary Ann D of Newtown QLD says thank you for promptly sending the books I ordered. Since I've been on treatment for cancer I haven't been driving, so rely on my husband. He has promised to take me to your shop early in 2011, which will be lovely. However, I am grateful to have found you online. I've been enjoying the pattern books and making doilies for the Hospice fundraiser. I look forward to the arrival of the threads.
Keep up the good work Mary Ann.

The Dazzle cream wool # 260 matched, I will be able to finish the rug over Christmas. Thank you for all your help in the past year and my goodies being posted so quickly.

Val P, Yarrawarrah NSW.



Thanks so much for your helpful email. I am now very clever at doing a half treble and enjoying making up some little lavender bags for Christmas gifts. I really like making practical crafts that can be used around the home. We are off on our Australian adventure in just 2 weeks time and so I am looking forward to trying out a lot more of your patterns in the booklets I've purchased from you a few years ago.

Irene M, Falcon WA.

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 November 2010 period.



**Congratulations
Susan C
Merriwa 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

Give life to an old doily!!

If you have a doily that you would like to use as a jug cover but the pattern is too open, cut a piece of netting to match and sew to the back of the doily. Sew or crochet on some beads and hey presto, new life for the doily.

Many thanks to all our customers for the many Christmas wishes. Here is a sample of the cards.



Just wanted to send you a quick note say that my order arrived this morning while I was out. I sent my step-daughter an SMS telling her she should receive a parcel today or tomorrow, but she came straight back and said it had arrived as she received my message - that is service at it's best. A very satisfied customer. **Paula W, Werrington Downs NSW.**



Annette P of Lorn NSW sent us this picture of a tea cosy she created from Bavarian crochet.



Many thanks for the prompt arrival of the 4 Cro-hooks that I ordered, my friends will be pleased. I never realized how easy it was to get them, I will pay you a visit next time I come to Queensland, as all your books on "Crochet on the Double" look interesting. **Christine L, Bonnett Bay NSW.**



Just to let you know that I received the order today and I know I enjoy trying out the various patterns.
Rose A, St Huberts Island NSW.



Karen F of Clarinda VIC sent us a photo of Dash wearing her special hat for the festive season. *How cute is that!!*

Another beautiful dressed doll from **Gloria J, Gatton QLD.** This creation is from Oh, So Cute Doll Clothes 871048.



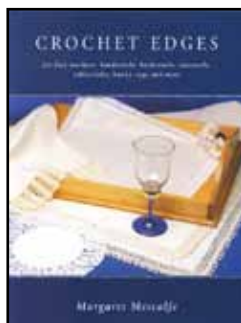
Heather M from Glen Innes NSW shares her version of the Glen Innes tartan poncho. She tells us she was inspired by the Tartan rug books.



Some goodies to inspire you - Jug Covers, Edges and Beads



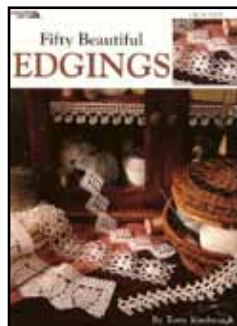
87G52 Edgings to Give or Keep \$9.95



MC9316 Crochet Edges \$29.95*



CL7357 Crocheting on the Edge \$49.95**



LA1509 - 50 Beautiful Edgings \$16.65



LA75106 Sweet Edgings for Baby \$8.30



LA3485 Baby's Choice Crochet Edgings \$14.95



LA2924 - 111 Easy Edgings \$24.75*



876556 Crochet on the Edge \$35.70**



CL9147 The Complete Book of Cro Borders \$39.95**



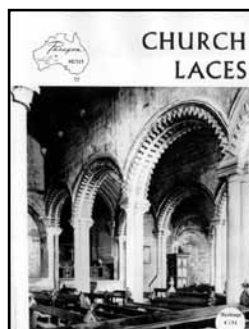
PARC103 Forty-Six Crocheted Edgings \$8.95



LA2581 Receiving Blanket



LA4531 - 50 More Crocheted Afghan Borders \$19.30



PARHC131 Church Laces \$8.95



878535 Edgings & Insertions \$12.95



ZW123 Zweigart Edge Book 7019.602 \$9.50

** or ** after price indicates a heavy book and extra postage may apply*



**BEADGT125G - Glass Jug Beads,
8mm, Transparent, Mixed 125g pkt
\$14.30**

**BEADGO125G - Glass Jug Beads,
8mm, Opaque (Solid colours), Mixed
125g pkt \$14.30**

These beads also available in packets of
25 beads (\$2.50) and 100 beads (\$8.00)
in either single or mixed colours.

**BEADPO100 - Plastic Jug Beads, 8mm,
Opaque Mixed (Pkt 100) \$4.50**

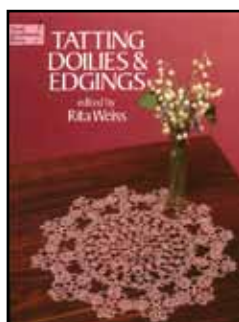
**BEADPT100 - Plastic Jug Beads, 8mm,
Transparent Mixed (Pkt 100) \$4.50**



**HANKPLAINSCAL handkerchief,
100% cotton, white, scalloped edge
(approx 25.5cm [10"] square) \$3.70ea
or \$20 Pkt 6.**



**ZW136 Zweigart Edge Book 103.136
\$9.50**



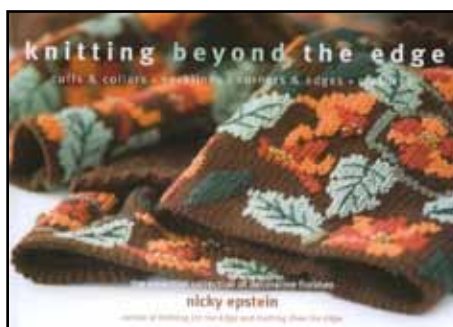
**D240517 Tatting Doilies & Edgings
\$17.95**



**CL3755 Knitting Over The Edge
\$49.95****



CL3402 Knitting on the Edge \$49.95**



**CL7010 Knitting Beyond the Edge
\$49.95**



**873713 Cro-Tat Edgings Unlimited
\$15.95**



**KITPAT048 - Pattern only for
Porcelain Doll Jug Cover \$5.00**



BK13 Simple Jug Covers \$10.95



BK21 More Jug Covers \$10.95



**S2888 Traditional Crochet Jugcovers
\$29.95****



**BARBAL04 Mary Card's Crochet Lace
Birds \$27.50***



**BARBAL05 Mary Card's Crochet Lace
Flowers \$38.50***