

Crochet Extra

64th Edition - March 2011

Welcome to the March 2011 newsletter as we say goodbye to another summer month. February, despite the world wide chaos, was a busy one for us here at Cro Aus. We received so many emails and phone calls from far and wide checking to see if we were damaged by rains and flood. Being on top of the mountain keeps our feet dry, but our thoughts go to those who were not so fortunate.



New books, tatting bits, hankies, dolls and more have come through the door from overseas so we are ready for the challenges that March may offer us. Visitors have been many and it is great to see familiar faces again. Some of our callers are taking advantage of the trip up the mountain and strolling through the craft and coffee shops in Maleny and then going for the short drive to the village of Montville, where craft shopaholics heaven awaits you. Bring your comfortable shoes - for that is one big hill climb.



All in all life has been great in the mountain hide away. Our health has improved over the past 12 months and going back in time, for us, has been a bonus. It is funny how you adjust to rain most days of the week and waking up in the clouds is still a novelty to enjoy each morning. Guess we are here to stay.



For March we have put together some thread and wool specials. We have heard from our customers that Babylo is disappearing from one of the major retailers, but have no fear, we still have the full range in #10, #20 and #30 and in all 39 colours. If we run low, we just order more to suit your requirements.

Our 8ply acrylic Dazzle and 8ply Heirloom cotton with their new range of colours have proved popular in February, so if you have not tried them yet, now is the time while the price is nominal.

The Itty bitty / chubby dolls have been so popular in the 5", 7" and 10", so now we have those little darlings in 8" to go with the popular book 871048 Oh, so Cute Dolls Clothes.



Until next time, happy crocheting

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THEME OF THE MONTH



Kitchen Helpers

From time to time we all appreciate a little help in the kitchen. With a variety of crocheted and knitted dishcloths, tea towel tops, place mats and tea and coffee cozies, egg cozies and more, the chores of the kitchen can take on a light hearted feeling.



We have sorted through the shelves and found a selection of books to help dress up your kitchen and have a bit of fun on the way.



Tea cozies have always been popular and now we are seeing novelty tea cozies popping up all over the place. Myself, I love the animal ones. With more and more coffee drinkers, the coffee cozies have now made an appearance. They are pretty dressy too.



Tea towels, with their crochet and knitted tops, will always be popular in the Aussie kitchens and we have the range of books and threads to suit. Some are so clever, you can just button them on to the towel and when the towel is no longer functional, button them onto another towel. How practical is that! Love animals - then BK30 Animal Towel Tops is for you.

The humble pot holder that used to be a square with no personality has now blossomed into flowers and fruits, circles and more. As for the scourer, add a few petals and hey presto a beautiful flower develops before your eyes. Perhaps try a crocheted tissue box in your favourite colours and decorate with flowers. We even have one with a teapot and cups on top and another as a dog in 876548 Big Book of Tissue Covers. Little kitchen helpers are everywhere.



"So brighten up your kitchen with a tempting new menu of pretty and practical essentials - handy helpers that are quick and easy to finish, and they make great gifts for the busy chef!" LA75050 Little Kitchen Helpers.



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!

My last order arrived in amazing time....as usual!!! Just have to have another!! Thanks so much, best wishes.

Judith F, Camden South NSW.

I would like to thank you very much for sending my books so quickly. I received them in the mail today and although the envelope was torn from being wet it still arrived safely and the postman put it on my veranda so it wouldn't get any wetter. I cannot wait to start on the Bavarian Crochet. I already had a pattern for that stitch and have made a few rugs, but I didn't know what it was called. I absolutely love it. I would love to visit your store, but I will certainly order online again. Hopefully I will see you one day at beautiful Maleny.

Judy E, North Ipswich QLD.



Posted my order last Thursday and received my package on Wednesday - great going as no-one seems to know where Yangan is, including Australia Post who tell us we live at Freestone (no PO there). My husband cornered the chocolate and said thanks. The Bavarian Crochet book arrived in today's mail. Really pleased with my order. The new mid-tangerine crochet thread is very bright but will be used in something. Have started patchwork since I've been on my extended leave - am becoming 'hooked', or should it be 'needled' on it but still crochet at night - can't give up the crochet! I plan to include some of my crochet work in my patchwork when I have a better grip on designing etc for patchwork - I think crochet inclusions would look good. **Marg D, Yangan QLD.**

Had to look it up - Yangan is about 20 - 25Km East of Warwick.

You've been in our thoughts with the dreadful pictures on our TV news so it's great to hear you are all OK. I am still crocheting but have got such a massive stock of yarn myself don't need to order much. Having 3 jobs and looking after elderly parents doesn't make it easy to get the hook either! **David W, UK.**

I know Australia is huge and that you are not that close to Brisbane and Toowoomba, but our thoughts are with you as the floods ravage Queensland and I hope you are not affected.

Kathy D and Christobel Van der B (South African customers).

Glad to hear that the weather has been kinder to you this week. From our side of the country (WA) the pictures that are coming out of QLD are absolutely unbelievable - one struggles of comprehend the damage!!! I have a niece in Maroochydore and by some unbelievable coincidence they have been unaffected. Also a cousins daughter lives in Brisbane and has also escaped the carnage. One finds it a struggle just to how so much is going on around them and yet they are unaffected. Our love and prayers go out to all who have been affected. **Dorothy McC, Warwick WA.**

Thanks for the order, it arrived today. Fredo travelled very well and is currently having a brief rest in the fridge until coming out and joining up with me later.



Kris R Wodonga VIC.

We have received the order and a Fredo Frog!! Delightful!! Thank you so much, the Perle is perfect. **Marlon D, Nakamura Chocolates.**
Now I feel like we have sent ice to the eskimoes. Bet their chocolates are exquisite.

Happy Hookers Competition

The Crochet Australia Team is proud to announce the winner of our "Happy Hookers Competition" for the Dec 2010 - Jan 2011 period who will receive a \$20 gift voucher.



**Congratulations
Glen L
Chapel Hill 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!!



Roma B, Para Hills SA says in her hand made card - A note of thanks for the prompt delivery of my wool order, newsletter, free gift, colour chart and frog. I am absolutely delighted.

That frog certainly finds his way all over Australia.



Wendy D and Jean S of Grafton NSW have sent us these St Patrick day photos to share with you. The doll was a raffle prize for St Francis Aged care. Wendy loves to take bits from different books and create her masterpieces and tells us that she is tickled pink that she now has a sunflower jug cover to match her sunflower doily. Doll is CM19 Annabelle Bed Doll, jug cover from BK13 Simple Jug Covers and BK21 More Jug Covers with a shamrock added. Others from out of print books.



You don't know how appreciative I am of your mail order on-line service! My husband had done the rounds of local stores to try to buy the matching cotton, to no avail, when I thought to search for it on line! **Nerise W, South Grafton NSW.**

By the way, your website is a wonderful repository of interesting crochet books and materials. I am sure I shall continue to purchase many things from your website for years to come.

Linda O, Lurnea NSW.



It's amazing to order something one day and receive it less than 24 hours later. Very much appreciated. I shall go and teach myself Tunisian crochet. **Meryl C, Gatton QLD.**

We are high and dry and into normal life also as much as normal here in R'ton. My 15 yr old daughter is heading out to help the Salvos with catering for the people in the evacuation centre today. I was so proud of her when she really wanted to volunteer.

Ruth C, North Rockhampton QLD.

Anne B, Berowra NSW is in the process of dressing bears and finishing the edges on baby rugs. She has used Almina 4ply for the clothes and the edges. *Great job Anne.*



Everything arrived safe and sound yesterday. Just wonderful. Most of the crochet stuff is going to a flood victim. Loved the free gift. Thanks again. **Nicky, Pine Mountain QLD.**

My order arrived yesterday. Thanks for the prompt service. I will recommend you to anyone who is in need of craft items and tell them how great your service is. **Maureen B, Yerong Ck NSW.**

Deb H, Mornington VIC recently bought our #5 MT perle cotton and some Clover arthritic hooks and says that they are BRILLANT! Soooooo comfortable, so of course I will have to get more. I am buying some for my Grandmother as well, who at the young age of 108 is still knitting and crocheting trauma teddies for the hospital. She still lives at home and has made many exquisite things over the years. *How good is that.*



Thankyou for your prompt attention to past orders. Sometimes I have had to wait over 6 weeks for mail orders to arrive from other places. **Gwenda P of Seymour VIC** crochets and knits for the charity shop and the local hospital and is looking for ideas for saleable items to knit and crochet. She tells us that her best sellers



are baby booties worked in footy colours and for the kids, use thicker yarn to make socks from the same patterns. *If you have any ideas to share with Gwenda we are happy to pass them onto her.*

Dorrie B, Gatton QLD relates - In the last year she used 100 balls of crochet cotton. I have just finished a big piece for myself. I had so many part balls of different dye lots, but when I put the crocheting on a table with photos and ornaments, no one will notice the difference. *Yes I am with Dorrie, use up those bits and pieces first.*



We found some kitchen helpers!!



LA3211 Contest Favorites Dishcloths \$13.95



871025 Tawashis in Crochet \$12.20



873717 Baker's Dozen Potholders \$12.95



876548 Big Book of Tissue Covers \$15.30



871030 2-Hour Dishcloths \$13.35



874152 Jar Doilies \$14.30



871033 Crochet Around the Home \$15.00



873151 Ultimate Book of Pot Holders \$15.95



879915 Special Stitches Place Mats \$7.95



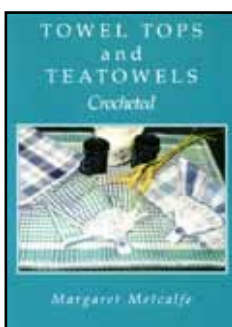
ASN2206 Colorful Cotton Dishcloths \$9.55



873217 Easy Place Mats & Trivets \$15.30



879303Z Quick & Easy Doily Potholders \$10.00



MC1860 Towel
Tops & Teatowels
Crochet \$6.50



873218 Easy Special Stitches Dishcloths \$15.30



878528 Towel Toppers & Dishcloths \$15.95



Crochet-on-the-double

ASN1330 Reversible Kitchen Sets \$13.65



ASN1406 Crochet for the Kitchen \$16.35



LA75050 Little Kitchen Helpers \$8.30



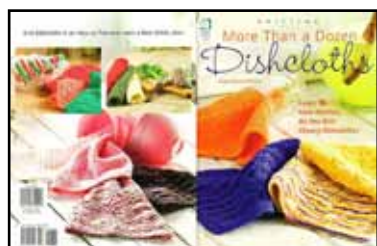
LA3027 The Big Book of Dishcloths \$17.50*



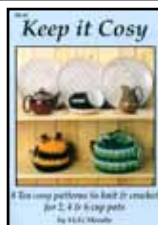
ASN1446 Bright & Cheery Knit Dishcloths \$14.20



ASN1309 Knit Dishcloth Sampler



121052 More Than a Dozen Dishcloths \$13.35



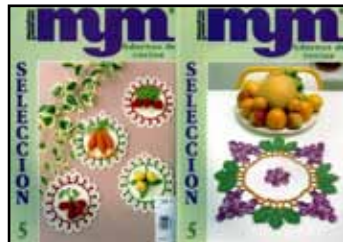
BK09 \$10.95 \$9.00 BK04 \$10.95 \$9.00



BK06 \$10.95 \$9.00 BK12 \$10.95 \$9.00



BK16 \$10.95 \$9.00 BK30 \$10.95 \$9.00



SELEC05 MYM Mag05 Kitchen Accessories \$10.95



LA75000 Dishcloths by the Doz knit&cro \$8.30



A086464 Coffee Cozies \$24.95**



A6846 Egg Cozies \$24.95**



CL5009 Tea Cozies \$24.95**



SS3421 Wild Tea Cozies \$24.95**



AD6312 Really Wild Tea Cozies \$29.95**



MCPA622-08 Two Tea Cozy Patterns \$11.75



MCPA779 Honey Bee Kitchen Set Patterns \$11.75



876560 Casserole Coasters & Cozies \$15.30



A086594 Tea Cozies 2 \$24.95**