

# Crochet Extra

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Welcome to the May 2011 newsletter. With mother's day this month - we would like to wish all the mums the best day ever.

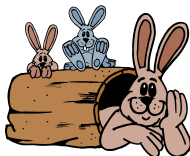


April has been like the rest of this year and has flown by. We have had lots of new books and goodies come in so maybe there will be a surprise or two in this edition for you. It has been great to have new hand towels at long last. We have scored some end of lines so the price is right. We do love a bargain!



On the home front, the Cro Aus building is finally painted and the gardens are starting to bloom. We have very pretty pink and white Japanese Anemones which contrast

with the deep purple Tibouchinas and also lots of begonias in flower at present. Veges have been abundant and pumpkin soup has been on the lunchtime menu. Seems that the Easter bunny must have found Ray's



lettuce plants though. The 5 day break has been a good time to catch up on the weeding and more planning in the garden. All this has to be good for the soul, but not necessarily the back!



There has been a lot of coming and goings with visitors and it is lovely to put a face to the names as we meet our customers in person. It is also an



opportunity for them to see all the books, hooks and threads that we have to offer. Where possible we love to take a photo of their "show and tell" as well.



Hope you all enjoy the new additions to the products available and please let us know if there is anything that you feel may complement the range we already have to offer.

Until next time,

*Vicki*

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## THEME OF THE MONTH

### FREEFORM KNITTING and CROCHET



There has been a keen interest in Freeform of late, so we are taking this opportunity to share this wonderful idea with you. Australian authors and

crafters Jenny Dowde, Renate Kirkpatrick and Prudence Mapstone have embraced this style with tremendous passion. They have shown us all, that regardless of your knitting and crochet ability, by combining lots of colour, textures of yarn, structured motifs, bits that take on any form, that when sewn together can make wonderful articles of clothing and accessories – bags, scarves, hats, vests, jackets, belts, necklaces, bracelets, etc.



Basically there are no rules to scrambling. So maybe it is time to take yourself on a journey with lots of colour and texture to create your own art forms. Even though anything goes, including weaving and embroidery if you choose, beading and bullion,

knitting, crochet, on the double, Tunisian, Fair isles and bobbles, each of these authors has written brilliant books with patterns and loads of tips, wonderful colour plates, techniques for joining, and ideas that only a picture can explain.



We have put together a list of books that might help you venture into this exciting technique that enables you to create beyond your own imagination. We have also included motif books for added enthusiasm.

Remember even a motif gone wrong is perfect for freeform. There are no rules!



## 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!

Big thank you for my order of Magnet Line Minder 8" x 10". Now I can keep track of where I am up to with patterns I have written out on paper and hard to follow patterns. What a fantastic idea! Plus the Chubby Doll 8" (21cm) Blue. What a cutie and a lovely little smile showing two bottom teeth. Also the Denise Interchangeable Crochet Hook Set, I am now trying my first ever Tunisian Crochet. You are such a great place to buy all crochet items from - thank you for your great service. **Rosemarie E of Modbury North SA.**



**Kay S of North Lakes QLD** recently showed us this round bunny rug from Craft Moods book BK18 she worked in MT Perle #5.



A quick note to thank you for the prompt attention to my orders this year. Appreciate your efficiency!  
**Katherine M of Sarina QLD.**

It is always fun unwrapping a parcel from you folks. Cro-tatting is kinda what I imagined and I can add to that with lots of ideas in designs on that theme. A big thankyou for your wonderful service. **Joseph H of Merrylands NSW.**



Thank you for the order I rang through yesterday at 2.30 pm, I could not believe it when it arrived at 9am this morning, now that's speed for you. Thank you for the Easy Living Crochet Book, I can't wait to get started on some the projects. Also thank you for returning the towels I left at your place. Your shop is a real Alladin's Cave. **Judy A of Lota QLD.**



Thank you for your prompt attention to my order and for the Snickers bar too. My sister and I shared it with a lovely hot coffee and it brought back some wonderful memories for us as teenagers when we sat around the fire in the lounge room at night knitting and chatting with our family. Winter comes early to the Blue Mountains so the knitting needles and crochet hooks get plenty of exercise (so to speak).  
**Ruth L of Warrimoo NSW.**

### 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 March 2011 period.



**Congratulations  
Lorraine S  
WONDAI 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!!



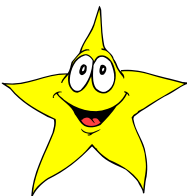
Thank you so much for a great service. I was so happy when I received my 3 packets of the new Clover pastel coloured tatting shuttles. I liked them so much that I have just placed an order for another packet (for my daughter), along with an assortment of your crochet and tatting threads. Can't wait to see and use the LIZBETH variegated threads! The colours look gorgeous. I would like to have ordered one of each colour, I really had to restrain myself from ordering them all.

**Alexandra W of Berowra Hts NSW.**



I would like to thank you sincerely for the speedy delivery on my "Big book of small doilies" (*Hardanger NN219*) which arrived yesterday. I was very impressed with the packaging..... one happy vegemite here in Sydney!!!! Many thanks again and I look forward to dealing with you again. Enjoy the day.

**Erica V D H of St Clair NSW.**



**Helen W of Toowoomba QLD** recently showed us this cloth she created from 2 different Spanish MYM filet crochet books worked in #20 Cebelia crochet cotton.

Thanks so much for the personal touch with the notification. I am so looking forward to trying some of the different things that I can do with Tunisian Crochet. The Encyclopaedia looks so great! (*CC2558*) You have a great service and will recommend you to others - I am a member of Knitting for Brisbane's Needy [that includes crochet] and I will let others know that you have a great site with terrific service. **Sue N of Cedar Vale QLD.**



Thankyou so much for my order. Absolutely loved the free doily book with the Maxi cotton. What an awesome book on crochet borders - any rug makers must get this book, *A425384 Around the Corner Crochet Borders*, "a must".

**Isabel P of Dorrroughby NSW.**

Thank-you so much for my order of crochet cotton, jug beads and the free gifts, a very pleasant surprise. Your service is very prompt and I am delighted with the goods. **Helen B of Longreach QLD.**

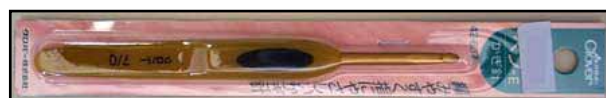


**Susan S of Nambour QLD** showed us this super doily she created from *ASN1450 Exquisite Doilies* and worked in Cebelia #10 crochet cotton. (The reverse side looks just as interesting!!)

I just thought I would tell you that I use the Almina 4ply cotton to do tea towel tops. It is very soft cotton and is easy on your hands and the variegated colours look nice. **Lorraine S of Wondai QLD.** Lorraine should be able to get more cotton now as she is the Happy Hooker winner and has a \$20 gift voucher to spend.



**Glenda B from Biloela QLD** came to visit and stocked up on tea towels and Almina 4ply cottons. Glenda showed us her jar lid covers and face cloth that she had made from 4ply cotton.



Thank you, I received my delivery yesterday. That crochet hook is great! I am almost 49 but have had a bit of arthritis and also a broken wrist that resulted in less movement - so thought I would not crochet again, so very pleased to say I was wrong!

**Carmen S of Kallangur QLD.**





*Look what we found for freeform!!*



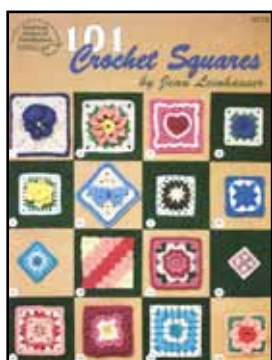
871071 Learn to Free-form Crochet  
\$15.90



LA4420 - 50 Fabulous Crochet Squares  
\$32.20\*



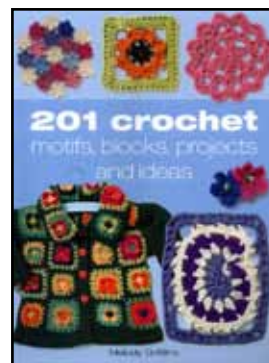
LA3903 - 280 Crochet Shell Patterns  
\$44.95\*\*



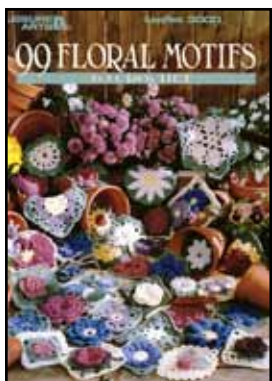
ASN1216 - 101 Crochet Squares \$30.95\*



LA4530 - 50 Fabulous Knit Aran  
Stitches \$32.20\*



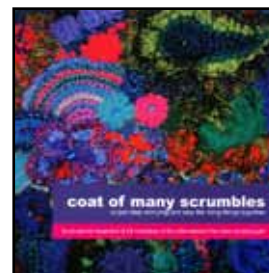
PB1649 201 Crochet Motifs, Blocks,  
Projects and Ideas \$39.95\*\*



LA3000 - 99 Floral Motifs to Crochet  
\$26.20



SM3485 200 Ripple Stitch  
Patterns \$44.95\*\*



PM4349 Coat of Many Scrumbles  
\$34.95\*\*



878526 - 101 Granny Squares \$29.95\*



ASN1387 Learn to do Waffle Weave  
\$13.35

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additional postage.*



LA4419 Crochet Embellishments  
\$48.10\*\*



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knitting patterns.*

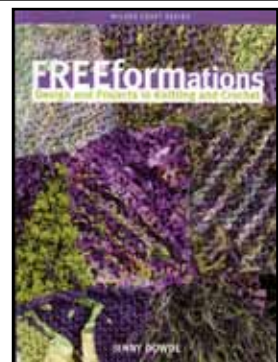




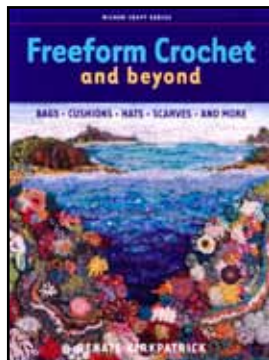
LA4312 - 154 Crochet Wave Patterns  
\$48.10\*\*



A1384 Freeform Style \$39.95\*\*



SM3582 Freeformations Knit & Crochet  
\$42.95\*\*



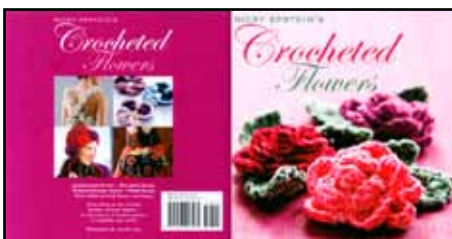
SM3852 Freeform Crochet and Beyond  
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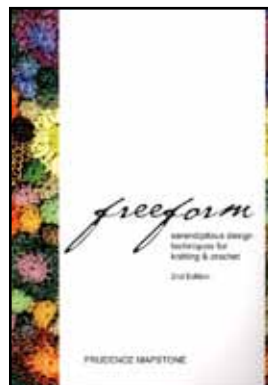
LA4475 I Can't Believe I'm Free-Form Crocheting \$22.00



879529 Learn to do Surface Stitches  
\$13.35



CL7265 Crocheted Flowers (Nicky Epstein) \$39.95\*\*



PM4333 Freeform Serendipitous Designs \$35.95\*\*



CL9154 Complete Bk Crochet Stitch Design \$49.95\*\*



LA4576 Triple Play Pattern Stitches  
\$27.90\*



SM3272 Freeform Knitting & Crochet  
\$44.95\*\*



LA4884 50 Fabulous Knitted Borders \$27.20\*



LA4747 108 Crochet Cluster Stitches  
\$29.30\*