

# Crochet Extra

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Welcome to the June 2011 newsletter. Autumn is always followed by winter and this is the time to snuggle up with the yarn and crochet hook and get those rugs started. It's great when they grow and keep you warm at the same time. Guess that makes Spring the time to give them away.



Here at Cro Aus last month we saw the #80 Lizbeth thread in 130 colours, the Annies books and the Leisure Art books all come through the door, so we have had to find more spaces to put all the goodies. Ray is very understanding when I request more shelves please. You see, his theory is that if it does not fit we can't have it, so there is always a mad scramble to defend my purchases on behalf of you the customer. Fortunately you also find the need to fill spaces at your place, so life goes on and I still get the pleasure of finding more interesting bits and pieces for you. This is Vicki logic, and so far, you the customers, are still the winners. Have you noticed that man logic just seems to be a little different. It is always followed by, "and where do you think you are going to put this?"



Jokes aside, life is humming along up here at Maleny. We always have plenty to keep us busy in our semi retirement. Gardens are coming to life, and we are blending well into the community. So if you feel like a drive in the country, we can recommend this little piece of paradise in the fresh mountain air with glorious views. The locals are warm and friendly people and the cafés in town have great food and coffee - and best of all we know this place just out of town where you can get just about anything in crochet.



Until next time,

Vicki

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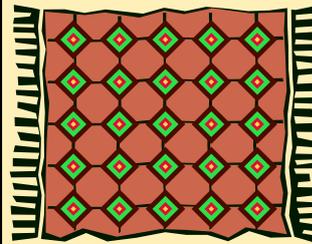
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## THEME OF THE MONTH

### RUGS (or should that be AFGHANS)



Yes these are the same thing depending on where you live. Unfortunately most books refer to the common rug as an afghan so we will follow suit. To date I have seen some beautiful afghans worked in 8ply yarn but there seems to be a growing trend to be working in 8ply cottons or the same article worked in 4ply cotton for a lighter throw. The colour range is also larger, so worth a thought next time you set about on the search for the perfect combination of colours to suit your décor.



Afghans can be very portable by making squares or strips and joining these at a later date. Great idea if you are a daily commuter and need your crocheting to pass the time. You will be surprised how much it grows on a daily basis.

So maybe plain afghans are not for you. We now have sampler afghan books that show us how to make great squares with different stitches or techniques and this too can be an interesting challenge. Put together, these squares, which can be larger squares if you choose, make brilliant afghans.



This month we have put together a selection of books that cover baby rugs, adult afghans worked in either squares or strips and that use texture, colour combinations and special stitches to make that afghan a unique piece of you. Whatever the rug you choose to make, either crocheted or knitted, remember a little of you will always be there, giving someone else that warm and fuzzy feeling, especially if your masterpiece becomes a family heirloom.



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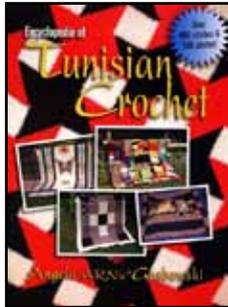
## Masterpieces of the Month



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!

I received The Tunisian Crochet Encyclopedia CC2558 in perfect condition and the little frog was a welcome [but naughty] surprise. It is a wonderfully thorough book and I just love the pics that show exactly how the hook should be inserted for each stitch. Very important for some of the more obscure stitches that she has in there. It has made me brave enough to try to convert a beanie pattern. I am planning on making the first one flat and then perhaps.....if I'm even braver.....trying one in the round. I am going to do the rib band in knitting and then switch to Tunisian for the body of the beanie. Fingers crossed that it works. I loved reading the Crochet Extra that you included as well. **Sue N, Cedar Vale QLD.**



When we first met many years ago, I mentioned my plan of creating crochet overlays for the beds in the old villa we were renovating in NZ. Although the overlays were completed some years back, we have now (finally) completed the rooms, so the spreads are on the beds and here are the pics. The master is an adaptation of a design found in a Coats pattern leaflet, possibly early 1980's, but the others are mine. Have also been 'playing' about with some fern patterns and a geometric pattern for some runners. Pics are also attached. Am fast coming to the end of my cotton supplies, so you'll have an order later in the year. **Sheryl M, New Zealand.**  
*Editor's note: This was way back when Coats Aida was available.*



I've had time to play with my new Denise interchangeable crochet hooks. I've started a cardi/vest (not sure if I'll have enough yarn for a full cardi). The yarn is a brushed wool so it's very fluffy/hairy not quite as strong as a mohair yarn but that type. The stitches

just glide along the hook onto the cable and no effort is required to take them back from the cable and off the hook. I've tried several sizes and cables with and without the joiner and my set does not have any rough spots that I can find. They are a pleasure to use. The speed of your mail order is astounding as the crochet sets arrived the next morning. **Betty F, Bray Park QLD.**



### 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 April 2011 period.



**Congratulations**  
**Caryn D**  
**GILGANDRA NSW**



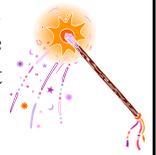
Entering the competition couldn't be easier. All you have to do is place an order. All orders will enter the random draw which takes place on the last day of every month. Good Luck!!



Just thought I'd let you know that my order arrived today, thank you. I do like the towel tops book (BK06), will be able to start doing something soon now. **Anne W, Durak QLD.**



Many thanks for processing my package so quickly. Couldn't believe it when it was at the post office this morning. You must have a magic wand to get Australia Post to deliver so quickly.



**Tere A, Terry hills NSW. We wish!!**

**From Yvonne F, Fairfield NSW.** Just letting you



know that my books Big Book of Filet Crochet 875572 and 874515 Inspirational Celebrations have arrived. Thank you very much. All I have to do now is to get motivated. *Now this I can relate to.*



**Wendy D, Grafton NSW** has been busy again with her all famous waterlilly doily. Wendy has used the new #10 Cebelia purples to create this stunning effect. Also she sent a photo of the sunflower doily from 873753 Dozen and one Floral Doilies. This doily is to be a prize for the aged care home on Daffodil day. The flowers are worked in shades of yellow. Well done Wendy.

**Eunice P from Toowoomba QLD** has been a customer for many years. She recently sent us her beautiful dolls proudly sporting knitted outfits and also some lace hangers and hand towel and washer set. Well done Eunice.



Just a short note to let you know my parcel arrived today. I cannot wait to start on the freeform crochet, and also try some of the free patterns. Thank you also for the little gift of lavender soap - I love lavender in any form. Also, the chocolate went down a treat - no sharing that with the other half.

**Paula W, Werrington Downs NSW.**

I just love tatting with this Lizbeth cotton and I am busy getting my Christmas gifts made for the ladies I play tennis with - book marks for them all, but I want to do them in various colours, hence the order for all the different colour cottons to go with the ones that I got when I visited. I didn't realise how nice the variegated threads would look with the corresponding plain threads, they really make the item so much nicer than just plain threads - I love them. I don't think the colour chart really does the thread justice, but then I know it would be difficult to show the threads any other way.



**Elaine R, Cornubia QLD.** We now stock 130 colours in Lizbeth sizes #20, #40 and #80. The variegated colour chart shows which solid colours match each variegated thread.

Just a short note to let you know I received my order today and wanted to say thank you for your prompt response to my order, and could I receive E-mails/Newsletters from you. **Lesley R, Morphetvale SA.** Those with email can subscribe to our free email newsletter which provides updates on what's new and what's discontinued, plus occasional 1 day special offers. We email about 3 newsletters a month.



I just received my order today - a bite size mars bar which I am about to enjoy!! Thanks and look forward to knitting / crocheting things from these books in the very near future. **Charmain W, Rosemeadow NSW** tells us that we will get to see some pictures of the finished articles from 873491 Bag Ladies, SP5406 Knitted Fruit, SP5390 Knitted Veges, SP8511 Handbook of Crochet Stitches.



Thank you for the order and gifts. I love the newsletter and the Babette circular shawl GC092110. I will make it for my daughter. **Elizabeth T, Hervey Bay QLD.**

**Gloria J, Gatton QLD** has been busy again working on her dolls clothes, hand towels and a baby rug in the times between. Those fingers never stop. This rug is from Book 216 Villawool and crocheted using Peter Pan 3ply baby yarn.



*Look what we found for Afghans!!*



**70220 Quick-Stitch Crochet \$32.50\*\***



**841002 Spiritual Comfort Afghans \$8.50**



**842614 Reversible Ripple Afghans \$13.65 (Crochet-on-the-Double)**



**70221 - 50 Sensational Cro Afghans/Throws \$41.50\*\***



**On the Double Sampler Afghan \$19.95**



**842652 Scrap Afghans on the Double \$12.95**



842654 Baby Blankets on the Double \$12.95



873917 Cro on the Dbl Mile a Min Afgh \$14.30



877506 Mile-A-Minute Baby Blankets \$15.30



871070 Reversible Ripple Afghans \$13.70



875507 Fast, Fun & Fabulous Afghans \$11.55



877528 Old Fashioned Quilt Afghans \$14.20



873421 Crochet Beautiful Baby Afghans \$13.95



875565 Mosaic Crochet Throws \$14.20



877537 Single Crochet from A-Z Sampler \$14.95



873851 Easy Afghans (Crochet) \$14.30



875584 Quilt-Style Crochet Throws \$14.20



878523 Lisa's Cable Afghans & Throws \$14.20



873916 Crochet Mile-a-Minute Afghans \$15.95



876517 Colorful Foot-Pocket Throws \$15.30



878543 Special Techniques & Stitches Afghans \$15.95



Books with this symbol contain knitting patterns



A3533 Gorgeous Knitted Afghans \$39.95\*\*



LA2814 Afghans by the Dozen - Shells \$15.55



LA3034 A Year of Baby Afghans Book 2 \$17.30



ASN1419 Throws to Warm You \$13.40



LA2856 Baby Ripples \$12.10



LA3107 A Year of Afghans Book 10 \$14.95



ASN1445 Easy Timeless Blankies \$14.20



LA2861 Afghans by the Dozen Ripples \$15.10



LA3219 Our Best Knit Baby Afghans \$30.10\*



LA2146 - 63 More Easy-to-Crochet Pattern \$16.20



LA2939 A Year of Afghans Book 8 \$17.60



LA932 Sampler Afghans \$19.60



LA2774 Beary Sweet Baby Afghans \$8.40



LA3033 Mile-a-Minutes for Everyone \$13.20



LA3961 63 Crochet Cable Stitches \$28.40\*