

# Crochet Extra

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Welcome to the July 2011 newsletter. June was a sad month when the world of crochet lost forever the brilliant author, editor and crocheter, Jean Leinhauser. Many of you may recognize her name on the books from companies that she steered to success. American School of Needlework (ASN) and Leisure Arts will never be the same, but her memory will live on through all of us.



With the colder months here, we have noticed an increase in sales of afghan crochet and knitting books. It is a great pastime for the days when we find ourselves either on the porch in the warm sun or cuddled up around the fireplace.



Tatting interest has also been on the increase as more and more great books become available and of course we now have fantastic threads and shuttles to play with. We have also experienced a drift towards candlewicking and hardanger work, hence you may notice from time to time we have new books on these topics. Yes, we do stock the yarns and fabric for hardanger as well.



As the months fly by, we find ourselves taking new paths and that is what makes this job so interesting.

New things pass over my desk each week and I get the pleasure of sharing the good ones with you.

Until next time,

*Vicki*

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## THEME OF THE MONTH

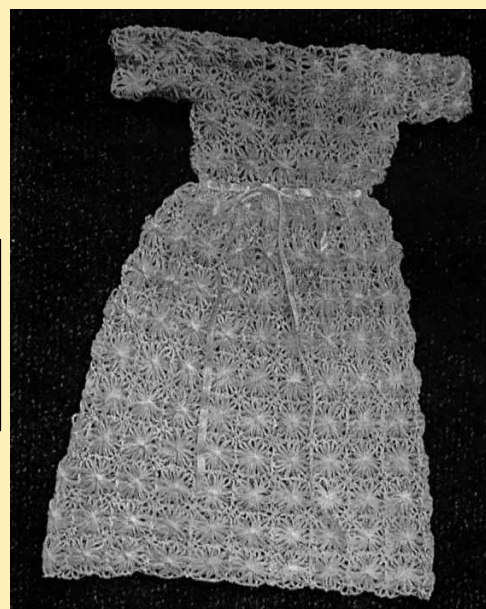


### Baby Wear

There has also been a trend back to baby knitting and crochet, so this month we will showcase our baby yarns in 2, 3, 4 and 8ply from Wendy Peter Pan with new colour charts available on request. Peter Pan also has crochet and knitting leaflets, some of which we have featured in this month's newsletter. Don't forget that we also stock those great Liteflex arthritic knitting needles in the 25cm and 30cm lengths, ideal for the baby knitting (and also a range of circular needles).

Our extensive range of baby books cover all the bases: Christening gowns, shawls, layettes, booties and hats, socks, going out outfits for the girls, jackets and jumpers, and toys (with a lot of these clothing books beginning at preemie sizes).

Remember the shawl from daisies? We have the daisy wheel and a pattern to show you how. This makes an easy heirloom shawl anyone would be proud to own. These look great when the daisy is finished in Rayon. Check out the beautiful christening gown made by **Grace C from Deception Bay QLD**. The pattern idea is available free with any baby yarn or rayon purchase. Just ask when you order.





## 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!

Our dollar has become so weak on the world market, I feel the need to ask postage and conversion rate. Thank you for sending the thread. I cannot find it size 12 (or 40) anywhere in Texas. I guess people do not know how to crochet with such small thread. **Lori USA.** *(Everything is BIG in Texas, including the thread by the sound of it!!)*



When **Leith S, Ocean View QLD** came to visit, her pride and joy were these delicate tatted pieces that she is working on for Christmas presents. Using Lizbeth #20 she has made these great book marks. Her hubby could not understand why it can take a long while to choose threads and read tatting books. The 2 hours passed quickly for us.



Just a note to advise that my 5 Aero bobbin set arrived today. This is fast delivery for us as we only receive a mail delivery three times per week. What a lovely surprise to receive your newsletter and a Freddo, as well. As a tatter, I find it extremely hard to find any threads in the smaller gauges and coloured threads in the 20 - 40 range. I thought you may like to see a doyley which I tatted well over 20 years ago when my fingers were free from arthritis. The centre comprises of 5 different motifs which I adapted from various pattern books (can't remember which ones now) in 20 gauge thread. Hoping to drop in one day in the near future, or should I phone beforehand? **Margaret H, Royston QLD.** *We like all our visitors to book ahead for an appointment to visit.*



### 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 May 2011 period.



**Congratulations  
Mary M  
REVESBY 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 871109 Everything Crochet - a must-have reference book for the serious crocheter. (This book should be available soon)**

For long starting chains (such as in afghans/rugs), place a stitch marker every 20 or 25 chains, then if you happen to lose your place, recounting will be so much easier by counting up the marked groups first.



Once again, many thanks for the good service. The books arrived this morning in perfect condition. I've made many Afghans over the years and it's just as well as we are having one of the longest, coldest spells of cold weather ever, down to 14 degrees. So much for living in the tropics. **Beth F, Nightcliff NT.** (*Guess 14 is cold in NT*)



**Gloria J, Gatton QLD** has been madly crocheting doilies and jug covers. These are from **BK13** Simple Jug Covers and Traditional Jug covers **S2888** worked with Cebelia and Daphne #20.



Thankyou for sending my parcel of the Denise interchangeable knitting needles and leaflets at super speed. Phoned in my order Monday morning and 24 hours later it was delivered. I am absolutely delighted with them. I will be showing these to my craft lady friends and thanks for the compact needle case, ideal to take anywhere. **Lexie W, Wiangaree NSW.**



**Ricki D, Moora WA** tells us she finally got around to making this doll - Arianna the mermaid from Gourmet Crochet **GC57107**. It is simple to make and very effective, a lovely doll. I will have to make the others now. She is 14" and crocheted in 8ply yarns with a 3mm hook.

This awesome doily below is made from size 30 Traditions cotton. It's called Andromeda and is from crochet monthly no 44 (*which unfortunately is no longer available*).



Many thanks for the red and green cottons. They are lovely Christmas colours (DMC Petra #5 in red and green – special order). **Hazel B, Yepoon QLD** found that our large range of MT perle #5 lacked a few colours that she needed to complete her crochet towels, so we ordered the Petra in for her.

Thanks so much for my recent order of the craft books. You are always so prompt with your deliveries and I really do appreciate it. **Lynn W, Buderim QLD.**





**Lorraine S, Kingaroy QLD** was beaming with joy when she shared her news of all these prizes at the local show. We always enjoy her visits as we know there are always great projects to see in her bag of tricks. Lorraine is also a tatter in her spare time. This doily is worked in #10 Babylo and from **LA3588** Extra Special doilies.



The stained glass rug is from **LA3144** Contest Favoutite Mile a Minute Afghans and the other is **885034** Cathedral Rose Window Afghan. We have sold a lot of this pattern but this is the first completed one we have seen. *Well done Lorraine.*



Brilliant service yet again! Parcel arrived today Friday, thank you so very very much. I really do appreciate your prompt and friendly service, I just wish I could come and visit the store only then I would really spend money!!!!!! I will be in touch again real soon as there are some other booklets I really can't live without!!!

**Jan H, UK.** *Jan seems to get her order faster than our customers in WA and NT.*



Life can be full of surprises. When **Jean S of Grafton NSW** returned home from a recent stint in hospital she was greeted by her doll on the bed wearing a blue ribbon for taking out First prize in the local show. Her friend Beryl also entered the same show and won 2nd prize. The girls enjoy living at the same nursing home and have found that sharing their craft ideas can be rewarding. The doll is a black angel doll and the pattern **Craft Moods CM19**.



I have attached a photo of the rug I made in the Bavarian Crochet, long before I knew what it was - thanks to you. It took me nearly 18 months part time to complete, and I just used up all the spare wool I had in the box. I don't think it is too bad, considering I was shown how to do it with no pattern to follow. I have since made two smaller versions as blankets for friends who have children. **871045 Learn Bavarian Crochet \$20.70** **Paula W, Werrington Downs NSW.**



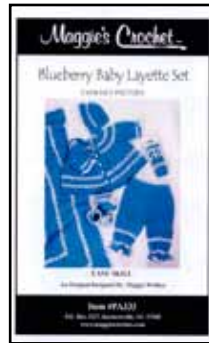




*Look what we found in Baby Wear!!*



**PAT0054 Classic Baby Knits \$10.75**



**MCPA333 Blueberry Baby Layette \$11.75**



**LA4339 So-Sweet Baby Wardrobe \$37.20\*\***



**PAT0045 Twinkle Toes \$10.75**



**LA75046 Baby Basics \$8.35**



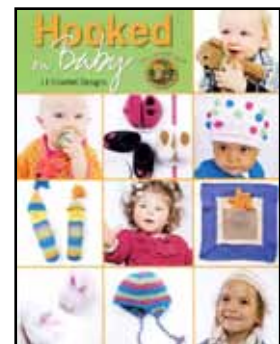
**LA4100 Simply Soft Baby Bites \$19.70**



**MCPA375 Cherished Christening Set \$11.75**



**LA4468 Blankets & Booties Book 2 \$19.30**



**LA4056 Hooked on Baby \$19.95**



**MCPA367 Blessed Christening Set Pattern \$11.75**



**LA4440 Lacy Baby Sets to Knit \$19.30**



**LA3797 To Baby With Love \$17.50**

*extra post may apply to books marked either \* or \*\* after price.*



*Books with this symbol contain knitting patterns.*



**AC25KNITLITE - LITEFLEX  
KNITTING NEEDLES \$3.50Pr**

Pair knobbed Liteflex knitting needles  
25cm (10") long, in sizes 2.75mm,  
3.00mm, 3.25mm and 3.75mm.

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Pair knobbed Liteflex knitting needles  
25cm (10") long, in sizes 4.00mm, 4.50mm  
and 5.00mm.

*Liteflex products are lightweight and flexible, and they are warm to touch making them perfect for arthritis sufferers. These needles are also available in 30cm length in sizes 2.75mm to 12.00mm and in circular in various sizes in 40, 60 and 80cm lengths.*

**Wendy Peter Pan Baby Yarn** 50g balls, machine washable polyamide/courtelle is available in 2, 3, 4 and 8Ply in a range of colours - 4 & 8ply have spots/prints as well.



2Ply (White & Cream only) \$7.45ea  
3Ply (6 Colours) \$6.60ea  
4Ply (9 Colours) \$5.80ea  
4Ply Spots/Prints (4 Colours ) \$6.40ea  
***8Ply plain & spots on special this month.***

**HL126 Heirloom Leaflet 126 - \$4.85**

(Australian) Uses Heirloom 4ply. To fit chest size 40cm-55cm (16"-22"). (knit)

**HL140 Heirloom Leaflet 140 - \$4.85**

(Australian) Uses Heirloom 4ply. To fit waist size 24cm-28cm. (9 1/2" – 11") (knit)

**HL209 Heirloom Leaflet 209 - \$4.85**



(Australian) Uses Heirloom 8ply. To fit chest size 41cm-56cm (16"-22"). (knit)

**HL149 Heirloom Leaflet 149 - \$9.05**

(Australian) Uses Heirloom 4 & 8ply. Over 20 beautiful knitted and crochet baby patterns. All designs start at premature sizes. Designs include Frilly Cardigan and Dress with accessories, Cardigan, Polo Shirts & Hat, Crochet Matinee Set, Cardigans, Sweater, Trousers and Beret, Playsuit and Hat, Outdoor Set, and Blanket. Most patterns to fit chest size 35cm-50cm (14"-20"). (knit/crochet)

**CLK919 Fiddle De Dee \$10.55**

(Australian) 6 crochet designs for babies size 0 – 3 – 6 – 9 months. Includes learn to crochet instructions. Designs include cot / pram cover, cardigan, pants, jumper, overalls and matching hat. Colour photos of finished designs. 24 pages.

ASN1349	Rainbow Wear For Baby	\$13.35
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by Diana L. Sippel 10 soft and cuddly designs to crochet for baby. Uses worsted weight yarn. Instructions for 2 sizes, 3 & 6 months. (15 pages)

**879549 B is for Baby \$26.70\* plus extra post**



22 soft and cuddly projects Your baby will be cute, colorful and cozy with this easy to crochet collection! Traditional stitches and modern colourplay will make crocheting these projects a joy. Every category of babywear is included, with a few little extras besides. Coordinating toys and nursery accessories are a wonderful addition to the basic and beautiful garments. Projects include hooded jacket and shawl, baby girl layette, car seat cover, a bunting, bears, bear security blankie, teddy mobile, bear block blanket, frog bib, duck booties and bib, rompers, circus star afghan, pants and jumper and booties, bunny rug, hat and toy. Crocheting for baby has never been such fun! 48 page