



Crochet Extra

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our loyal customers, some of whom we have known for years, for their support throughout 2011. Please have a great Christmas break and catch up on all the good things on offer whether it be relaxing with friends and family or just a break away from the daily grind. We foresee lots of outdoor days on the horizon for us as we head for a break beginning 17th December probably for 3 - 4 weeks, depending on the work load from the internet. Life seems to go on, regardless of holidays, so we will adapt as we see necessary.



On a sombre note, we were saddened to hear of the sudden death of Betty Franks, a good friend and mentor. Betty's passing will leave a void in the needlework fraternity that will never be filled as she was a wealth of knowledge and inspiration.

Workwise, we have had a brisk November and cannot believe the number of hand towels, face washers and handkerchiefs that left the building, hiding in those Aust post parcels. The 18" Springfield dolls and the 5" Itty dolls have been a hit with all the pattern book support that they have. Thread has been an interesting story with thread sales now going through the roof. Guess we have finally got the balance right, so let's hope supply will continue in 2012. As so many colours of the 4plys have been discontinued we are on the look out for alternative supplies with a good colour range that will complement our current range.



Have a great Christmas and New year, and thanks once again for your never ending support.

Ray and Vicki

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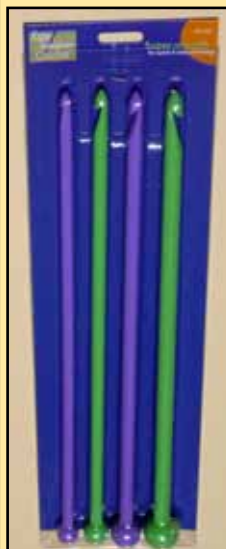
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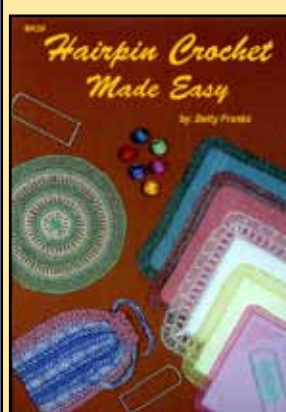
THEME OF THE MONTH

Tunisian, Broomstick Lace and Hairpin Lace crochet



Tunisian crochet may be called "tricot crochet", "Afghan crochet", "shepherd's knitting", "hook knitting" or "railroad knitting". Tunisian crochet uses a tricot hook which is similar to a standard knitting needle with a hook rather than a point. Each row is made by placing loops on the hook and then working them off again. The work is not turned, so one side of work, usually the front, always faces you. It is sometimes considered to be a mixture of crocheting and knitting. As such, some techniques used in knitting are also applicable in Tunisian crochet.

Broomstick crochet (jiffy lace, peacock eye crochet) is worked using a crochet hook and a large knitting needle. Using a larger knitting needle as the loom will create a lacier fabric. Broomstick lace can be worked in conjunction with normal crochet and is quick for shawls and clothing.



Hairpin lace crochet is worked in strips using a U frame (known as a hairpin staple) and a crochet hook. The strips are then worked together to create edges, doilies, garments, rugs and bags.

For your convenience we stock Tricot hooks and cable tricot hooks, broomstick needles and hairpin frames in many sizes, along with a large range of associated books all of which we have showcased in this issue.



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!

Thank you so much. Our son has just returned from his business trip in Australia and brought back the hairpin crochet staple. I sure was lucky in order to save on the postage price. Thank you and best regards from **Helen A of Belgium.**

I am so excited to have received my order a mere 4 days after ordering. I love everything I bought and appreciate the freddo (son bagged it for school) and the 'free gift' hanky. I have, in the past, ordered from sellers in the US, and am happy to have 'stumbled' across your site so now be supporting an Australian company. I have long been frustrated at my local 'spotlight' in trying to find



particular coloured threads for my Tatting hobby/habit, so looking at the range of threads (lizbeth...so many books I have refer to this and tatting bloggers say it is the thread of choice, yet I have always used what is available which is Milford mercerised), I feel a whole new world of colour is now opened up. I was also excited at the hankie and thread packs available, again your range surpasses anything

I have found locally and your prices are so reasonable I will be shopping with you again. **Fiona T, Roxburgh Park VIC.**

Just a quick note to say, thankyou so much for the cotton. I can finish my current product now and you'll be hearing from me periodically if my current local supplier continues to have trouble with his supplier of the crochet items.

Roslyn C, South Grafton 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 October 2011 period.



**Congratulations
Josephine L
Seacombe Gardens SA**



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!!



I have recently started using your yarns because I was in need of a good colour range and I have been delighted with the results and the very prompt service. I am currently doing a filet lace class on colour in crochet at a site called Hass Designs on the internet. I particularly wanted to share these 2 pieces since their use of colour makes them a bit different to usual. They are both Hass Designs patterns done with different coloured DMC Babylo cotton.

Emma O, Taringa QLD.

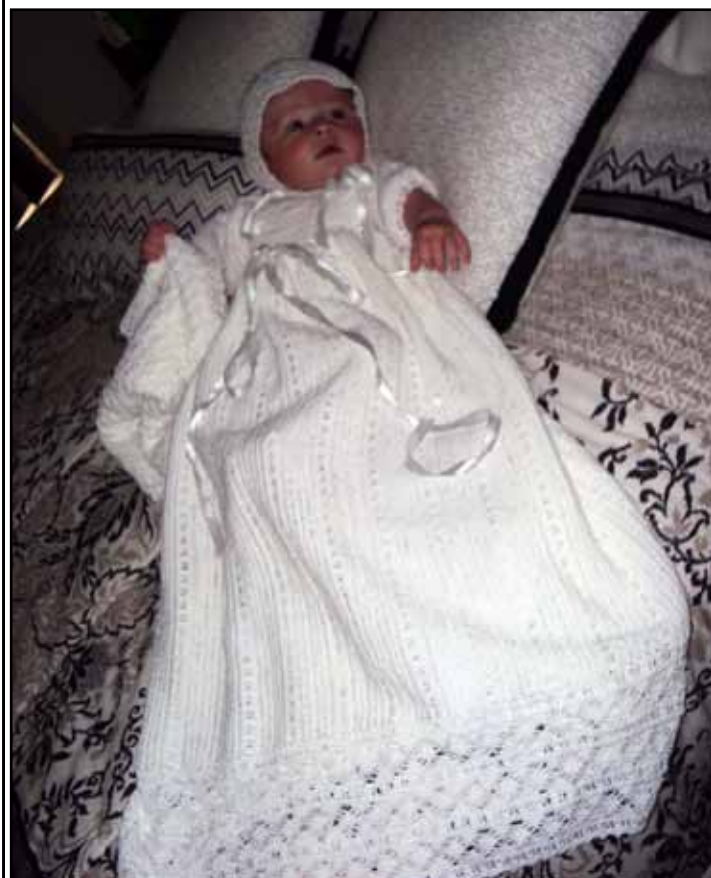


I just received a lovely surprise, my parcel turned up unexpectedly. Thank you for getting it out so quickly. The frog has already been enjoyed and I shall spend tonight with a coffee curled up reading my books. Thank you again for the prompt service.

Pam K, Mansfield QLD.



I've started up a crochet group at the Logan Central Library in May this year, which I've called CRO-SHAY HOOKS crochet group. We meet every Tues 1.00pm to 3.00pm.



I have been busy crocheting for three months a christening outfit for my recent grandson who is now 4 months old. It is really an heirloom, he was christened on the 23.10.11 and wore this gown. I got the pattern on the internet as it looked to be the most boyish one, his father is Italian and could not understand why he was being christened in a gown, but his grandparents loved it. It was crocheted with the Maxi #10. **Rita C, Long Point NSW.**

I received the Cebelia cotton, thank you very much. It is a beautiful colour, but as you said, it doesn't match the colour I had started working with, so I have decided to undo the hem and redo it in the new cotton. Thank you very much for the effort you went to in trying to match up my colour. **Tracey R, Calen QLD.** Tracey is making a wedding dress so guess that is definitely a labour of love.



Thank you for sending my order so quickly. It was a very pleasant surprise to receive my books the day after I placed my order. The newsletter was interesting. **Noela H, Scarborough QLD.**



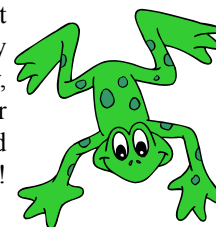
Received the book today. Here is a little something to add to your newsletter. It's Lacy Treasure Pendant from Tatted Jewelry 871137. **Irene H, Hamlyn Terrace NSW.**



Karen F of Clarinda VIC sent us these pics of her winning entries in the recent Geelong show. Karen entered 13 items and picked up 12 prizes including 4 firsts and the best crochet exhibit. I'm speechless and overwhelmed, taking out the Best Exhibit (shown above - from LA3261 Best of Patricia Kristoffersen). Wow, very uplifting, with a bad back and not being able to walk far, my effort was worth it. Once again I'd like to thank you for your knowledge, expertise and interest in helping me achieve my projects and your continued encouragement.



Once again thank you for your excellent service, best postage in Australia!!! also my present and "Freddo". My daughter in-law, Carolyn, also wishes me to pass on to you her same, "Thankyou", it was her first order and she was surprised that it arrived so quickly!!!
Judith F, Camden South NSW.



The MT perle #5 is the type of cotton I was wanting even though I prefer finer like #10 thread. It seems softer than the old Milford cotton. **Ethel J, Morven QLD.**



Thankyou so much for the lovely cottons - beautiful colours. I cannot walk too well now so go to the post office on my 3 wheel scooter. Thankyou so much for your terrific service.
Corinne B, Dubbo NSW.

Many thanks once again for your prompt attention to my order! This was posted here in WA on Friday 28th October (which was a Public Holiday here in the West) so mail presumable would not leave here until the following Monday. The order arrived here today 8th November. Thanks once again, I wish every business could be as efficient as yours!
Dorothy McC, Warwick WA.



Your parcel arrived safely and thank you for your prompt service. It is a pleasure dealing with you. I am always pleased with your choice and very happy to be able to ring in my order.
Dorrie B, Lower Tent Hill QLD.

Christmas period trading



Please note that we will be closing on Friday 16 December 2011 and reopening again on Monday 16 January 2012.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.



Look at the Tunisian, Broomstick and Hairpin Lace stuff we found!!



HOOKTRICOT Tricot Hook



Aluminium hook 30cm (12") long, 2.50mm, 3.00mm, and 3.50mm \$3.75ea
4.00mm, 4.50mm and 5.00mm \$4.85ea
5.50mm and 6.00mm \$6.45ea
6.50mm \$9.15

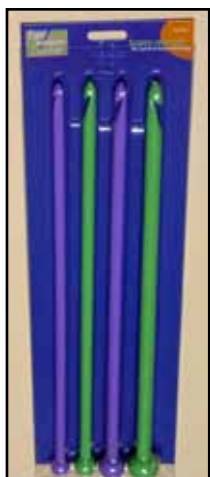
HOOKTRICOTSET - Set of 8 Tricot Hooks \$34.85 (2.5 - 6.00mm)



HOOKTRICOTSETB9 - Set of 9 Bamboo Tricot Hooks \$32.80



HOOKTUNISIANSET - Set of 4 Large Tunisian Hooks \$22.95



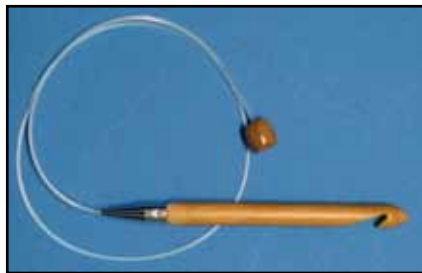
Sizes consist of 8mm, 9mm, 10mm and 11.5mm.

HOOKTRICOTFLEX - Cable Tricot Hook (5.50mm - 10mm) \$9.90ea



Available in sizes: 5.50mm, 6.50mm, 8mm, 9mm and 10mm. Total 84cm long. Also available as set of 5 hooks \$45.00

HOOKTRICOTFLEX11.5 - Cable Tricot Hook 11.5mm \$9.95



16cm long bamboo hook with 64cm long plastic flexible tubular cable with end stopper (total 80cm long).

HOOKAFGHANFLEX Bates Cable Tricot Hook \$8.80ea



14cm long aluminium hook with 43cm long plastic flexible tubular cable with end stopper in sizes 4mm, 5mm & 6mm.

HOOKHAIRPIN - Hairpin crochet prongs - fixed \$3.75ea



Available in 4 sizes, with plastic locking bar:-
approx width:- #2 - 35mm (1.4");
#3 - 50mm (2"); #4 - 60mm (2.4");
and #5 - 70mm (2.75")

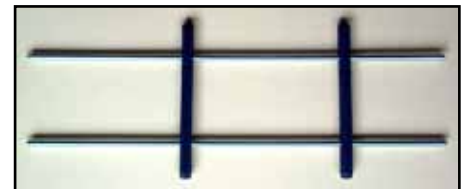
HOOKHAIRPINC - Hair Pin Lace Tool (Clover) \$24.20



Latest adjustable hair pin staple to make hairpin braids from 25mm to 75mm (1" - 3") wide in 10mm (3/8") increments.

HOOKHAIRPINADJ - Bates Adjustable Hairpin Lace Loom \$7.95

Approx 30cm long and adjustable from 2.5cm to 10cm in width.



ACCKPIN25 - Knitting Pin (plastic) 25mm (1") \$5.95



Single plastic knitting needle, 35cm (14") long, 25mm (1") diameter. Comes with instructions on "How To" Broomstick Crochet

878543 Special Techniques & Sts Afghans \$15.95



879511 Tunisian Around the Home \$15.95



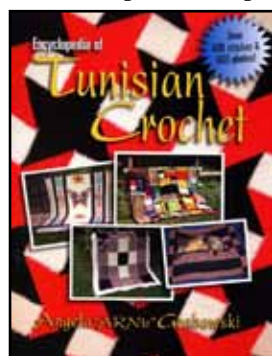
GCB14100 Easy Tunisian Crochet Entrelac \$10.00



GCB14400 Easy Tunisian Ponchos Plus! \$10.00



CC2558 Encyclopedia of Tunisian Crochet \$40.95 plus extra post**



CCTCAN Tunisian Cro Arrowhead Netting \$10.20



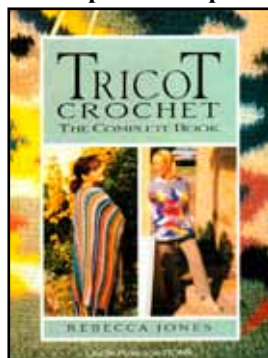
CCTCFAT Tunisian Crochet Feather & Fan \$7.50



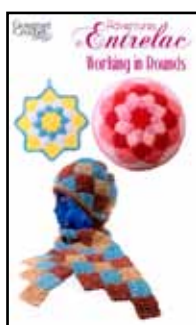
LA3758 Teach Yourself Tunisian Crochet \$21.25



LE92 Tricot Crochet - The Complete Book \$40.95 plus extra post**



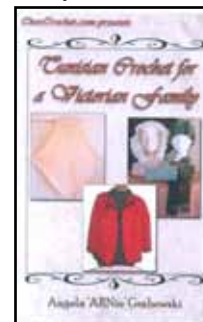
GC71108 Adven Entrelac Working in Rounds \$10.00



CCTCS&C Tunisian Crochet Scarves&Collars \$7.50



CCTCVF Tunisian Crochet Victorian Family \$7.50



CCTCPLS Tunisian Crochet Puff Lace Stitch \$7.50



879552 Learn Tunisian Stitches + DVD \$25.10* plus extra post



GC081109 How to Tunisian Cro Entrelac \$10.00



CCDMC&S Diagonal Magic Connect & Stitch \$10.20

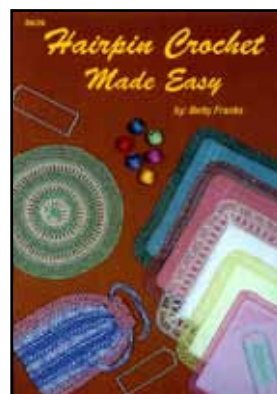


SDSTC Tunisian Crochet \$29.50 plus extra post**

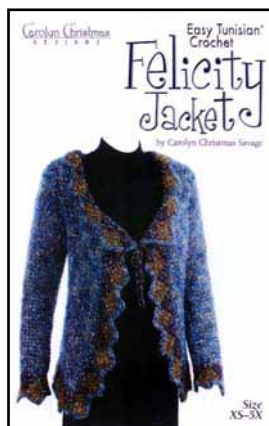


Hairpin Lace

BK29 Hairpin Crochet Made Easy \$10.95



GCET13105 Easy Tunisian Felicity Jacket \$10.00



GCCB14300 Tunisian Sampler Afghan \$10.00



871072 Learn to do Hairpin Lace \$13.70



874612 - 101 Easy Tunisian Stitches \$19.95* plus extra post



Broomstick Crochet

KITPAT031 - Pattern only for Broomstick (Crochet) Bag \$5.00



SDSHL Hairpin Lace \$47.25 plus extra post**



B1076 Get Hooked on Tunisian Crochet \$34.95* plus extra post



SELEC22 MYM Mag22 Symb Cro Doilies \$10.95



Contains Hairpin Lace patterns →