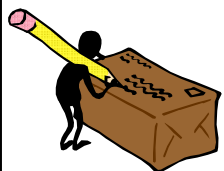




Crochet Extra

75th Edition - March 2012

Greetings and welcome to the March Crochet Extra. It has been raining most of the month in sunny Qld with the odd warm day to keep us interested in pretending that it is still Summer. Many people have enquired if it was flooding in Maleny and we thank them for their concern, but here at Cro Aus the only flood we see is the continuous flow of orders that pour out the door to the post office each day. So many of you are madly crocheting and tatting your way through metres and metres of thread, acquiring amazing home libraries and of course gathering great tools of trade.



As you can see by the NEW section we have not been idle, finding more new books and bits for you to indulge in. The knooking craze has certainly taken a leap forward and with more new books arriving each month - guess it will be around for awhile and we are sure that Leisure Arts will be taking this craze a step further.

There seems to be a shortage of buttons for the towel tops, so we have decided to follow this avenue and hunt some down. In the meantime, we have a special pack of suitable assorted buttons available until we get ourselves sorted. We hope to have a great mix of 17mm buttons available for you in the coming weeks, as we have found a small stash that is available and feel it is time to make our own mix of suitable buttons. It is the small things in life that seem to make a difference and a towel top without a button will never do.



Until next time, enjoy this month new bits and the customer comments that follow.

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THEME OF THE MONTH

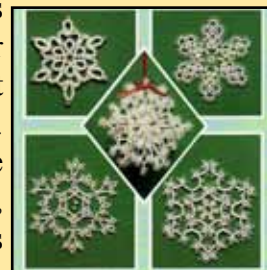
Motifs in knit and crochet



Do you remember your first motif? For most of us it would have been the humble granny square. These days we see motifs in many shapes and sizes - squares, circles, triangles, octagon, hexagon, flowers, hearts, butterflies, pictured squares and now with the popularity of freeform crochet you can have any motif your crochet hook or needle produces, as the rules have been put aside in the name of art.



Alas, there are knitted motifs that are usually blocks of all over designs and tatted motifs that appear in books as snowflakes. Whether you work with the thicker yarns or the finer threads, the combination of these motifs is used to produce afghan rugs, pillows, hats, scarves, bags, garments, doilies, tablecloths and runners, tea towel tops and more. Add lots of colour and imagination to your motifs



and create stunning masterpieces. This month we have put together some popular knitting and crochet books with a motif theme to get you started on a whole new journey into the world of motifs.

Have fun!!

WE'RE HOOKED ON CROCHET!



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 for your very prompt service in sending the books I ordered and also the little surprise of a lovely chocky frog. Yum. I have browsed through the books and am very interested in getting a little bit of practice in using the Knook. My daughter is pleased with the pattern for the "Eternity Scarf". I have been practising with the knooking hook, nylon thread and wool, and have been pleasantly surprised at the work that I am able to do. In the book it shows how to hold the needle and work to start the knitting, but I had watched an Italian friend crocheting with a knitting method, where she holds both wool and needle in her right hand and supports her work with her left. I am using this method to do the Knooking but using the book to still follow the directions that the needle has to go to produce the knit stitch and the purl stitch. Hope this method will be of use, as I find it easier to do. I have found that the wool works itself around the needle in the same direction as shown in the book.

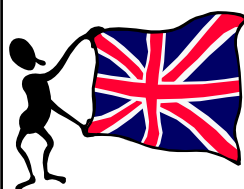
Merrilyn T, Drouin VIC.



Thank you Vicki. Received parcel today and as usual I am very happy with everything. **Cynthia O'B, Rockhampton QLD.** Cynthia loves our MT Perle #5 cotton and also orders for her friends to save on postage.



Thanks also for the bag and the chocolate! You're very generous. **Maureen W, Portland VIC.**
Order more than \$100 and receive A FREE GIFT.



Just to let you know the parcel has just arrived and is ok. I have opened it but not as yet looked at it in any detail as it is lunchtime, so a bit later. Will keep in touch as the dolls are hard to find here in England. **Pat R, UK.**

Thanks so much for the fast delivery. My Mum is so pleased with the order. Will definitely shop with you guys again.

Dianne O, Lockridge WA.



Jo L from Gympie popped in to show us some of her exquisite crocheting. Her doilies and rugs were out of the box and we would like to share these pictures with you. The thread used was Traditions #20 and the unique square centered doily above is from Crochet Monthly 196.

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 Dec11/Jan12 period.



**Congratulations
Linden B
Coffs Harbour 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!!



I have to thank you, still in timely fashion, for processing my order while on vacation. In that order was a set of double pointed



needles by LITEFLEX. For me they are the best dnps I have ever used. They certainly feel and behave better than the other grey assortment I own. Your webpage description, "Liteflex products are lightweight and flexible, and they are warm to touch making them perfect for arthritis sufferers" is true in every word. **Chrisella, Caboolture QLD.**

Well Aus Post excelled themselves. My goodies arrived not long after I had spoken to you lol. Lightning speed! Thankyou again...everything always arrives safe and sound although sometimes my little frog arrives a bit the worse for wear with the heat lol. My granddaughter doesn't mind a bit though. I will however do some more shopping at the end of the week no doubt...if not sooner. Thank you also for the new tape measure you popped in. My old one has certainly seen better days. **Deb H, Mornington VIC.**



Annette P, Lorne NSW sent in these pictures of some of her doll creations that she has made for Ronald McDonald house and some of here tea cosy delights. Keep up the good work Annette and good to see you have a favourite charity to help as well.



Just letting you know that the Lizbeth cottons arrived on Monday, and they are fantastic! Thank you so much for your excellent and speedy service. It might take me a while to get through this lot of cottons, but I know you will be my first port of call when I need more! **Emma B, Woden ACT.**



Hello to the team at Crochet Australia, I would like to thank you for your prompt service over the Christmas break, your fast dispatch of my order enabled me to complete a last minute project entry for our local show, which I then won first prize. **Jenny R, Tenterfield NSW.** *The question is, do 2 people qualify as a team?*

Arrived today!!!!. Thank you so very much!!!!. Thanks also for the gifts.....but my freddo melted...bummer!! Will be doing all our orders from you in the future. **Linda O'T, Walloon QLD.**

Linda's mum needed a quantity of coloured Cebelia and we were able to get it all in the same dyelot for her with a bit of help from our friends at DMC. Some things take a little longer but worth the wait.



Many thanks, my parcel turned up yesterday and I am very happy with what I purchased. I will be putting in an order in the near future. I order for 2 other people as well and we are grateful for you help. **Louise M, Scottsdale TAS.**

Just to say, thanks so very much for the prompt service. The package arrived safely yesterday and all intact, including little freddo, which I will savour later whilst perusing my new books. What a lovely little surprise. **Shaz F, Leopold VIC.**

Elisabeth K, Aitkenkenvale QLD sent us a picture of this beautiful filet doily made with DMC Traditions #30. She tells me that the filet begins at the centre and that the pattern is from Decorative Crochet Magazine 102 (MAGDECOR102 - \$10). Well done Elisabeth - this should look grand on your daughters dining room table.



Just a short email saying thank you for the prompt reply for my order which I placed on Wednesday though I could not make the payment on that day, you took my information and processed it on payday Thursday and the delivery was here on my door step on Friday. Now I can get and finish my project before 5th April. The colour was spot on you can't even see if there is two shades of the colour. I will be doing more business with you in the future. **Carol J, Kippa-Ring QLD.** *Alas the shops around Carol are closing their doors and the internet came to her rescue.*



This is just a brief note to let you know that my parcel with Springfield doll Emma arrived safe and sound. How did you realize that I was about to ask for shoes for her? Over the years that I have been sending you orders, I have built a terrific library of books and cannot wait to find enough time to make use of the patterns. At the moment I seem to go from project to project without thinking of sending any photos to you. This is another thing that I will eventually find time to do. Thankyou for your great service and wonderful online catalogue. **Jan T, Hamilton VIC.**



I have found your supply of cottons very colourful and varied (and love them), also been told by my customers at the markets that the cotton is excellent quality. My tea towels sell themselves - they look so pretty. I am happy with the quick and efficient delivery. Looking forward to my next parcel and so glad I found you. **Beryl J, Busselton WA.** *Beryl buys Almira 4ply cotton.*



What a great spot you found up there! Thankyou for making us feel so welcome. We enjoyed seeing where you are and what you have achieved. It is a BIG credit to you. We found our way down to the Lake Baroon for our lunch then did a walk round the town. One certainly wouldn't go hungry with all the food places but we usually take our own. Well must away now, will see you again sometime for the crochet hooks. **Brenda and Maurie F, Bald Hills QLD.**

Thankyou for my cotton, ordered on the Thursday and was delivered Saturday morning as the postman was running late on the Friday due to the rain. **Suzanne B, South Maclean QLD.**



Look what we found for Motifs!!

This section in the newsletter provides a glimpse of some of the products that relate to the theme of the month - Motifs.



SM3272 Freeform Knitting & Crochet \$44.95 plus extra post**



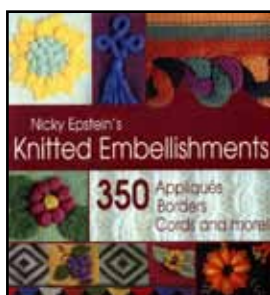
SM3582 Freeformations Knit & Crochet \$42.95 plus extra post**



SM3982 - 200 Knitted Blocks \$44.95 plus extra post**



KA1039X Knitted Embellishments \$51.95 plus extra post**



PM4333 Freeform Serendipitous Designs \$35.95 plus extra post**



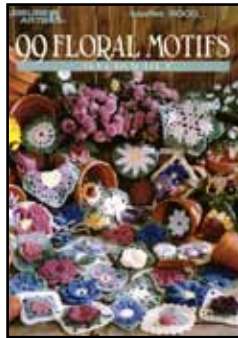
121033 Modular Knitting Made Easy \$16.70



872518 Flower Pot Holder \$12.95



LA3000 - 99 Floral Motifs to Crochet \$26.20



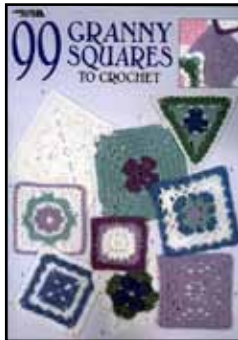
LA3782 Stylish Rugs for Every Room \$17.50



LA4765 Stars in the Making \$17.10



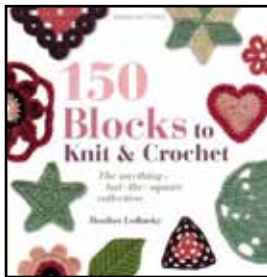
LA3078 - 99 Granny Squares to Crochet \$21.30* plus extra post



LA3177 Pineapple Afghans Book 11 \$15.30



S4187 - 150 Blocks to Knit & Crochet \$39.95** plus extra post



PARC109 Crochet Motifs \$4.95



LA75023 Floral Afghans \$8.30



LA75340 Color Mix & Match \$9.30



ASN1355 Thoroughly Modern Grannies \$13.35



LA75065 Kid-Pleasing Afghans \$8.30



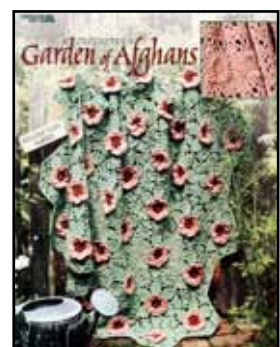
A3533 Gorgeous Knitted Afghans \$39.95** plus extra post



SM3248 - 200 Crochet Blocks \$44.95** plus extra post



LA3238 A Crocheter's Garden of Afghans \$35.50** plus extra post



SP9122 The Great American Afghan \$21.95* plus extra post



877528 Old Fashioned Quilt Afghans \$14.20



878526 - 101 Granny Squares \$24.95* plus extra post



CL9130 - 300 Classic Blocks \$39.95** plus extra post



874611 Hearts & Flowers Appliques Roll \$13.45



875584 Quilt-Style Crochet Throws \$14.20



HANKLEBFLY - Handkerchief, White, Crocheted Lace Edge with Butterfly Motif \$4.65ea or \$25 for set of 6.



HC4262 Harmony - Crochet Stitch Motifs \$29.95** plus extra post



LA4795 Big Book of Thread Ornaments \$42.90** plus extra post



LA3223 Patchwork Afghans Thru the Year Book 2 \$16.50



LA3859 Best of Maggie Weldon Crochet Afghans \$48.20



A3888 Perfect Patches \$17.50



HANKLECRIN - Handkerchief, White, Crocheted Lace Edge with Crinoline Lady Motif \$4.65ea or \$25 for set of 6.



LA75051 Favorite Motif Afghans \$8.30



ASN1382 Fashion Flowers to Crochet \$13.35



LA4748 Triangle Treasury \$16.40



LA4864 - 50 Fabulous Pineapple Crochet Motifs \$27.40* plus extra post



SP2979 Seamless Crochet + DVD \$29.95** plus extra post



HANKMTFALPHA - Handkerchief, White, Folded edge with Alpha Motif \$5.05

Letters A-Z

