



Crochet Extra

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With the memories of Summer now just a blur, we have welcomed Autumn here in Queensland with the political leaves falling from the trees in mass. This should herald a change for small business with more confidence in the economy and hopefully better outcomes for you, our loyal customers.



March has been and gone and we are moving forward and finding ourselves working smarter and at night as the days get busier. Chances are that these days when you phone the line will be busy, so please leave a message so we can get back to you.

There have been a few delays caused by some of our transport couriers effecting imported orders. Gone are the days when people used to take pride in their jobs and put the needs of others to the fore. We apologize for these delays and hope our speedy service through Australia Post from this end helps to compensate for the time lost. All this comes at a price, as Australia Post has introduced new postal bags that are trackable and a little more expensive, plus from 02 April, parcel post prices have risen again as well. We have therefore increased minimum parcel post by 50 cents to \$9.00 with large parcels to \$13.50 to help with the load. Large letters remain unchanged.



Not a lot of new things this month, so our focus will be on Leisure Arts publications and a few other interesting oldies. So sit back and enjoy the ride with us, as here in QLD we participate in an interesting time ahead.

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THEME OF THE MONTH



Leisure Arts Publications

Over the past 10 years we have accumulated many book titles and although we have seen many come and go, the Leisure Arts Publications have flourished and have always been popular amongst our customers. Today we still carry nearly 2500 different titles in our vast range of books and of these about 350 are from Leisure Arts. They cover a multitude of subjects in Knitting and Crochet and we are pleased to say that a lot of the older proven books with great pattern ideas are still around.



My favourite would have to be the baby books with clothing and rugs in both crochet and knitting - always being the crowd pleasers. The bootie books are divine!! The afghan books are written by many great designers and have catered for the different aspects like Tunisian, on the double, motifs and patches, ripples, contest favourites, samplers, baby, mile a minute and more.



There are also instructional DVDs and of course there is the latest trend of Knooking. Other subjects covered are ladies and children clothing including hats, bags, wraps and scarves, dog coats, household items, doilies, runners and cloths, toys, bookmarks, borders and edges, slippers and socks, plus beading, flowers, knitting fine lace, learning new crochet stitches and of course techniques.

All in all, there is a Leisure Arts book for everyone!



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 for my DMC perle cottons, arrived this morning, I couldn't have gone down the street quicker to buy them, thank you again for the quick service. **Elizabeth P, Gympie QLD.**



Thank you, my cotton arrived in good time ably escorted by Freddo. I thought you may like to see what I have done with it. **Jeanette G, Wulagi NT.**



I was so excited to open my envelope to see that I had won the monthly voucher. I am now working and living in a remote aboriginal community and it is just wonderful that I can still order my crochet products from you. They may take a little longer to get to me now, but I really look forward to getting my parcels. I've changed my mind so many times as to how I am going to spend my voucher. So many products....so little time! I need 48hrs in the day to fit in my work and all my craftwork. Thank you for such a wonderful, reliable service.



Karen H, Bathurst Island NT.

Karen was a recent Happy Hooker winner!

Many thanks for the parcel of instructions for "Knooking for Beginners" - very prompt as usual!! Can't wait to have a go. Also thanks for the chocolate frog. Arrived a bit soft but as we have been in the midst of a heatwave with 40+ degrees heat, it is a wonder that it didn't completely melt!! Was very enjoyable!! **Dorothy M, Warwick WA.**



Well done. I know you received my order by mail on the Friday and I picked up my parcel from my mail box on Monday. We are 60km from Mudgee NSW and our mail box is a 1.2km round trip from the house, so not a bad effort to receive it so fast. The variegated Almira colours are just lovely.

Judy O, Pyramul 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 February 2012 period.



**Congratulations
Lorraine H
The Gap 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!!





PIC Sue Z from Nambour QLD called to buy some more thread to keep herself busy and showed us these doilies that she had made for presents for special people in her life. They are worked in #10 Maxi thread and are from ASN1450 Exquisite Doilies.

Another regular call in from just up the road in **Maleny QLD** is **Jan W** and we are always amazed at the amount of work she gets done considering that she works, looks after a sick husband and leaves the mountain to baby sit on a regular basis. This little beauty is from *The Joy of Thread* by Annies and worked in #20 thread. The original pattern was made with one colour, but Jan's coloured edge really sets it off.



Thank you Vicki for the prompt service and the chocolate. I'm looking forward to using the cottons in my current project. It's a very long scarf - about 2.5 metres I think. Here are some photos. I figured out the technique from a book on Irish crochet I bought a while ago and got a few ideas from Nicky Epstein's book on crochet. I made it up myself - I crochet shapes then link them together with needlework. I'm using a variety of threads - perlé, and Cebelia mainly - size 10 with a 0.75mm hook. I pin them out on a tubular cushion and join them. Here's a pic of the one I just bought the coloured threads for, pinned out and started. I'm thinking about a circus under the sea. It's more difficult because of joining different colours together without an overall colour to join the motifs. It's hard to find a place to bury the ends in this sort of piece. **Maureen W, Portland VIC.**



Karen F of Clarinda VIC sent this little beauty. If you have a dog you will understand. Remember, if a dog was a teacher you would learn things like:



- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- Take naps. Stretch before rising. Run, romp and play daily.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On warm days, stop to lay on your back on the grass. On hot days, drink lots of water and lay under a tree.
- When happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- Be loyal. Never pretend to be something you are not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- When someone else is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

ENJOY EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY THE BEST YOU CAN!!!!

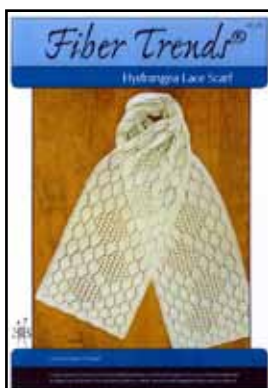


Anne B of Sofala NSW sent in these pics of her recent wins at the local show. Above is the champion piece for a knitted scarf and below are first for cushion and first plus senior champion for the blanket. *Well done Anne!!*



Here are a few knitting books that although not new have not been shown to you for a long time.

FTAC83 Fibre Trends Hydrangea Lace Scarf \$4.65



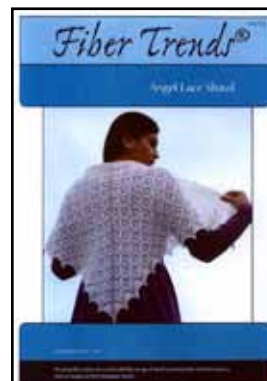
Designed by Eugen K Beugler – Large clusters of petals are surrounded by leaves on this rectangular lace scarf. Choose between a single row of flowers for a narrow scarf (152 x 24cm) or a wider version with staggered blossoms as shown (163 x 30cm). Leaflet (Knit)

872891 Springtime Throws \$11.55



Designed by Melissa Leapman 5 eye-catching knitted designs in springtime colours ideal for those breezy summer evenings. Uses worsted yarn and circular knitting needles. (Knit)

FTS2018 Fibre Trends Angel Lace Shawl \$4.65



Designed by Evelyn Clark – Small eyelet circles are surrounded by wings of swirling stockinette stitch to create a host of angels on this triangular shawl. 142cm across x 71cm. Leaflet (Knit)

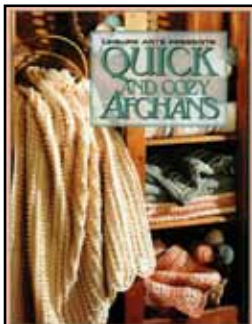


Look at the LA books we found!!

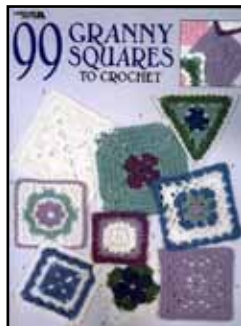
This section in the newsletter provides a glimpse of some of the products that relate to the theme of the month - Leisure Arts publications.



LA102626 Quick and Cosy Afghans
\$33.80** extra post



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



LA3830 Twice the Fun Crochet \$28.40*
extra post



LA2889 Our Best Thread Crochet
\$32.80** extra post



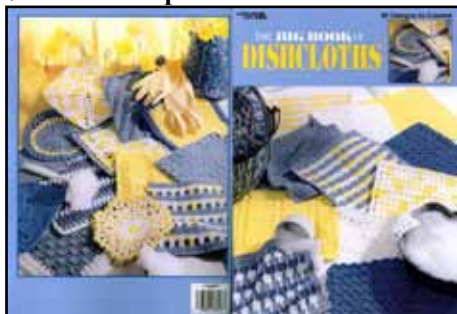
LA3173 A Year of Q-Hook Afghans
Book 3 \$23.95* extra post



LA3859 Best of Maggie Weldon Crochet Afghans \$48.20** extra post



LA3027 The Big Book of Dishcloths
\$17.50* extra post



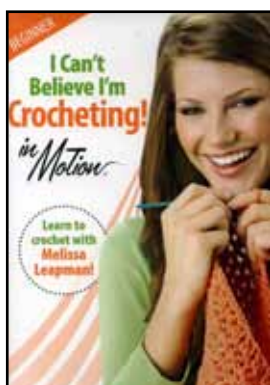
LA3379 Afghans by the Alphabet
\$32.20* extra post



LA4225 The Prayer Shawl Ministry
\$20.95* extra post (knit + crochet)



LA3915DVD I Can't Believe I'm Crocheting \$29.95



LA4224 Purses & More \$13.65



LA4382 50 Crocheted Afghan Borders
\$15.40



LA4263 Ultimate Guide to Thread Crochet \$28.75* extra post



LA4378 Total Crochet for the Home \$48.10** extra post



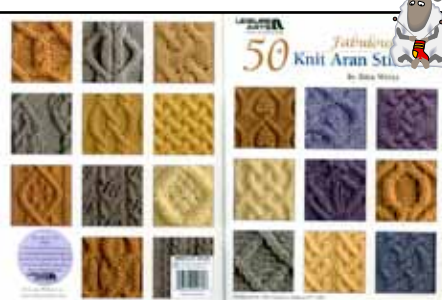
LA4466 I Can't Believe I'm Lace Knitting \$32.20* extra post



LA4529 - 50 Fabulous Knitted Lace Sts \$27.90* extra post



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



Books with this symbol contain knitting patterns.

LA3889 Puff Stitch Perfection \$30.60* extra post



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



LA3961 63 Crochet Cable Stitches \$28.40* extra post



LA4088 Jackets to Knit or Crochet \$37.20** extra post



LA4800 The Crochet Closet \$41.90** extra post



LA2039 Fancy Feet \$8.50



LA2120 A Year of Doilies \$13.95



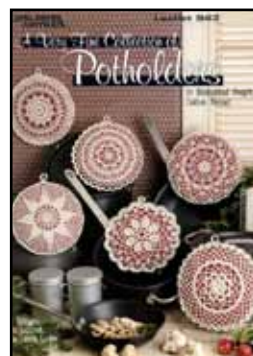
LA2171 More Lace Suncatchers \$12.00



LA2858 Slippers for the Family \$11.30



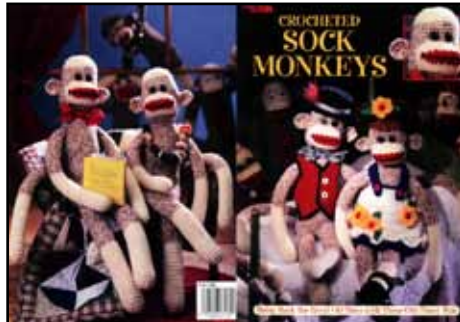
LA943 Very Fine Collection of Potholders \$5.00



LA75038 Touch of Class Afghans \$8.30



LA3130 Crocheted Sock Monkeys \$9.50



LA3982 More Easy Accessories \$15.25



LA2774 Beary Sweet Baby Afghans \$8.40



LA3291 Pineapple Elegance \$15.50



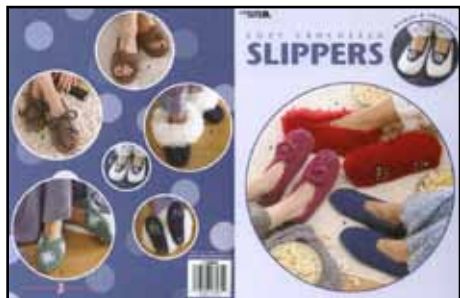
LA4245 Crochet in Style \$14.60



LA2865 Baby Steps \$12.95



LA3562 Cozy Crocheted Slippers \$16.50



LA4410 No Adults Allowed \$21.80



LA2887 Learn to Crochet 24 Pattern Sts \$17.10



LA3656 Beaded Beauties to Crochet \$22.15



LA4750 DIY Afghans (with interactive CD) \$23.55



LA3035 Slipper Socks for Kids \$10.50



LA3937 Pretty Ponchos \$13.65



LA5504 Totes for all Reasons \$17.10

