Crochet Extra Crochet Australia

Tith lots happening on the home front and the house finally finished, work has taken a back seat for a few days as we weave our way through the myriad of minor inconveniences that arise when you shift house. Luckily we have a long weekend not far away.

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Fortunately there have been some overseas orders come in so some more new goodies to share with you. The 13 new Lizbeth thread colours are finally on the shelves and on the internet and selling well.

Over 10 years ago, when the idea of Crochet Australia was conceived, we began with a few crochet books and a stand of DMC Cebelia cotton. We did not even have the internet, let alone know the ins and outs of the whole process, so becoming an internet based business was definitely not on the horizon. We merely had a black and white paper catalogue. So for a couple of oldies who were retired, we are pleased to say we have embraced technology and the challenge of business and at the end of the day reaped the rewards of a lot of work. Ray has just about completed his new website and hoping to launch it in the coming week. New technology is always a challenge but considering his work load here at Crochet Australia he has completed the task at hand.

As the business grew, and our customers asked for more and more, we diversified from just crochet into tatting, knitting, looming, hardanger and candlewicking, and of course our

range of dolls. This all meant that we needed to import quantities of goods and learn all about the complexities of importing. Life is never dull!



This Month we are sharing the Hardanger and Candlewicking range with you.

Happy crocheting

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THEME OF THE MONTH

Hardanger and Candlewicking Embroidery

For some time now we have stocked hardanger supplies and for novices the size the fabric to be used seems to be the most asked question. Sulta fabric is an evenweave cotton material woven with pairs of threads, typically 22 pairs per linear inch in both directions, referred to as '22-count'. The weave



gives a squared appearance to the fabric (similar toAida cloth), with distinct holes, making it easy to count and work on.

Other evenweave fabrics that we stock and are also suitable for Hardanger embroidery but do not usually have the clearly defined block appearance. These include Davosa 18 threads per inch, sometimes referred to as learners cloth and very popular Lugana 26 threads per inch. We carry Sulta and Davosa in white and ecru and Lugana in whites, ecru and colours. (pale blue, dresden blue, maize, daffodil, pink, wedgewood blue and moss green)



Traditional Hardanger embroidery is worked with a thread colour that matches the fabric. Preference seems to be the DMC range. On 22-count Sulta fabric this is usually Perle cotton #5, a heavier weight used for satin stitch Kloster blocks and motifs, and Perle cotton #8,

a thinner thread used for more delicate filling stitches and other surface details. On finer, higher count fabrics the combination of #8 and #12 threads is often more suitable. A wide range of patterns is available today. We currently have about 63 book titles for you to choose from. Hardanger is still used to decorate cushions, table linen and other household items as well as items for display on a wall.



Candlewicking is a surface embroidery that originated from Colonial America over 200 years ago and these days it is worked on calico or homespun fabric. The thread used seems to be a matter of choice and we have noticed that embroiders use all



sizes of the perles #5, #8 and #12, mixture of sizes in crochet cotton from #5 - #20 and the thicker 4ply cotton that gives a bolder finish. Traditionally white and creams were used but these days more colours are appearing in designs as candlwicking is now combined a lot with everyday textured embroidery. We currently stock 14 candlewicking design books.

Colour charts are available for the threads and the evenweave fabric.



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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!

Am absolutely delighted to receive my order for Abby American Girl Doll which has arrived so quickly. Freddo Frog also appreciated and quickly eaten. Will now start to crochet and knit a wardrobe of clothes for her, then give to my granddaughter. Thanks so much, **Diana F, Armidale NSW.**



I was pleasantly surprised to receive my order yesterday---that was quick! Thank you very much.



was quick! Thank you very much. Sheila W, Beerwah QLD.

Thankyou for my order. I got it yesterday. How quick was that about 18 hours from ordering to being on my doorstep. **Delma R, Wondai QLD.**

My order has arrived. Thank you. I was like a kid waiting for Christmas morning to come around, I was that excited today. Which is kind of funny, as I don't get excited over presents anymore as I generally end up with a pile of trash (aka unwanted items). I got over chastising myself for spending money when I am supposed to be saving. After all, all those hand towels I ordered are for gifts. The rest is for ME!!!! And I get the fun of playing



with my embroidery machine by putting something on each hand birthday present - clothes towel. Don't know if I will be crocheting tops on all of them or maybe trying out the towel holders that one can embroider on the machine. Decisions, decisions! Will put Freddo in the drawer as I am in the process of losing weight and it might be needed later, either for me or a stressed out friend at work. Pat P, Ultimo 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 April 2012 period.



Congratulations Shirley B SCONE 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 was stoked to receive my order in the mail today...other mail orders usually take a week to reach us out in Charleville!! Thankyou for such a fast response!!! Oh and of course the Liteflex knitting needles are great too. Karyn C, Charleville QLD.





The set of 10 arthritis Clover crochet hooks I ordered last Friday arrived on Tuesday. I was really excited about this as this is my Mother's Day present but I'm using them already. I haven't been able to crochet for about 6 months because of my hands, so it is great to get back into it again. Now I can finish my granddaughter's birthday present - clothes for a brand new Barbie Doll. **Robyn B. Ingham OLD.**



Thank you for providing such a wonderful online store and an equally wonderful dispatch service. I found the Website easy to use, lots of information included and the ordering process very easy. My order arrived well packed, contents of order correct & the extra surprise of a

Freddo chocolate! I would recommend your company to anyone searching for good old fashioned service and reliability. Keep up the good work. Jude C, Morningside QLD.

Thank so much. My order arrived a few days ago, (very fast) the pattern books are great, I make a lot of baby shawls and am always looking for new patterns. Thank you for the free gifts, the little note book has become my favourite and an excellent way to keep your site details close at hand to refer to family and friends, the Freddo frog quickly disappeared with one of my grandchildren. **Penelope J, Bondoola QLD.**

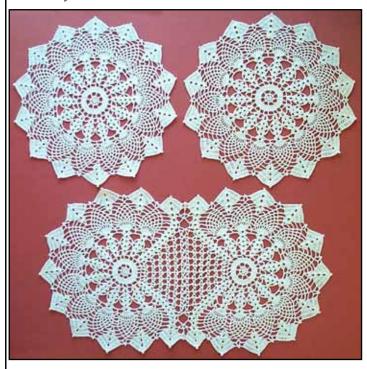


My parcel of yarn just arrived and it feels like Christmas! Thank you for your prompt service. I look forward to doing business with you again in the near future. **Sue T, Mooroolbark VIC.**

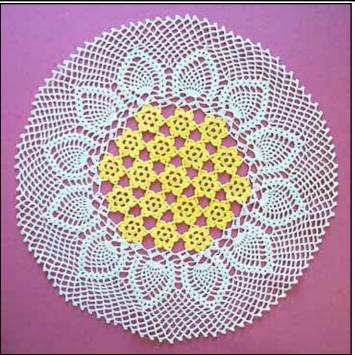
Dorrie B from Lower Tent Hill QLD came to visit and bought a box full of doilies to show us. Her friend Aleksandra had crocheted a lovely cloth as well but the camera was on the blink and we are not able to show it to you. Ray managed to take a few snaps of Dorries crochet with his older camera which has a limited range.



This large centre was croched in DMC Cebelia #40 and Dorrie copied it from an existing doily. No pattern required with this clever lady.



Worked in DMC Cebelia #20 with the pattern from Crochet Monthly 101.



This little beauty with its central flowers is worked in #20 and pattern is from Nihon Vogue Beautiful Lace.

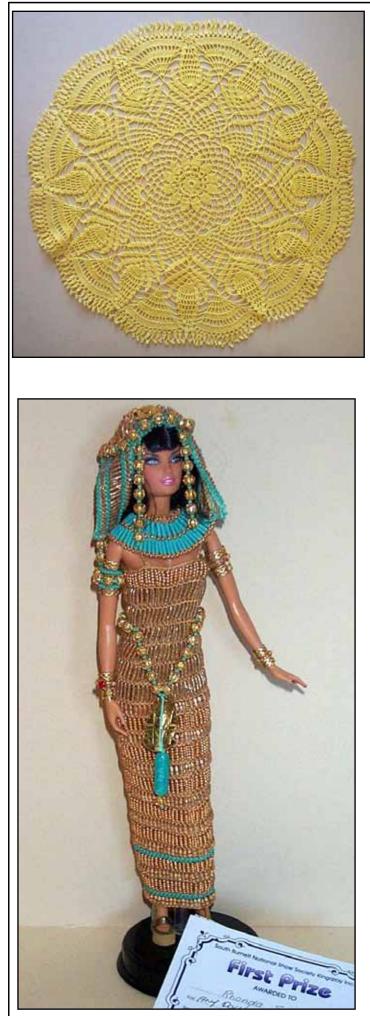


The pattern for this doily is from Crochet monthly 125.

Well done Dorrie!

If all this is not enough, Dorrie sings the praises of her 96 year old sister who still crochets in #40 crochet cottons and created the beautiful doily *shown on the next page*. The pattern is from Crochet Monthly 255 using #40 crochet cotton.

Such talented sisters and the doilies are so perfect in every way.



Rhonda S, Kingaroy QLD and her young daughter **Tamika** recently decided to give the Kingaroy show a boost with a variety of items scarves, toys, homespun yarn items and of course their wonderful dolls. Tamika won a Reserve Champion sash with her winning entry of an Abby doll with a great crocheted scarf and beanie plus clothes that she had sewn from 151025 Love to Dress up 18" dolls. This, along with a swag of other firsts and seconds, was grandeur in itself as Tamika is only 10 and still at primary school and hot on the heels of her talented mum.



Rhonda of course won lots of firsts and seconds but the jewel in crown had to be the Cleopatra doll with the beaded dress. Such a stunning beauty. Well done and hope that the Kingaroy show will have lots of great items next year.

Thankyou for my order, the yummy frog and the little note-pad as a thankyou. Your service is second to none and very much appreciated. Keep up the good work. **Rene F, Cunnamulla QLD.**

Many thanks for the 6 white hankies. I have to crochet them for prizes for our ladies lawn bowls club 30th birthday party in June. As I joined 30 years ago and have been a member for all those years I am one of the old brigade at 86. **Hazel B, Yeppoon QLD.**



Look at the Hardanger and Candlewicking goodies we found!!

FABDAVOSA - Davosa (Zweigart)Evenweave, 18cnt, 140cm wide FullMetre Lengths \$67.10pmAvailable in White (Colour 1) and Ecru(Colour 264)

FABSULTA - Sulta Hardanger (Zweigart), 22cnt, 110cm wide \$36.65pm Available in White (Colour 1) and Ecru (Colour 264)

FABLUGANA - Lugana (Zweigart)Evenweave, 25cnt, 140cm wide\$65.95pmAvailable in White (Colour 1) Ecru(Colour 264), and Antique White (101)

FABLUGCOL140 - Lugana (Zweigart), 25cnt, 140cm wide \$65.95pm Available in 205 Maize, 274 Daffodil, 443

Pink, 501 Wedgewood, 513 Pale Blue, 504 Dresden Blue, 618 Moss Green

FABLUGCUT - Precut Lugana 36 x 45cm \$8.95ea

Limited stock in 264 Ecru, 618 Moss Green

ACCPENCIL - Clover Iron-On Transfer Pencil (Blue) \$5.00



ACCSEWKIT - Sewing & Embroidery Gift Set \$14.35

Consists of tape measure, stork scissors, thimble and assorted sewing needles in an attractive plastic case.



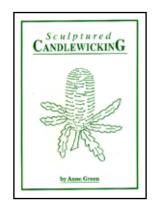
ACCTHRCUTSC - Thread cutting scissors \$12.50



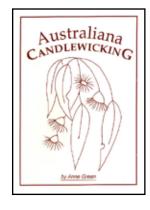
ACCPENDCUT - Clover Thread Cutter Pendant \$12.50 Available in Antique Gold or Antique Silver.



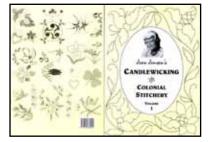
BKAG01 Sculptured Candlewicking \$8.95



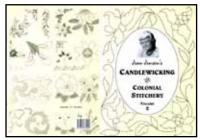
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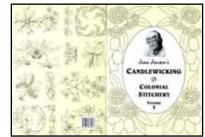
JJ01 Jean Jensen's Candlewicking Vol 1 \$9.95



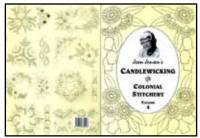
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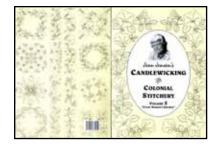
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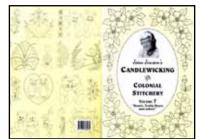
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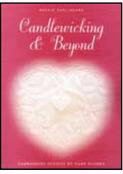
JJ05 Jean Jensen's Candlewicking Vol 5 \$9.95



JJ07 Jean Jensen's Candlewicking Vol 7 \$9.95



PT917X Candlewicking and Beyond \$27.50* extra post



PO110 Candlewicking Collection Book 10 \$12.95



PO204 \$12.95

Candlewicking Pot-pourri



PO112 Chicken Scratch & Candlewicking \$15.35



PO113 More Chicken Scratch & Candlewick \$12.35



SM3434 Classic Hardanger \$34.95** extra post



SM2144 Decorative Designs Hardanger \$32.95** extra post



NN239 Award Winning Designs Hardanger 05 \$28.95



NN238 Award Winning Designs Hardanger 04 \$19.95



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NN312 Wee Ones in Hardanger Embroidery \$16.95



NN153 Heartwarming Heart Hardanger \$9.25



in NN164 Hardanger Memories I \$12.20



NN184 Velvet & Lace in Hardanger \$12.20



NN185 Hardanger Gifts \$12.20



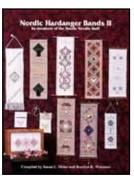
NN228AwardWinningDesignsNN221Hardanger with T.L.C. \$14.25IHardanger 99\$16.3055



NN189 Elegant Variations in Hardanger \$14.25



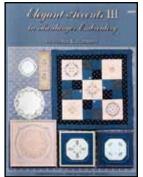
NN194 Nordic Hardanger Bands II \$ \$14.25

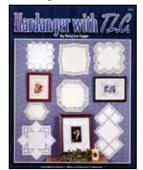


NN202 Designer Boxes in Hardanger Embroidery \$14.25



NN209 Elegant Accent III in Hardanger \$14.25





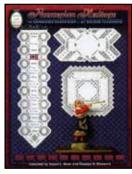
NN240 Award Winning Desings Hardanger 06 \$30.95



NN241 Creative Stitches in Hardanger \$18.95



NN309 Norwegian Heritage Hardanger \$14.25



NN242 Award Winning Desings Hardanger 07 \$21.95

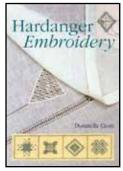


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LNSB1 Hardanger Basics & Beyond \$24.95* extra post



CP2270 Hardanger Embroidery \$24.95* extra post



LNSB4 Hardanger with Southern Charm 1 \$9.95



NN235 Elegant Greetings in Hardanger Embroidery \$16.40



LNSB10 Hardanger Christmas Stitched with Love \$21.95



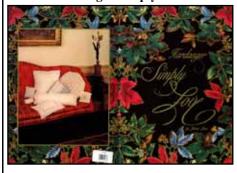
NN248 Christmas in the Pines \$16.95



LNSB9 Hardanger Stitches' Treasures \$15.95



LNSB8 Hardanger Simply Love \$23.95



LNSB7 Hardanger Potpourri of Pillows \$23.95



LNSB3 Hardanger Ribbons \$23.95* extra post



LNSB14 Hardanger Hearts a Love Affair \$28.95



LNSB11 Hardanger Linen Lace \$28.95



NN245 H'danger Emb 2009 Winning **Designs \$23.95**



ZW143 Zweigart Book H'danger 101.143 \$15.95

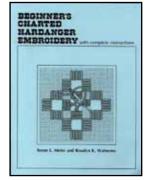


NN1054 A Collection of Beautiful Sts LNSB5 Hardanger 139 \$46.95** extra post



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NN105 Beginner's Charted Hardanger Embroidery \$8.95



NN1073 Burda Hardanger E514 \$19.35



NN249 Award Winning Designs 2011 Hardanger \$23.95



NN1081 Burda Hardanger E481 \$14.60



with Southern Charm 2 \$13.95



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