

Crochet Extra

81st Edition - September 2012

Welcome to the September 2012 newsletter. Sometimes it seems that the seasons dictate not only how we feel, but what we decide to crochet. When the weather is cold we derive pleasure from handling wool and creating those woolly rugs and scarves. Last month there were lots of books on hats, scarves, rugs and jumpers plus Dazzle 8ply yarn leaving in parcels to find new homes. Maybe we will see some pictures of the finished products in the future.



On the home front, we are settled into the house and madly finishing paths, creating garden areas and a paved seating area for visitors. All this before the wet season comes again. We decided it was a good time to dig up some of the sweet potatoes that were covering up one of the many heaps of dirt left by the excavator. To our surprise we have enough to feed an army and only half of the pile has been dug over. Guess we will have sweet potatoes forever.



We have recently received a few overseas shipments of new books and thread so plenty to keep Ray busy getting these onto the web site. Although books drop off our range at an alarming rate, as publications cease to be available, we still carry over 2000 titles across crochet, tatting, hardanger, knitting and candlewicking. We are always amused by the "new" crochet techniques that the large book companies revive, sometimes with a different name, to keep us all interested.



Well, with spring in the air and the chilly weather almost behind us, it is time to take up the crochet hooks and some finer thread and start on the favourite past time of the thread crocheter. Yes that means it is doily time!

Happy Crocheting

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THEME OF THE MONTH

Doilies



This month we feature the humble doily. No longer are they just white or cream! The purists still follow that line but coloured doilies have again become fashionable. We have a great number of colour threads available in a variety of sizes in Cebelia, Babylo, Lizbeth, Maxi, Daphne, Klasik and Finca - all with colour charts available.



Doilies can be crocheted, knitted, tatted, worked with hardanger and even made with a daisy wheel and the motifs joined. The most popular size in thread seems to have shifted to #10 but we still find some people preferring the #20s and #30s and finer for a more delicate look. Whatever your choice we should have something so suit. We even have a book (BK25) for doilies worked in 4ply.

We have searched the book shelves to find our most popular doily books to share with you and have found written crochet pattern in the Annies Attic and the Leisure Arts books, symbol crochet in the Crochet Monthly, MYM Spanish ones, Decorative Crochet and Magic Crochet. Knitted ones are scarce but we have a few to share. Tatted ones are usually word and visual so no problem there. Hardanger pieces can be edged in crochet to make lovely doilies.

Of course the most popular hook of choice are the wonderful Clover Arthritic steel hooks sized from 0.4mm to 1.75mm for only \$10 each. These are a dream to crochet with. The most popular tatting shuttles are the clover ones as well. Seems that the Japanese get it right most of the time.

Anyway, enjoy browsing through our doily titles and if you have the internet you can check out all the doily books there.





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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"

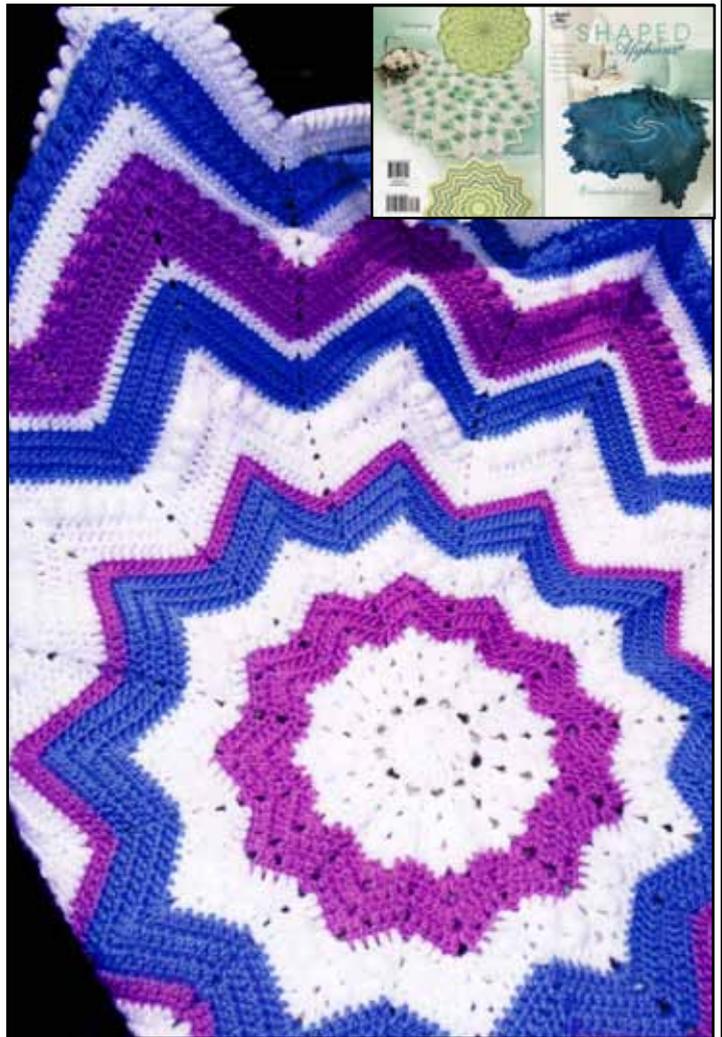
Here are some customer comments and masterpieces for this month!

Wendy D, Grafton NSW sent us a couple of these delightful crocheted pot holders that she made from Heirloom 8ply cotton. She has made up her own design and even included the pattern. Wendy says that although the design is not fancy the end result is very functional. Thanks Wendy, they sure are nice and soft and thick and look great to us!

Your new website is really nice although it keeps asking me to "log on". You have some very talented clients - their crocheting is so beautiful. People tell me my knitting is beautiful but your clients and their crocheting leave me for dead. **Anne U'R, Omeo VIC.** *Our new website allows you to either shop as a guest (for once off or occasional purchases) or register your details (for repeat customers). Registering once saves you having to enter all your details again and also allows you to save a wish list of goodies and view your order history. Thus you need to "log on" on your next visit - and don't forget to log off when finished.*



Kay J from Clontarf QLD came to peruse the afghan books and share her recent works. This treasure looked great and is called "Forever Spring Afghan" from 871127 Shaped Afghans. Well done Kay.



Just a note to say how much I enjoy your newsletter. It is so easy to navigate and though I have not bought much I am inspired. Keep up the great work. **Kay C.**

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 July 2012 period.



**Congratulations
Jean L
Temora 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!!

Thankyou for the books, they arrived at lunch time today. Very good service indeed! **Joyce B, Carseldine QLD.**

Lesley E, Innisfail QLD (a very talented lady) has been busy with her crochet hook and writes "I'm attaching a photo of my Opera Jacket together with some information that was published in the local paper."



OPERA JACKET - Article of Creative Crochet made in Irish Lace and entered into Melbourne Show 2011, Canberra Show 2012 and Sydney Show 2012.

RESULTS - 1st prize in each class entered, Best Exhibit of Crochet in Melbourne Show 2011, Arts Award Standard of Excellence at Sydney Show 2012 and Champion of Crochet at Canberra Show 2012 and Champion of Arts and Craft in Canberra 2012.

The Opera Jacket is made in Irish Lace using books published in 1905 and 1912 to guide me. The motifs are made of 3 dimensional raised work and formed into sprays of flowers, stems, leaves, buds and butterflies. The motifs were then handstitched onto my blouse pattern of lawn. These pieces of crochet were then crocheted together with fill-ins of rings and chains of crochet. The larger spaces were filled with double picot chain loops.

IRISH CROCHET - (3 dimensional raised work) I used - DMC #40 "Cebelia" Crochet Cotton over a chord of 4 strands of DMC #10 "Cebelia" Crochet Cotton - Double Crocheted very tightly with a very fine hook (0.90mm).

Over the previous 8 years or so I have entered into the local shows with very good results. As my pieces and designs became more complex and earned recognition from my peers, I found I was looking for more challenging work to do. A search of the Internet brought up a photo of a vintage Opera Coat (c.1900). I was persuaded by my family and friends that I could make something so enchanting. After finding old books on Irish Lace I got to work and some 20 month later, this Opera Jacket is the result.

Thank you for such prompt service. Although I ordered my cotton late Friday afternoon and you said that it wouldn't be sent before Monday (yesterday), I received the cotton in today's mail - Tuesday. I wasn't expecting it before tomorrow at the earliest. Since it came before my crochet class today, I took the cotton along to class and started the top for myself. Wish me luck. This is a first for me. I usually knit all my tops, jumpers and cardigans out of wool, but I am determined to complete this project.

Sandy S, Logan Central QLD.

Thankyou so much for the delivery of the 40 something books I recently ordered. I thought it would take a week just to gather the order, but it arrived within 3 days, to my amazement perfectly packed with Freddo ready to greet me. I'm always looking for a challenge to crochet and think that the MYM and Elizabeth Hiddleson books will keep me quite busy for sometime. My heart felt thanks also to you both for your continued high level of effort and expertise in



helping me achieve my many projects. I just love the monthly newsletter - what's new and to see what your talented readers are creating. Very Inspiring! Now to find a place for all these precious books. **Karen F, Clarinda VIC.**

My order arrived today safe and sound. All the babies are just what I have been searching for - they will be put to good use. Thanks for the Freddo, I didn't even save it for my kids!

Sharon F, Eaton WA. Sharon makes little gumnut babies and is using our 25mm (1") little sitting dolls.

The order arrived this morning. Thank you for your fast, efficient service, it has been a pleasure dealing with you.

Carol P, Redcliffe QLD.



Last month we spoke about the core flute and here are some ideas:-

Use them as backing boards for your notepads at meetings etc.

Storage for your lace and ribbons. Just wind them around to keep them tidy.

Price tags at stalls -Julie P from Greenpoint tells us they last for ever but she can never get enough of them and that she should order more if she wants more price tags for her hospital stall.

Use them in the garden. Write on them with waterproof pen to name the seedlings.



Look at the Doily books we found!!



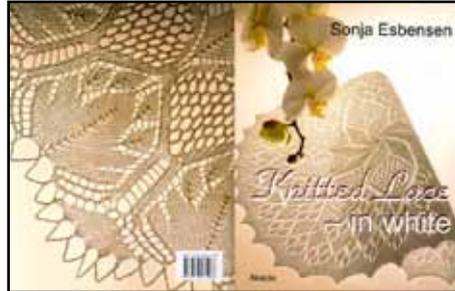
Knitting Books

Tatting Books

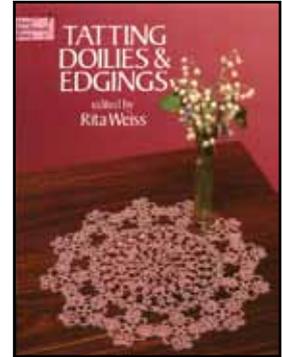
LA5516 Knit Doilies \$17.10



FA1086 Knitted Lace - in White \$39.75*
extra post



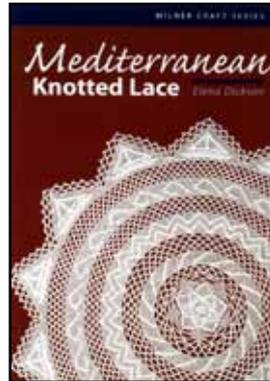
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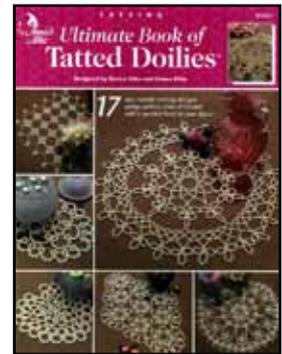
872894 Heirloom Doilies \$10.50



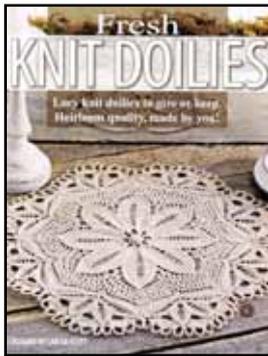
SM3469 Mediterranean Knotted Lace
\$32.95** extra post



873291 Ultimate Book of Tatted Doilies
\$22.95



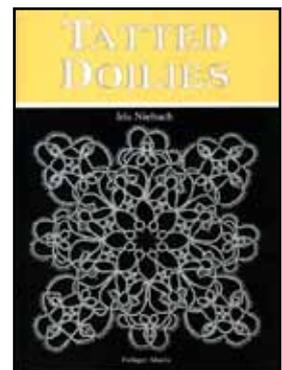
LA3893 Fresh Knit Doilies \$15.20



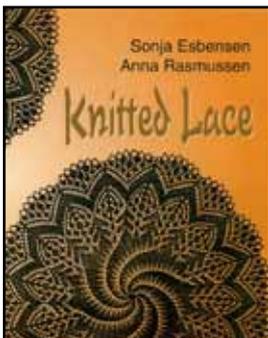
D229041 1st Bk of Modern Lace
Knitting \$24.95* extra post



FA0811 Tatted Doilies \$12.50



FA0463 Knitted Lace \$37.95** extra post



D22905X 2nd Bk of Modern Lace
Knitting \$31.95* extra post

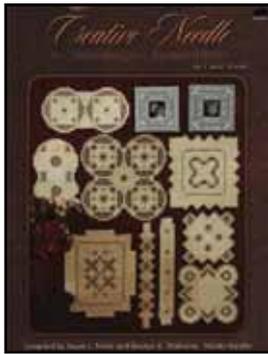


872491 Accents for your Home (Needle
Tatting) \$15.95

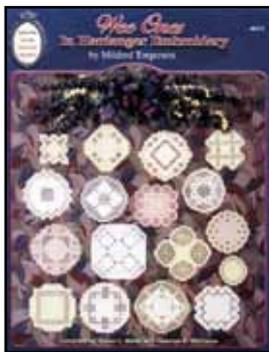


Hardanger Books

NN246 Creative Needles in Hardanger Embroidery \$17.95



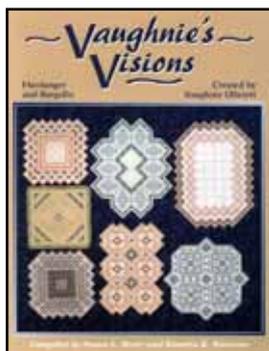
NN312 Wee Ones in Hardanger Embroidery \$16.95



NN241 Creative Stitches in Hardanger \$18.95



NN203 Vaughnie's Visions Hardanger \$13.50



Crochet Books

MAGCROMHLY278 Crochet Monthly Mag 278 \$9.00



MAGCROMHLY285 Crochet Monthly Mag 285 \$9.00



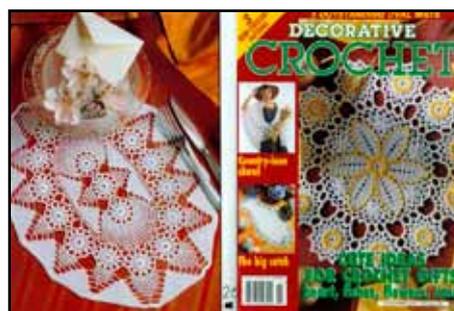
MAGCROMHLY284 Crochet Monthly Mag 284 \$9.00



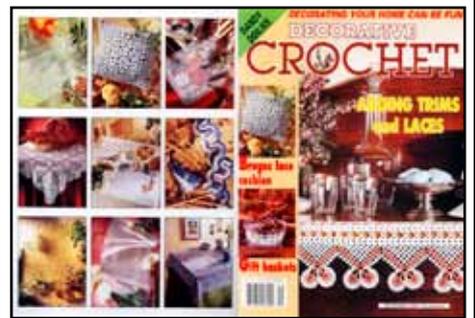
MAGDECOR085 Decorative Crochet Mag 85 \$10.00



MAGDECOR084 Decorative Crochet Mag 84 \$10.00



MAGDECOR083 Decorative Crochet Mag 83 \$10.00



MAGDECOR089 Decorative Crochet Mag 89 \$10.00



MAGMAGIC150 Magic Crochet Mag 150 \$11.00



MAGMAGIC151 Magic Crochet Mag 151 \$11.00



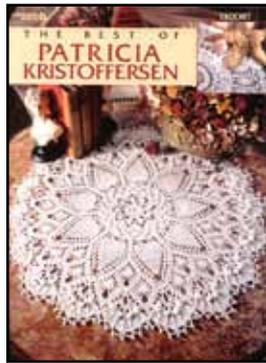
MAGMAGIC144 Magic Crochet Mag 144 \$11.00



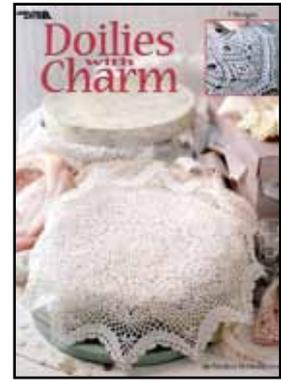
EH41 Crochet Designs Elizabeth Hiddleston \$10.00



LA3261 Best Pat Kristofferson Crochet \$24.95* extra post



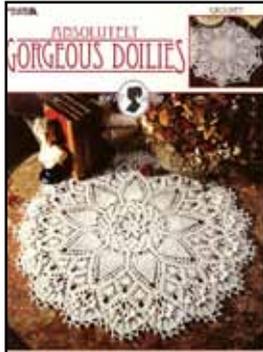
LA3161 Doilies with Charm \$15.75



EH43 Crochet Designs Elizabeth Hiddleston \$10.00



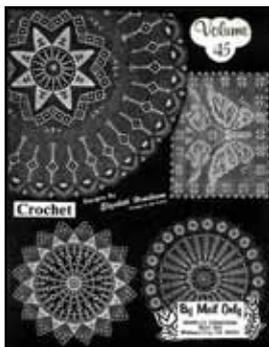
LA2879 Absolutely Gorgeous Doilies \$16.95



LA3315 Doilies in Bloom \$13.05



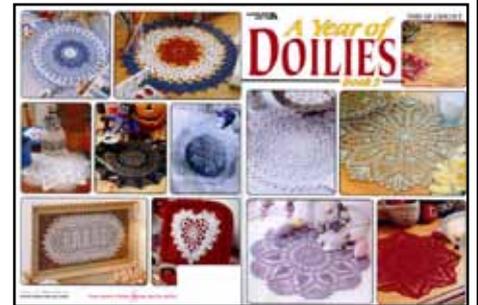
EH45 Crochet Designs Elizabeth Hiddleston \$10.00



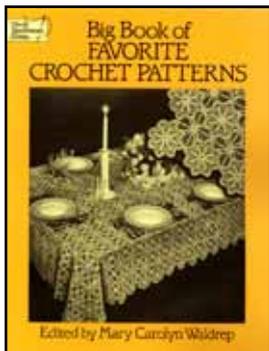
LA2934 A Dozen Doilies \$15.55



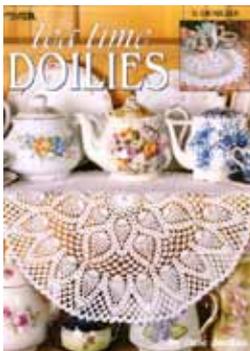
LA3706 A Year of Doilies Book 5 \$16.50



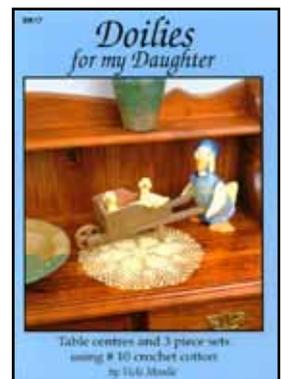
DV3592 Big Book of Crochet \$15.95



LA3104 Tea Time Doilies \$13.35



BK17 Doilies for my Daughter \$10.95



LA2120 A Year of Doilies \$13.95



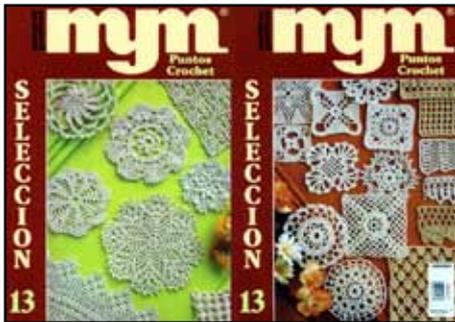
LA3588 Extra-Special Doilies \$19.95



BK25 Doilies to crochet in 4ply cotton \$10.95



SELEC13 MYM Mag13 Symbol Cro Patterns \$10.95* extra post



870315 Variations & Themes Doilies \$10.95



875511 Flower Garden Pineapple Doilies \$15.35



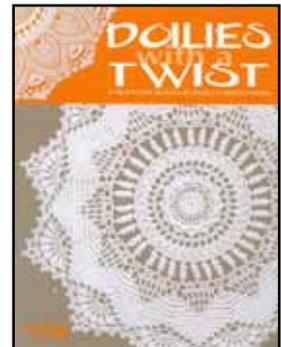
GANCH81 Filet / Symbol Crochet 81 \$10.95* extra post



874152 Jar Doilies \$14.30



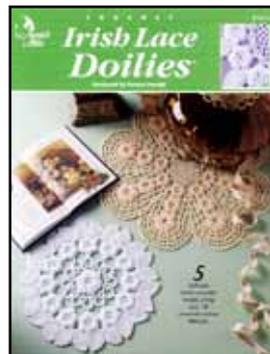
LA3818 Doilies With A Twist \$18.25



PARC122 Crocheted Floral Doilies \$8.95



872713 Irish Lace Doilies \$12.95



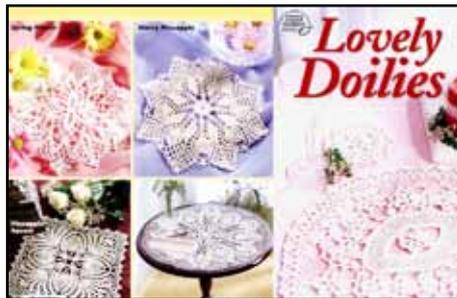
875523 Decorative Doilies \$11.50



LAFVOL10 Crochet a Delightful Doily \$12.50



ASN1363 Lovely Doilies \$14.20



877511 Old Fashioned Doilies \$14.20



101117 Double Ruffle Doilies \$10.95



876545 - 5 Hour Doilies \$17.75



LA3401 Ultimate Doilies \$17.95

