

Crochet Extra

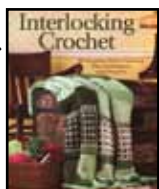
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The garden at Crochet Australia is beaming with Hippeastrums (October lilies) at the moment. They certainly like the soil here at Maleny and their brilliant red trumpets have the most welcoming feeling about them. The recent not-so-green hills of Maleny are coming back to that luscious green colour again after some welcome rain in late September. Oh the things we take for granted!



Some new dolls, books, threads, towels and handkerchiefs arrived for you this month. Your requests have also been filled for variegated 8ply dazzle which is back in the 3 most popular colours. We also have plain coloured hand towels and budget priced plain un-spoked cotton white hankies in packs of 12. Small demands, but we are happy to fill the gaps wherever we can.

Tunisian crochet has been strong once again with many of you then venturing into Reversible Tunisian, also known as "on-the-double" and worked with a double ended hook. The Bruges lace and the Interlocking Crochet books gave some of you the opportunity to try something new and we are looking forward to seeing some finished items to include in the newsletter.



 With warmer days approaching, we have decided to venture into the world of summer garments and feature the 4ply and 8ply cottons that we have available.

Happy Crocheting,

Vicki

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THEME OF THE MONTH

Summer Garments




With crochet garments now being a fashion statement in everyone's wardrobe it is time to reflect on what is available in our vast array of patterns. We have cotton tops, little girls' dresses, swimwear, wraps and shrugs, vests, accessories, summer caps and many of the classic afghans look and feel great when worked in 8ply cotton.

There are many great colours available in the Heirloom 8ply, the Almina and Clever Country 4plys and of course the MT Perle #5 cottons. The choice is endless. FREE colour charts are available with your order if required. So many of our knitters and crocheters use their 4ply baby yarn pattern with the 4ply cotton as an alternative in the warmer climate zones. The MT Perle #5 has been popular for summer baby shawls and ladies' summer tops. It crochets up well with a 2mm hook.



We are often asked for baby silk and the closest we have to it these days is the Sullivans 3ply rayon. Again this seems to work well in the 3ply baby patterns and is mainly used for bonnets, booties



 and summer Christening outfits. If you prefer something more dainty for those summer tops that appear in our Decorative Crochet and Magic Crochet magazines, then #10 (bedspread weight) cotton is the go for you.

With this endless choice of patterns and threads, Summer crochet has never been so much fun. Enjoy the books that we have found for you this month and feel inspired.



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!

Fiona T, Roxburgh Park VIC - says just looking at your site, I like the new layout of items! Would like to get the newsletter on email too. *For those of you with email, we normally send out 3 brief newsletters a month providing updates for new items, specials and cries for help from customers seeking certain items. You can subscribe from the link on our home page.*

Thank you, my Springfield doll arrived today. For her to arrive the next day was so good. She is very pretty and I am happy with her. My Granddaughter will have her for her birthday on Saturday. Thank you **Barbara P, Laidley QLD**.



Thank you for your speedy supply of my first order with you and thank you for the lovely "little extra" in my order - that was a wonderful surprise. I have also enjoyed reading your "crochet extra" and found it most informative. I have just placed another order and look forward to receiving it shortly. I have found your website very easy to navigate and you have a wonderful range of products.

Vicki B, Haypoint QLD.



Yvonne L of Glasshouse Mts QLD came to visit and showed us her towel tops that she buttons onto the towels.



Thankyou for the jug cover crochet books BK13 Simple Jug Covers and BK21 More Jug Covers. They arrived 2 days after I rang. I have used up all the scraps of thread to make 3. The money goes to my local charity. **Mary P, Cobram VIC.**

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 August 2012 period.



**Congratulations
Beverley D
Picton 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!!



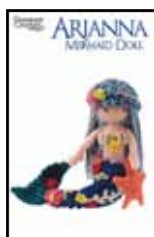
My parcel arrived today. Thankyou so much for the gifts as well. I will call in and see you in early November.

Bobette P, Pimlico QLD.

Thank you for your quick response with my order of crochet cottons. Ordered them on Monday and received them on Tuesday. My Granddaughter will be pleased because I can get on with her projects. **Yvonne A, Woodridge QLD.**



Thought you might like to see what I did with your two tone candle drips cosy from the BK09 Keep It Cosy booklet. I used the mermaid seaweed and the herrings from 75 Shells, Corals and Sea Creatures to knit and crochet. The boat is an adaptation of the pea pod from the same series of books. The stars are from Gourmet Crochet Arianna Mermaid Doll and I knocked up the owl and the pussycat. I made a series of tea cosies using the two tone candle drips and made a series of farm cosies as well. But this is my favourite. They were made for a charity event to support the Weeronga Aged Care facility out at Wee Waa - a remote township in northwestern NSW. **Linden B, Coffs Harbour NSW.**



Your prompt response to my order is, as always, appreciated and the Muestras Y Motivos magazine will not only keep me focused, but absolutely delight me. **Katherine M, Sarina QLD.**



My Word....you are brilliant - the threads arrived just now! Thank you, not even 24hrs. **Janette KW, Fitzroy VIC.**

Just received my order and want to thank you for the quick service. **Ingrid D, Louisiana USA.**



Check out these lovely scarves made by **Colleen K of Rockhampton QLD.**

I have received the hankies and they are beautiful. When I have finished this batch I will order some more and hope to get different designs. **Maria G, Redbank Plains QLD.**

Elaine M of Narangba QLD spent some time here last week and we were delighted to see her dressed dolls. The patterns are from Itty Bitty Babies 879516 and worked in #10 Babylo thread.



First of all a special thank you for the prompt service that you offer me with great efficiency. Last week I ordered a book on Chicken Scratch and several days later I received it in the mail.

Patty C, Norman Gardens QLD.



Just to let you know my order arrived safely yesterday. Many thanks for such a good quick service. Also thank you for the gifts you included, especially "freddo". My friend Rae R advised me to join Crochet Australia, so I will have to shout her a coffee for the good tip. **Cairo W, Coogee NSW.**



Chicken Scratch is also known as snowflaking, gingham embroidery and Amish embroidery. It is usually worked on a gingham check in order to have a lacy look.

Thank you so much for your order. It was here 7.30am the next day. I am going to show another lady the basics of crochet as I am still learning but will have a go. **Carmen P, Springwood QLD.**

More ideas for the core flute that comes in the envelopes with books : Cut them down and use them in smaller envelopes when posting photos, inside A4 plastic sleeves with your pattern and one customer has used them to line crocheted bags.

I just wanted to thank you for the linen hankie. What a lovely surprise. I am looking for plain white hankies so I can embroider a gum flower in the corner before tatting an edge - the gum flower is the only flower I know how to embroider!! Haven't been doing much tatting lately. The family have done well with hand knitted jumpers though. Now that it is getting warmer the shuttle will be put to good use again. **Leith S, Ocean View QLD.**

Dorrie B, Lower Tent Hill QLD tells us that she is currently recycling by making granny squares from her left over wool. She has made 63 squares with a dc edge in navy. Usually Dorrie does fine crochet work but felt the need to finish off all those scraps of wool.



Look at the Summer Clothing patterns we found!!



Knitting Books

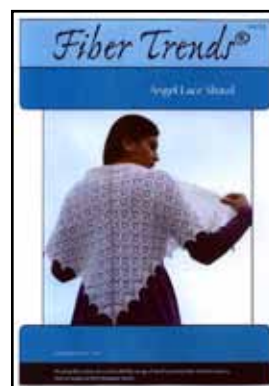
885120 Mobius Accents \$7.95



ASN1432 Like Mother Like Daughter \$17.95



FTS2018 Fibre Trends Angel Lace Shawl \$4.65



ASN1377 Knit Ponchos \$13.35



HL330 Heirloom Leaflet 330 8Ply \$4.85



HL347 Heirloom Leaflet 347 8Ply Cotton \$4.85



PAN786 4Ply Cotton Knitted Bikini \$2.55



Crochet Books

RH9751 Amazing Crochet Lace \$35.95** extra post



KA0630 Double Stitch Designs Cro Fashion \$34.95** extra post



872891 Springtime Throws \$11.55



846524 Summer Sensations \$22.45



871204 Cute Crochet for Girls \$12.95



LA932 Sampler Afghans \$19.60



ASN1403 Lacy Fashions \$14.20



871026 T-Shirt Dresses & Accessories \$15.00



LA5586 The Lace Knitting Palette \$37.95** extra post



GC21106 Olivia Pineapple Skirt \$10.00



ASN1340 Summer Sweeties Wardrobe \$13.85



LA3948 Trendy Knit Ponchos \$13.80



GC41107 Marisol Dress and Top \$10.00



LA4589 Cool Cover-Ups to Crochet \$15.30



LA4655 Summer Crochet Fun \$21.80



871102 Lotus Leaf Wraps \$13.70



ASN1383 Easy Breezy Wraps \$13.35



TW394 Children's Cool Cottons \$17.20



874532 Poncho Panache \$20.30



GC62107 Blythe Shawl (Faroese-style) \$10.00



885095 Easy Springtime Hats \$7.95



875553 Desperate Crochet \$15.35



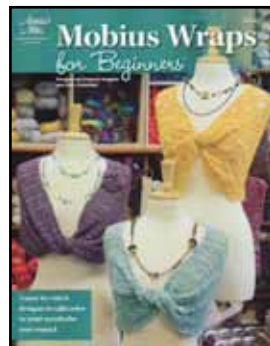
GC75108 Angelika Lace Shawl \$10.00



ASN1315 Crochet Kerchiefs \$13.35



885093 Mobius Wraps for Beginners \$7.95



TW396 Sheer Sophistication \$17.20



LA3908 Crochet Hip Hats \$15.20



885104 Easy Shawls \$9.20



LA4025 Sexy Swimwear to Crochet \$23.95

