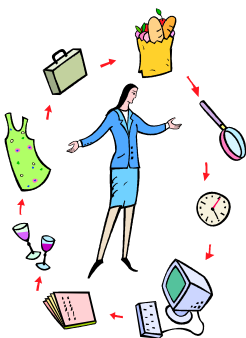


Crochet Extra

86th Edition - March 2013

At present the days seem to blend together as the weeks fly by. Lots has been occurring on the home front and the work level but the orders still keep coming and we find ourselves as busy as ever. I have been told that busy people get things done, so I will just soldier on and continue to work smarter.



We have lots of new books for you this month and there are 15 new colours in the Lizbeth thread in the #20, #40 and #80. One of our astute customers alerted us to the fact that we have been a bit slow in having these new colours. We all need a nudge now and then, so

thankyou Maureen from the tatters and crocheters who adore this thread. I have not worked out where to put these boxes yet, so guess that just means a reshuffle of the thread room. Anyone who has been to visit knows that the walking space in that room is getting less and less.

It seems that last month was an eye opener with more of our crocheters embracing the symbol crochet theme and we sold out of some titles. It is always exciting to try something new, so this month we thought we would share with you some of our unusual threads and highlight Tunisian and reverse Tunisian / double ended Tunisian.



Til next month, happy crocheting,

Vicki

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THEME OF THE MONTH

Rayon and Bobbin Lace Threads Tunisian Crochet & Crochenit



Many of you may not know that we stock Rayon yarn in 50g balls and 1kg cones. This yarn is used primarily for baby clothes and other baby items, dolls clothes, edges of blankets, jewellery and garments that require a silky lustre. Rayon is a 3ply thickness yarn. Colour charts are available.

Also hiding in the thread room are boxes of bobbin thread used for bobbin lace work. These come in various sizes from #30 to #100 and the #30 range comes in pastel shades as well. This has been a popular thread with the lace maker's guild.



Tunisian crochet may be called tricot crochet, Afghan crochet, shepherd's knitting, or hook knitting. Tunisian crochet uses a tricot hook which is similar



to a standard knitting needle with a hook rather than a point. The work is not turned, so one side of work, usually the front, always faces you and produces a knit like fabric with a right and a wrong side.

Crochenit (and on-the-double) uses a double ended



crochet hook which produces a soft knit-like fabric and this is worked with 2 or more colours of yarn and produces a soft reversible fabric. The yarn colour is changed every 2nd row so there are no ends to sew in later, just run them up the side of the work. For 8ply we use a 5.5mm hook and the yellow crochenit hooks work great with 2 strands of 8ply. This is so quick and easy you can produce beautiful soft rugs in no time at all. Cable hooks are available for both techniques when working a width of fabric.



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!

I have just received my first order from you and all I can say is.....WOW! I am sooooo happy. The colours of the Oren Beyan Perle #8 look good online but they are stunning in reality. Thank you so much for your speedy and efficient service! I will be recommending you to my friends. I was so happy to find your website!

Jane D, Albany Creek QLD.



Barbara McD from Kensington WA had a

long wait for her parcel recently. With the new tracking system through Australia Post we were able to locate her parcel which had been sitting at the wrong post office for about a week. Good to see Barbara's patience had a good ending and she says - It arrived and love the thread so will definitely be ordering some more, again many thanks.



Emily B of Caboolture QLD sent us a picture of her recent accomplishment. This is Toothless Dragon from the film How to Train Your Dragon. It is amazing how she has developed her own design.



The Clever Country crochet cotton arrived today and the pink you sent is perfect, thanks for getting it posted so quickly, and the cream plastic tubing is good as it can also do the lemon or pale yellow hangers. **Phyllis M, Buderim QLD.**



Joyce M, Clayfield QLD has been crocheting towel tops with Clever Country 4ply for some time now and says - Thankyou for the extra ball of crochet cotton in my order that I received today. I love that discontinued hot pink colour. But, the other colours I ordered today will be just as nice. You are always very fast in posting too.

Everything arrived in perfect order, nothing crushed or bent! I knew I could depend on a quick delivery, the items were urgently needed to crochet hearts for my daughter's wedding. I had looked everywhere for the correct colour to no avail, should have gone straight to you. After opening all, I felt something else in the bottom - yay! a chocolate frog, just what I felt like. **Lynn H, Coopers Plains QLD.**



Ed: We do try our best but occasionally no matter how much cardboard is used it can get damaged. Aust Post does not realize how delicate some of their cargo can be.

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 Dec 12/Jan 2013 period.



**Congratulations
Rosemary P
Prospect SA**



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!!



Many, many thanks for my order and the pleasant surprise of the chocky and book. My goods arrived last Tuesday, the 19th then arose the problem of where to start! Just so many patterns that I consider me. Glad I took your advice on the Maxi thread, I find it great and the finished product looks really good.

When I have finished here and a couple of other jobs I intend to head to your web site again (as in your newsletter) and have another good look at all the good products available. Once again, thankyou for your help and assistance. **Jennifer J, Whyalla SA.** Guess what? Jennifer ordered again the very next day.

Cecil W from Wagga Wagga NSW has been a keen tablecloth crocheter for years and tells me he has developed his own cotton stand. He is also a keen poet and we would like to share this little gem with you.



Thankyou very much for Freddy frog
But I am sorry to say
Freddy couldn't stand the heat
For he melted on the way.

I put him in the fridge to cool him off
And he didn't look like Fred.
But when the foil was taken off
He still tasted good, did chocolate Fred.



Ed: Yes the chocolate frog in the parcels receives more comments and publicity that Cadburys itself. Poor old Freddo. Even when he arrives safely, he disappears quickly. We do not stock the cotton stand but Cecil is looking for someone to make them.



Marjory L of Griffith NSW says thank you for your fast dispatching of my orders and all the help you give to me when I ring and don't know just what I want. Marjory tells us that she is 73 years young and first dealt with us in April 2012 on recommendation from her cousin. In her 3 orders she has been buying Maxi #10 and Lizbeth #20. Since then, her nimble fingers have been busy and she has won First prize for a 16" doily, another First for 3 doilies and yet another First for centre up to 12" plus Champion in the dressed doll section. Her dressed doll in baby yarn was also a winner and the oval doily was Most Successful. Well done Marjory!



Many thanks for the prompt dispatch of our parcel of Bamboo Tricot needles. Ex yours on Monday and delivered here in Clare SA at 9am on following Thursday. My wife is very happy with this type of service and is extremely pleased with the needles as we have searched all over Australia trying to find them.

John B, Clare SA.

Thank you for your prompt service. I couldn't believe it was here so fast. I ordered another package from someone else (although in Victoria) at the same time and they aren't here yet. Go Queenslander. **Louise S, Lutwyche QLD.**

Some more laws for you to ponder!!

Law of Mechanical Repair - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

Law of Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

Law of Probability - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.





Look at the Tunisian and Crochenit ideas we found!!



871221 Tunisian Cables to Crochet \$14.95



CCTCPLS Tunisian Crochet Puff Lace
Sitch \$7.50



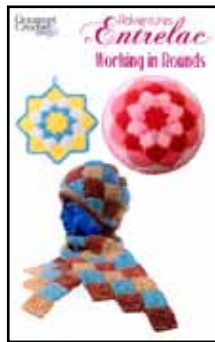
GCET13105 Easy Tunisian Felicity
Jacket \$10.00



874612 - 101 Easy Tunisian Stitches
\$19.95* (This book is also part of a
special see page 8)



GC71108 Adven Entrelac Working in
Rounds \$10.00



SDSTC Tunisian Crochet \$29.50**



879511 Tunsian Around the Home
\$15.95



GCB14400 Easy Tunisian Ponchos Plus!
\$10.00



SM3715 Crochet Techniques \$44.95**



879552 Learn Tunisian Stitches + DVD
\$25.10*



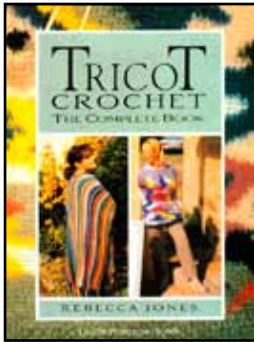
843111 Southwest Ripples On The
Double \$14.95



LA3758 Teach Yourself Tunisian
Crochet \$21.25



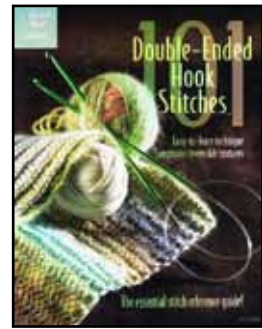
LE92 Tricot Crochet - The Complete Book \$40.95**



842251 On the Double Sampler Afghan \$19.95



871060 - 101 Double-Ended Hook Stitches \$22.95



885136 Crochenit Hats \$9.50



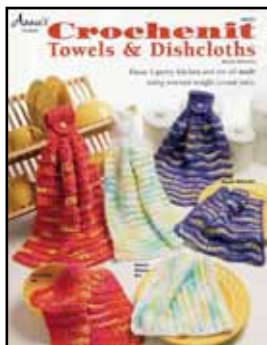
842614 Reversible Ripple Afghans \$13.95



871063 1-2-3-4 Double-ended Hook Crochet \$12.95 (This book is part of a special - see page 9)



885137 Crochenit Towels and Dishcloths \$9.50



842652 Scrap Afghans on the Double \$12.95



873216 How to Crochenit \$15.95 (This book is part of a special - see page 9)



201013 Dishcloths on the Double \$12.75



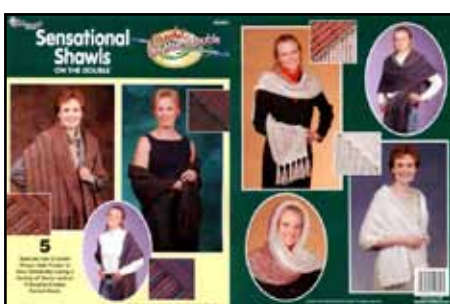
842654 Baby Blankets on the Double \$12.95



873217 Easy Place Mats & Trivets \$15.30



842653 Sensational Shawls on the Double \$12.95



843311 Naptime Buddies & Blankets \$11.95



873218 Easy Special Stitches Dishcloths \$15.30



873917 Cro on the Double Mile a Min Afghans \$14.30



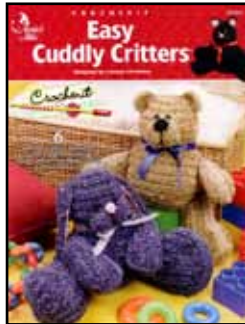
874056 Handy Dandy Dishcloths etc \$12.95



879544 Crochenit Fashions \$15.00



873253 Easy Cuddle Critters \$15.95



873851 Easy Afghans \$14.30



991056 How to Crochet on the Double \$12.75



873416 Crochenit Cuddle-Up Lapghans \$13.95



873916 Crochenit Mile-a-Minute Afghans \$15.95



ASN1323 Reversible Ripple Afghans \$15.35



873421 Crochenit Beautiful Baby Afghans \$13.95



874711 Cro on the Dble In the Round \$12.30



ASN1330 Reversible Kitchen Sets \$13.65



873814 Heartland Comforts \$14.30



876529 Best of Crochet on the Double \$28.80*



LA3275 Double Delight Afghans \$14.95



HOOKSETCROLGE - Set of 7 Double ended Cro-hooks 35cm (14") long \$59.85



Set of 7 CRO-HOOKS (Double ended crochet hooks for reversible afghans) Save 10% off individual prices.

Set of 7 aluminium hooks 35cm (14") long in sizes - 3.75mm (F), 4.25mm (G), 5.00mm (H), 5.50mm (I), 6.00mm (J), 6.50mm (K) and 9.00mm (N)

HOOKSWIVEL - Swivel Hooks - Double-ended cro-hook, swivel mounted \$17.85



Only the Crochet on the Double Swivel Hook gives you built-in swivel connectors. Swivel connectors mean no snags, no kinks and no twists! Plus, you get an extra long cable for extra big projects. Comes in three convenient sizes: G (4.00mm), H (5.00mm) and K 6.50mm. Hook length of 20cm and flexible cable length of 35cm provides total length of 75cm.

HOOKTRICOTFLEXSET5 - Set of 5 Cable Tricot Hooks \$45.00



24cm long bamboo hooks with 60cm long plastic flexible tubular cable with end stopper (total 84cm long). These are the ideal tricot hooks for those wider projects that require more stitches than a normal hook can hold.

Includes sizes 5.50mm, 6.50mm, 8mm, 9mm and 10mm.

Bamboo hooks are reported to result in less stress on your wrist and hand when crocheting.

HOOKAFGHANFLEX - Bates Cable Tricot Hook \$8.80



Susan Bates Size 4.00mm, 5.00mm or 6.00mm - 14cm long aluminium hook with 43cm long plastic flexible tubular cable with end stopper. This is the ideal tricot hook for those wider projects that require more stitches than a normal hook can hold.

HOOKTRICOTSET - Set of 8 Tricot Hooks \$34.85



Tricot (Tunisian Crochet) Hook set (Save \$3.85 on individual prices)

Set of 8 Tricot (Afghan/Tunisian) hooks. Aluminium hooks 30cm (12") long, Birch, Aero or Pony brands in following sizes: 2.50mm, 3.00mm, 3.50mm, 4.00mm, 4.50mm, 5.00mm, 5.50mm and 6.00mm.

HOOKTRICOTSETB9 - Set of 9 Bamboo Tricot Hooks \$32.80



Set of 9 bamboo Tricot (Afghan/Tunisian) hooks, 30cm length, sizes: 4.00mm, 4.50mm, 5.00mm, 5.50mm, 6.00mm, 6.50mm, 8.00mm, 9.00mm and 10.00mm. (US sizes 8 - 15).

Hooks are supplied loose and at this price is exceptional value!!

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