

Crochet Extra

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Today is a cold windy day and as I sit at my desk with the sun shining through the window, feet hidden by socks and the body adorned with a red parka to keep me warm, nature's pleasures are enough to give me inspiration to move forward, think happy warm thoughts and wish I was rugged up and crocheting a rug whilst relaxing in my favourite armchair.



We are pleased to say that last month we were overwhelmed with customer orders that seem to keep streaming in and out of the door. Occasionally we get some orders not so right, or is that wrong, and I am putting that down to age. Ray tells me that we are only human and that we all make mistakes, but I know that the mind is not as sharp as it used to be. Most of you can probably relate to this.

With the not so bright days getting closer together and the need to move back into our first love of Craft Moods publishing, before the ability totally fades, we have decided to place our business on the market. With this in mind, and knowing that a niche business like ours will take a long time, if not years, to find the right person to take over the reins, we will embrace each day with the same enthusiasm as usual but now we have set another goal to achieve. Like most things in life, the hard bit was making the decision.



The most pleasing thing in all of this is that we know our business has strong foundations, and even the hard economic times that big business keeps harping on about has not deterred us or our customers. We have the right stock and lots of it and intend to keep it that way. This little voice in the darkness is here to stay and to be counted on your behalf. Crochet Australia will always be there for the crocheters and tatters demanding better threads and books! A crocheters life is not just white and ecru. We want the full spectrum of colour to brighten our world.

Take care, enjoy the moment.

Vicki

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THEME OF THE MONTH

Afghans/Rugs/Blankets/Throws

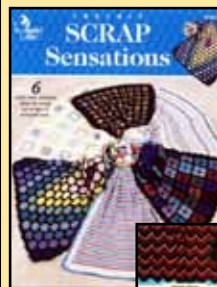


Whatever you may call them, there is nothing more rewarding than being enveloped by your rug as the crocheting process takes place, and then winter takes on a whole new feeling.

If you prefer making squares or strips and joining these at a later date, these can be made in those idle waiting times that seem to plague our lives. Great idea if you are a daily commuter and need your crocheting to pass the time. You will be surprised how much they grow on a daily basis. We now have sampler afghan books that show us how to make great squares with different stitches or techniques and this too can be an interesting challenge especially with the right mix of colour.



This month we have put together a selection of books that cover baby rugs and adult afghans - worked in either squares or strips and that use texture, colour combinations and special stitches to make that afghan a unique piece of you (and sometimes the cat and dog). Whatever the rug you choose to make, either crocheted or knitted, remember a little of you will always be there, giving someone else that warm and fuzzy feeling, especially if your masterpiece becomes a family heirloom.



WE'RE HOOKED ON CROCHET!



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!

Gwen L from Woorim QLD has been busy crocheting animals and some are from **871374 Animal Amigurumi To Crochet**.



Just thought I would send you a copy of a photo of the hearts I made recently for my daughter's wedding. They were scattered on the table at the reception with autumn leaves. At present I don't have a pic yet of the tables, but the yellow, grey and taupe hearts were made from Mt Perle #5 which were so lovely to crochet with and which I purchased from you. The bridesmaids were this lovely banana yellow with the groom and groomsman with grey suits and the yellow ties. It all looked so beautiful and the wedding was held in Tenterfield, NSW where the leaves had turned the most beautiful colours of orange, red and yellow - a real Autumn country wedding held in an old rustic hall. The pattern of the hearts I purchased on Ravelry. **Lynn H, Coopers Plains QLD**.



Very many thanks for order which arrived this lunch time, the magazines are all brilliant, so many beautiful patterns and no TIME!! Thanks again, your service is always second to none and I will be ordering again very soon. Just wish I could come to the store and see everything for myself. **Jan H, UK**.

Thanks for your great and fast service. I received the scalloped coloured handkerchiefs yesterday, fantastic!
Chloe J, Mourilyan QLD.

Parcel arrived yesterday - so quick. Thank you for the gifts - biro is so easy and comfortable to use and is in my bag already. Thanks for your great service. **Marg D, Yangan QLD**.

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 2013 period.



**Congratulations
Janet J
Bongaree 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!!

My order arrived today. I could not wait to try the new Clover Amour hooks, and let me tell you they are great. I thought the Arthritic hooks were really good, but these new ones are just as good, if not better. You have excelled yourselves with them. I just need to save some money to buy more!
Paula W, Werrington Downs NSW.



Wendy D of Grafton NSW has been trialing the new Amour hooks as well and has written us this poem. Wendy tells us that she has MS and with this hook she has completed some potholders and finds that the hook doesn't turn in her hand because of the non slip coating.

We're sending this to you so you will know
 We felt the need to say "thankyou so!"
 That new hook proved to be a blast
 I cottoned onto it, pretty darn fast.
 Just hope I'll adapt as easily to the change
 Of the next thing they try to rearrange.
 Crochet Australia, Thanks for all you've done
 Your advice & service are still second to none.



Well we have all heard the saying that one man's unwanted goods can be another man's treasure. **Yo L from Gympie QLD** recently scored some threads from her friend Kath O'M who had inherited them from her mother's stash. Yo, being the clever one with lateral thinking, turned all these 4ply scraps into colourful pot holders. Some of these are from Ganch #40 which is a symbol crochet book. I believe these articles are on their way to a shop in N.Z. Hope someone finds a use for my stash in years to come.



From time to time we get unfinished articles posted to us and usually I try to find a good home for them even though they need to be completed. I sent this piece of traced linen to Wendy and she completed the task then used Maxi Variegated for the edging. It is now in the Christmas box for her cleaning lady. Well done Wendy.

Here's the hanky I tatted for my new daughter-in-law-to-be; I used Finca 40 which is the most wonderful, crisp thread to work with. The hanky is the one I bought on our last visit to you, and the pattern is from the little Danish book of handkerchief edgings. I incorporated tiny clear beads, but they don't show up in the photo - very pretty when the light catches them. Finca 40 is more like size 60, so I'm now looking forward to buying a ball of 60 next time, to see how that works up. **Maureen L, Eatons Hill QLD.**



Thrilled to receive my parcel, picked up this afternoon which is not bad for 60K out of Mudgee and then a walk of 1.2K round trip to the mail box. You know placing an order over the phone with you is like calling a good friend. It makes you feel like you are dealing with REAL people.

Judy O, Pyramul NSW.

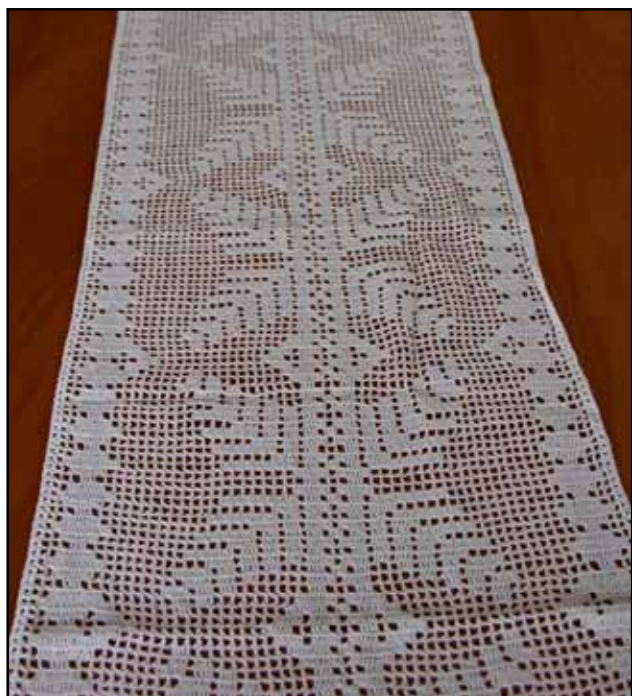
Judy tells us that she uses Maxi #10 thread to make cloths, kitchen towel tops and she also knits and crochets edges for facewashers and pillow cases. Judy has been dealing with us for 12 years now so we feel like she is an old friend too.

Been meaning to reply to thank you for the quick delivery of my order - and the bonus chocolate frog!!!! I'm now well into my hairpin lace project. Most exciting. **Liana C, Hilton WA.**

Thankyou so much for the many parcels of goods over the years. Their contents have brought much pleasure to dozens of people.
Lexi B, Tenterfield NSW.



As promised last month, some more Kiwi designs from **Sheryl M of New Zealand.**

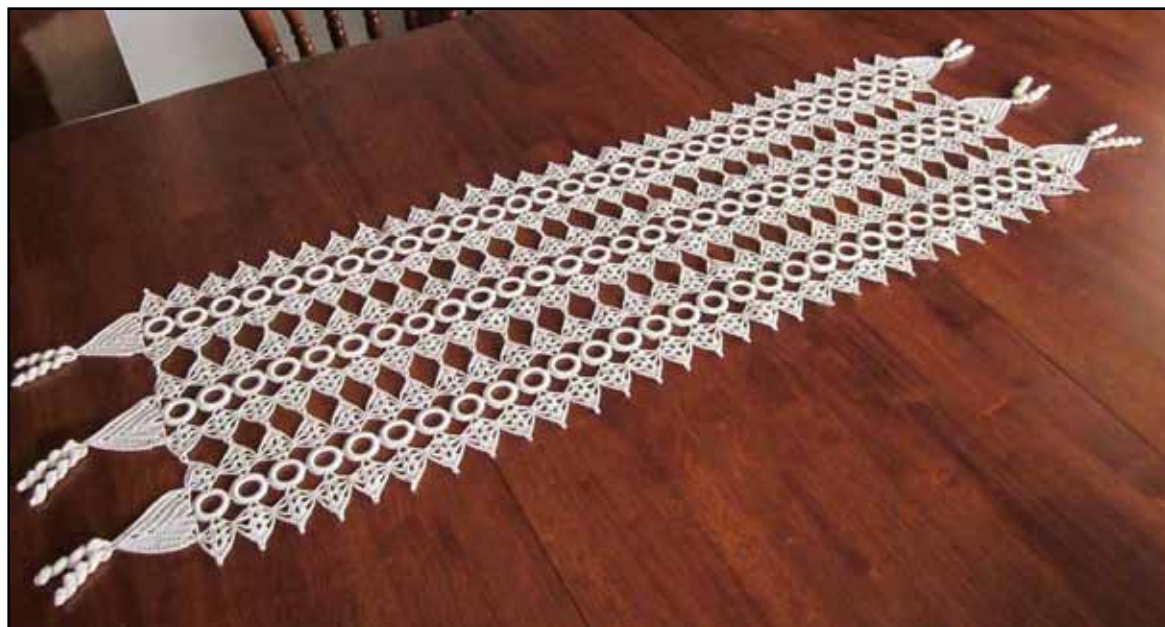


Another pic of some filet by 97yo **Beattie**, (sister of Dorrie B of Gatton QLD), Basket of Flowers runner from Spanish MYM book 1 using #20 cotton.



Some more intricate work fro **Yo L of Gympie QLD**. The delicate centre above is adapted from a pattern from the Spanish MYM book GANCH17.

The beautiful runner below is from Spanish MYM book PANOS2 which is unfortunately no longer available, however the MYM books we currently stock contains a wide range of “different” designs using symbol diagrams.





Look at the Afghan ideas we found!!



SP8299 Unexpected Afghans \$27.95**



LA4599 The Story of Homespun \$23.95



LA4398 Geometrics a New Way to Crochet \$48.20**



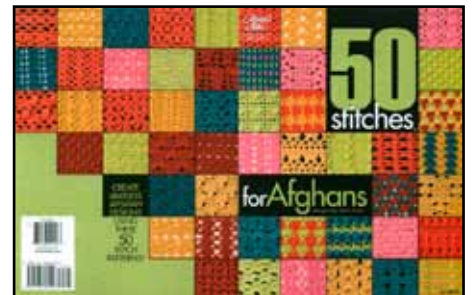
LA4814 Panel by Panel Afghans \$25.10*



LA4576 Triple Play Pattern Stitches \$27.90*



871029 50 Stitches for Afghans \$13.70



CCDMC&S Diagonal Magic Connect & Stitch \$10.20



LA4422 Afghans for All Reasons/All Seasons \$48.10**



871127 Shaped Afghans \$13.70



LA4750 DIY Afghans (with interactive CD) \$23.55



877536 Naptime-Playtime Blankets & Toys \$12.95



873595 Aran Artistry Afghans (Knit) \$12.95



Books with * or ** after price indicate a heavy book and extra post may apply.

873851 Easy Afghans \$14.30



873916 Crocheted Mile-a-Minute Afghans \$15.95



LA75015 So Sweet Baby Afghans knit/crochet \$8.30



842652 Scrap Afghans on the Double \$12.95 (Cro on the Double)



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



LA5511 More 48 Hour Afghans \$17.10



874054 Celtic Afghans \$14.30



ASN1429 Log Cabin Throws \$13.35



LA3304 Seaside Cottage Afghans \$14.30



877510 Roses Through the Home \$14.20



879534 Toe-Warming Afghans \$13.35



NMBER542034 Baby Blankets \$5.25



877519 Delma's Diagonal Stitch \$14.95



ASN1364 Classic White Afghans \$14.20



NMBER542050 Darling Designs (Knit) \$5.25



NUMBER542043 Peek-a-Boo (Knit) \$5.25



LA4623 Circular Baby Afghans \$16.40



ASN1445 Easy Timeless Blankies (Knit) \$14.20



LA5518 The Big Book of Baby Afghans \$34.25**



LA3747 Absolutely Gorgeous Baby Afghan 2 \$16.50



SP9122 The Great American Afghan (Knit) \$21.95*



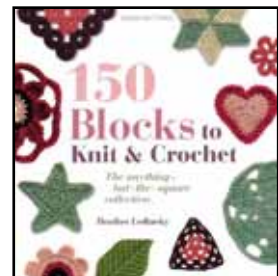
LA5517 More Circular Baby Shawls \$18.20



LA3205 Sunggle-Up Baby Afghans \$14.45



S4187 - 150 Blocks to Knit & Crochet \$39.95**



LA5512 Crochet Baby Afghans by the Pound \$18.20



LA3219 Our Best Knit Baby Afghans \$30.10*



MCPS056 Cottage Floral Afghans \$11.75



LA4883 - 24-Hour Baby Afghans \$16.50



874411 Animal Motif Blankets, Pillows, & Bibs \$12.30



LA932 Sampler Afghans (Knit) \$19.60



MCPA878 English Garden Afghan & Pillow \$11.75



LA4529 - 50 Fabulous Knitted Lace Stitches \$27.90*



ASN1347 Knit Afghans of Many Colors \$22.40



LA75021 Granny's Delight Afghans \$8.30



LA4423 - 63 Sampler Stitches to Crochet \$29.95*



LA75038 Touch of Class Afghans \$8.30



878523 Lisa's Cable Afghans & Throws \$14.20



877537 Single Crochet from A-Z Sampler \$14.95



LA5124 Our Best Knit Baby Afghans Book 2 \$22.95*



LA4963 Take-Along Afghans \$14.55



LA3711 Ripple Afghans for the Family \$14.95



LA4922 - 50 Fab Knit Ripple Stitches \$19.30*



LA4747 108 Crochet Cluster Stitches \$29.30*



842614 Reversible Ripple Afghans (Crochet on the Double) \$13.95



872891 Springtime Throws (Knit) \$11.55

