

Crochet Extra

90th Edition - July 2013

For some, July is the start of the new financial year, others are celebrating a tax refund windfall or perhaps if like us you are giving a donation to the powers that be and to others it makes no difference at all. July reminds us that it is still chilly as we reach for a beanie or a scarf to give us that extra warmth.



The much awaited arrival of the Clever Country 4ply never eventuated and it is still coming. The Australian distributor tells us that there was an unforeseen event that delayed it yet once more. Still have heaps in stock except for the 13 of the 96 colours that everyone is waiting for. So as you can see there are 83 colours to choose from. That will be a big post out day when it all arrives.

So many of you enjoyed the #20 Daphne cotton special last month. Some of you even came back for a second buy to add to the stash. This month we have a great special on the MT Perle #5 and of course the 8ply dazzle will be needed to crochet up some of those winter warmers.



Due to lack of demand we are discontinuing the DMC Dentelles #80 as we now have a very extensive range in the Lizbeth #80 which is proving to be very popular, especially with the tatters. Coloured Lugana has also been slow, so we have decided to clear the shelf, to make way for other goodies. We will still carry white and ecru in the Lugana, Sulta and Dovasa. Please note that we are always happy to order in these products by the box / bolt if you need them. You will just need to wait a short while.

Well seems it is time of the day to pack orders again, so until next time stay warm and happy crocheting.

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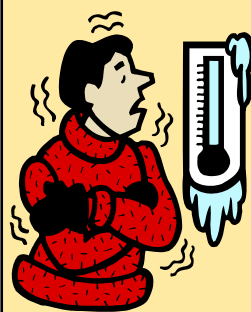
THEME OF THE MONTH

Winter Clothing

It may be a bit late in the season, but we have a feeling that Winter may take a bit longer to pass this year, so we have put together a selection of books for the knitter and the crocheter who love hats, beanies, scarves, wraps, ponchos, jumpers and all those things that keep us toasty warm.



In the shops we see lots of interesting scarves and beanies that are machine made, but handmade means that you can choose the colours to suit and to liven up your winter wardrobe. I still have a great a scarf pattern made on the wonder knitter (a bigger version of the Knitting Nancy), worked in variegated yarn and crocheted together with a plain colour. Hats and scarves can be made on looms, daisy wheels, using granny squares made from scrap yarn, hairpin, worked in Tunisian or crochet on the double, worked in ripples and so on. Time to use up the bits and pieces to make hats and scarves of many colours. Too many hats? The hospitals are always looking for donations of these items if you have some to spare.



Shrugs and wraps are still fashionable and just the thing for a cover up when a jumper or cardigan is just too much. Of course those faithful hard wearing knitted and crocheted socks that last season after season are always the family favourite. Somewhere in my Paragon stash I even have knitted bed jacket patterns.

Hope you find something appealing in our collection of winter warmers. We also have some free patterns for a wrap, a cap, a cloche or a petal neck scarf. Just ask when you place and order. This is a winter gift to you.



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!

Regarding the sale of our business:- Yes we are still here and happy to be still doing the job. Thankyou everyone for your support. Let's hope I do not wear out before the chair does. We will keep you posted if any sale eventuates and rest assured it will only go to a person with soul, as too many years of hard work have passed across my desk.



I would like to thank you for the **Learn to Knit Socks book (ASN1273)** and as I love socks it will be used a lot but I got such a great surprise after being away fishing the book was on my doorstep it only took 3 days that

was awesome thanks again. I am not sure if you remember but we called in and I bought some preemie books and wool that would have been about 2007, well we finished our 2 years on the road fulltime and I am back in Tassie for good.

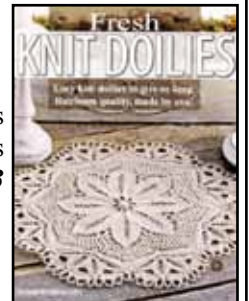
Sandra H, Cressy TAS.



The books arrived yesterday, thank you. They look good, looking forward to trying the patterns. **Pam C, Little Mountain QLD** is venturing into sock making with **ASN1273 Knit Socks** and **LAPAT500861 Next Step Four Socks and Slippers**. We

look forward to seeing the finished items.

And from far far away in **Malta**, **Graziella M** who has been purchasing the **Crochet Monthly books** says: Hello again Vicki, first of all I would like to thank you for the books you've sent me, they arrived in perfect condition today.



Sue Z, Nambour QLD knitted this glorious doily in #10 Cebelia. I think she has completed nearly all the doilies in **L43893 Fresh Knit Doilies**.

I received the latest newsletter yesterday, and was very surprised when I saw your comment about putting Crochet Australia on the market. I sincerely hope that whoever purchases Crochet Australia will continue to provide the same level of service and friendship that you have provided over the years. I have only been dealing with you for about five years, but have enjoyed every purchase from you. When I first came across your web site, I was searching for something in particular, and was very surprised and happy!! to find a company in Australia - a very rare thing these days. On another note, I look forward to seeing some really great patterns for crochet items in Australian/English terms that I can relate to. I have some American patterns, but sometimes forget about the difference in terms and stitches, and wonder why they do not quite workout - then I realise that the terms are wrong. I think that may be what you called in your newsletter a momentary brain moment!! Keep up the good work. **Paula W, Werrington Downs 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 May 2013 period.



**Congratulations
Coral S
Beenleigh 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!!

Yo L, Gympie QLD is still madly crocheting and here are some of her great beanies that are on their way to New Zealand. Yo has become a fan of Crocodile stitch and petal stitch for her winter warmers.



Many thanks for the two Itty Bitty 5" dolls you sent me. They have just arrived and are exactly what the girls wanted.

Margaret R Pymble NSW.

We also stock these dolls in 8" and 10" and lots of books in knitting and crochet to dress them.



Parcel arrived today in perfect condition, thank you once again for your prompt attention. I was sorry to hear of your decision to put the business on the market but understand your reasons. Let's hope you can find a buyer with as much passion for craft and service to their customers. We have come to expect such high standards from you and Ray. **Beth F, Nightcliff NT.**



Thanks for sending my order, as usual your service is great. **Elaine R of Cornubia QLD** is embarking on teaching Tatting and crocheting and we often discuss the tools and books associated with these crafts. Just recently I recommended S3221 Crochet Basics as an excellent crochet book for her beginners.

Many thanks for my recent order received here Monday 24/6/13. I am extremely pleased with the clover crochet hooks - they are great to use with my arthritic hands. Thanks for the "Freddo" - I have been diagnosed with early onset diabetes but allow myself a treat once a week. I plan to eat this tonight, looking forward to my treat! Sorry to read you are going to sell your business but wish you & Ray every success in your new venture. **Roma B, Para Hills SA.**



I finally got a photo of a few of my creations together so thought I would share this with you as a lot of the cotton used came from your shop. I don't use patterns and design as I go. Your service is wonderful and I can find no fault. The time it takes for your orders to arrive is quicker than a lot of other places with well known names and we won't talk about their customer service either. When I shop I am prepared to pay a little more for that special service because I feel it earns that. Being a newer customer I am still finding my way around your site and finding treasures. As for muck ups in orders well "tis human to err" and at least you are willing to fix that, unlike some larger stores. Thankyou again and don't retire too soon and sell that store lol. What would you do with all your time huh huh ??? **Lisa Y, Camira QLD.**



Thank you so much for your exceptional service. My parcel of crochet cottons arrived yesterday complete with chocolate which I promptly devoured. I will certainly recommend you to all my friends. **Sue M, Bothwell TAS.**

Hazel B, Yeppoon QLD sent this delightful bonnet. It is made from a hankiechief and the edging is worked in #80 Lizbeth. Hazel has kindly sent us the instructions to share. We also have another customer from Ipswich who buys our laced hankies to make baby bonnets. You are all so clever.



As usual you have given prompt service; is it any wonder I always recommend Crochet Australia to everyone. My parcel of thread arrived today. Thankyou for the extra 2 balls. It is much appreciated. **Margaret S, Dalby QLD.** *Mind you it could be awhile before Margaret orders again. She will be a long time crocheting those 20 x 100g balls of thread.*



Look at the Winter Clothing ideas we found!!



879532 Slip-Stitch Caps \$13.35



LA4410 No Adults Allowed \$21.80



LA75339 All-Season Accents \$9.30
(4 knit & 4 crochet patterns)



LA5303 Sweaters and Dresses for Girls \$18.95



LA3981 Ponchos for Kids \$17.40



873692 The Ultimate Book of Knit Socks \$14.30



LA4465 Top-sy Turvy \$19.30



LA4589 Cool Cover-Ups to Crochet \$15.30



LA4300 Boutique Style Knits \$19.70



ASN1456 Hats, Scarves & Mittens \$15.95



LA530195 Bernat Mini Me \$9.30



121028 How to Knit Socks (3 methods) \$21.95



LA4484 Big Book of Knit Hats & Scarves \$27.90* extra post



PP1117 Peter Pan Leaflet 1117 Child Hats \$5.25 (Knit)



LA5567 Learn to Crochet Socks for the family \$21.95* extra post



124027 Tops & Toes (Knit) \$35.70 extra post**



PP1103 Peter Pan Leaflet DK Hats 0 - 7yrs \$5.10 (Knit)



ASN1391 Fun & Fashionable Accents \$13.35



LA5948 Skinny Scarves (knit) \$14.50



LA75282 Easy & Quick \$9.30 (4 knit 2 crochet patterns)



871061 Learn to Crochet Socks Toe-Up Way \$14.95



121075 More than a Dozen Hats & Beanies \$14.95 (Knit)



LA75280 Cozy Cover-ups \$9.30 (4 crochet 2 knit patterns)



LA3912DVD Crochet Fashions in Motion DVD \$29.95



LA4453 Knit Hoodies for Kids \$13.95



879531 Slippers by the Dozen \$13.35



871038 Crochet Coats \$21.70



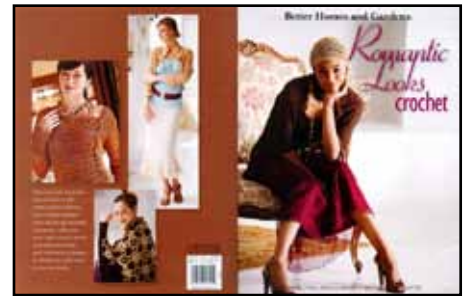
TW7213 Twilleys Leaflet 7213 \$4.65



878541 Sweaters for Men \$15.95



LA4324 Romantic Looks Crochet \$23.95



WEN3771 Wendy DK Leaflet 3771 \$4.65



878533 Top Down Sweaters \$15.95



ASN1422 Romantic Fashionsn \$14.20



LA5844 Cooler Weather Fashion \$14.95



877524 Casual to Classic Fashions to Crochet \$29.25* extra post



TW9002 Twilleys Leaflet 9002 Poncho \$4.65



871068 Easy-To-Stitch Fashions \$10.50



LA4254 That's You All Over \$23.95



LA4975 Noggins & Necks \$17.10



871238 Crochet Unconstructed Cardigans \$14.20



LA4261 Jackets for the Real You \$19.60



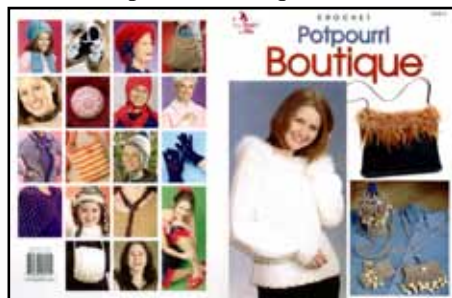
ASN1284 Crochet Hats, Mittens & Scarve \$14.95



LA5566 Heady Affairs \$17.10



874514 Potpourri Boutique \$12.30



LA2907 Headwear for the Family \$13.35



LA3832 Quick Caps \$13.90



LA3908 Crochet Hip Hats \$15.20



GC092110 Babette Circle Shawl \$10.00



GC093110 Lia Mobius Wrap \$10.00



GC12105 Lilliana Pineapple Jacket \$10.00



GC13105 Audrey Arm Warmer Shrug \$10.00



GC19106 Lisette Sweater Shawl \$10.00



GC24106 Merrylee Cardigan Shawl \$10.00



GC33107 Serena Capelet & Collarlet \$10.00



GC59107 Gracelyn Lacy Mobius Wraps \$10.00



GC68108 Isabel Circular Shrug \$10.00



GC76109 Hazel Shawl \$10.00

