



Crochet Extra

94th Edition - November 2013

As the months roll by we find ourselves being ever so close again to the end of the year, and we all know what that means - Ho Ho! for some and Oh No! for others.



Over the past few weeks we have endeavoured to source plenty of stock in threads (that are available), hooks, books, dolls etc to carry us through to the new year, so hopefully my crystal ball has been clear enough and we have got it right. So if you require large quantities of anything we stock between now and the end of January, please consider letting us know so we can forward plan for you. Nobody dislikes out of stock more than me, and disappointments can sometimes be averted with a bit of planning.



November is the time to prepare yourself for the weeks ahead and get those hooks, shuttles and needles into full swing to get the job done before Santa and his reindeers arrive. We received a phone call recently from a customer in Northern Territory and she had to stock up before the wet season hit, as for months her region becomes isolated once the rain begins. Mother nature certainly has control over our lives as we have seen throughout Australia this year. Everyone has a tale to tell, either personally or they know someone who has been affected by flood, drought or fire. On the up side, we are still the lucky country, so we will hold onto that thought as we go about our daily routine.

This month we have included a great story that came into my inbox. It is worth a read and should put a smile on your face and give you food for thought. It certainly made me think about life in a different way.

Until next time, happy crocheting,

Vicki

CROCHET AUSTRALIA

Postal Address:

PO Box 1096

MALENY QLD 4552

Phone: 07 54999594 Fax: 07 54999485

Email info@crochetaustralia.com.au

Website: www.crochetaustralia.com.au

ABN: 46 136 921 238

Crochet Australia Doll / Hardanger / Tatting Room



Yes there are two more rooms to the Crochet Australia building to explore. With the silly season so close I thought you might like to take a peek into the room where there are lots of eyes and smiles to be found. This is the room where all the dolls hide out and when we are not looking they are perusing the tatting and hardanger books that are neatly perched on the tiered book shelf. At present there are 720 dolls gathered together, sharing stories and planning where their parcel trip may take them - hopefully into the hands of a little girl who will treasure them and love them to bits. Yes, I know, the adults keep them for themselves as well. I have a few favourites stashed away to dress one rainy day but don't tell the dolls - that can be our secret.

Our beautiful dolls fall into several categories. Starting with the largest, the 18" Springfield dolls in blonde, brown, red and black hair, are by far the most beautiful. We even have a wardrobe of shoes for these fashion conscious dolls and lots of sewing, knitting and crochet patterns to complete the picture. If the barbie / fashion doll is your thing then we have these in 14". The angel dolls stand tall at 13" and come with panties and shoes. Again available in brown or fair skin tone and various hair colours to suit every little girl's choice. These have also been popular as bed dolls as have the custom made brown hair half dolls that have no legs and sit well in a cushion. The Berenguer series have the 5" babies with 7 different facial expressions, the 8" and 10" bigger sisters that are complemented with lots of patterns to clothe them. The 10" also come in dark skin. The Berenguer dolls have been by far the most popular choice for ages. Who could resist these cuties with the babylike features and soft to touch bodies.

The favourite crafter dolls are the 7" ones used in toilet rolls, stocking / laundry bags and we also have the toilet tissue dolls that have the cylindrical base instead of legs. These are also available in fair and brown skin tones. They are a prettier doll than their 7" cousins. The air-freshener dolls with their pretty faces and hair are of similar size and have a cone shaped base. Also great to fit over bottles for door stops, used as bed dolls and for other projects where legs are hidden. Again, available in fair and dark skin tones. So much choice!

The old favourite, dolly on pick are great for cakes and other crafty items that require just a half doll. Remember those dolly varden cakes all our girls had years ago. The iced dresses with lots of lollies certainly came up a treat. Some crazes never go away and continually reinvent themselves for different occasions. The cupie doll with the gold hair is now available in 120cm only - still popular for school fetes and birthday parties. After you have smothered her in glitter and adorned her with a tulle skirt she is mounted to a curved cane for easy transportation. I have even used them on tea cosies. The smallest dolls we have are just 3" tall. Available in dark and fair skin tones and the legs and arms are moveable. So many different little cuties are just waiting for new homes this month. Have you got a space for one more?

WE'RE HOOKED ON CROCHET!

This is AWESOME ... something we should all remember.

A 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably combed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready.

As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window.

I love it,' he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

Mr Jones, you haven't seen the room; just wait..'

'That doesn't have anything to do with it,' he replied.

Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time.

Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged .. it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it.

It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice;

I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do.

Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away.. Just for this time in my life..

Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in.

So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories!

Thank you for your part in filling my Memory Bank, I am still depositing.

'Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

- 1. Free your heart from hatred.*
- 2. Free your mind from worries.*
- 3. Live simply.*
- 4. Give more.*
- 5. Expect less.*

Have a nice day.





Have a peek at these ideas from the Crochet Australia Doll/Hardanger/Tatting Room



DOLLSF18 - Springfield Doll 18"
(45cm) \$59.50



Brown hair, Blonde, Hispanic with
Black hair, Redhead.

**DOLLSHOESDRESS - Dress Shoes to
suit 18" Springfield Doll \$9.35**



**DOLLSHOESSPORT - Sport Shoes to
suit 18" Springfield Doll \$9.35**



**DOLLSHOESTENNIS - Tennis Shoes
to suit 18" Springfield Doll \$9.35**



DOLLFASHION14 Fashion Doll 14"
Brown Hair \$8.95



DOLLANGEL - 13" Angel Dolls \$10.95
Brown hair, Blonde, Platinum Blonde.



**DOLLANGELDK - 13" Angel Doll -
Dark skin & Hair \$9.95**



DOLLCHUBBY10 - Chubby Doll 10"
(25cm) \$26.95



**DOLLCHUBBY10AFRO - Afro-
American Chubby Doll 10" (25cm)**
\$26.95



DOLLCHUBBY8 - Chubby Doll 8"
(21cm) \$16.50 - no choice of style.



DOLLPILOW - 8" Pillow Doll \$8.45



DOLLTOILET - 10" Toilet Roll Doll
\$6.25 Light or dark skin with black hair.



ACCDOLL - 7" Plastic Doll with Brown Hair
\$2.40



DOLLTEENPICK 7" half Teenage Doll on Spike, Blonde
\$6.50



DOLLAIRFRESH - 6 1/2" Air Freshener Doll
\$6.40 Fair skin with brown hair or dark skin with black hair.



DOLLITTY5 - Itty Bitty Doll 5" (13cm)
\$10.50 (No choice available)



DOLLCUPIE120 Cupie Doll, plastic, 120mm high
\$1.75



ACCDOLLMINI - Mini (65mm) Plastic Dolls Pkt 5
\$6.75 Light or dark skin tone.



151050 Sew Trendy Fashions and Accessories (Sewing for 18" dolls)
\$21.25* extra post



151043 Babies on the GO! 10" Doll Clothes (Sewing Book)
\$14.95



151028 Dressing up 18" Dolly (Sew)
\$22.95* extra post



151038 Love to Dress for Work & Play (Sewing for 18" dolls) \$22.95



879516 Itty Bitty Babies \$13.70 (5" dolls)



121067 Fun Fashions Knit 18" Dolls Outfits \$15.20



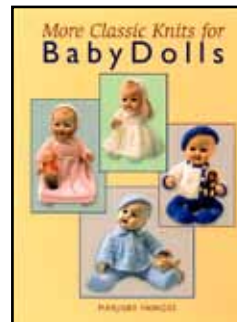
151025 Love to Dress Up 18" Doll Clothes (Sewing) \$21.25



MCPA894 French Girl Ensemble (18" dolls) \$11.75



SS2034 More Classic Knits for Baby Dolls \$19.95 extra post**



871380 Cute as a Pie 5" Dolls Clothes (Crochet - Lots to Love) \$15.95



GC23106 Topsy Turvy Doll \$10.00



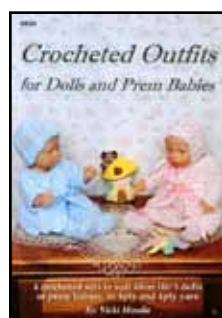
JG3181 Storybook Dolls (Jean Greenhowe) \$14.95 (Knit)



SP8513 Dress Up Your Dolls \$27.95 extra post (Knit & Crochet)**



BK24 Cro Outfits for Dolls & Prem Babies \$12.95



JG3242 Dolly Mixtures (Jean Greenhowe) \$13.95 (Knit)



871210 Crochet Your Own Dolls & Accessories \$13.70



885164 Go Team Go \$8.95 (18" dolls) KNIT



PARK656 Doll's Clothes in Dbl Knitting \$10.75



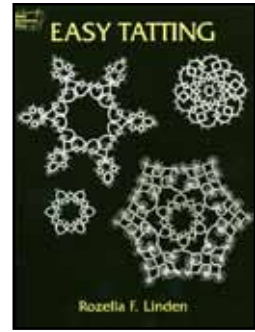
KA189X Merry Christmas in Hardanger \$18.95



HHT337 Festive Snowflakes & Ornaments \$23.95 (Tatting)



D299864 Easy Tatting \$14.95



NN203 Vaughnie's Visions Hardanger \$13.50



HHT08 Needle Tatting with Style Book 1 \$12.50



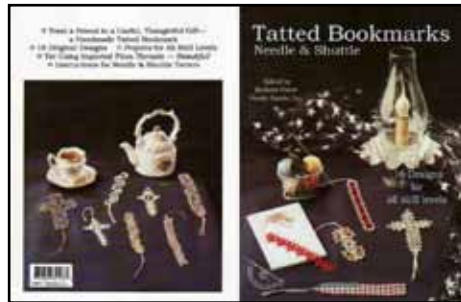
874510 Heirloom Treasures in Tatting \$20.40



NN312 Wee Ones in Hardanger Embroidery \$16.95



HHT199 Tatted Bookmarks Needle & Shuttle \$19.50



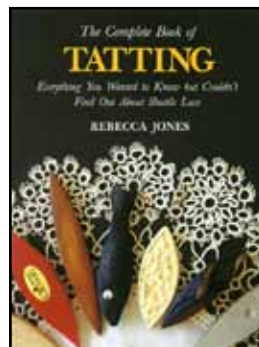
PARC104 Learn To Tat (Rev Ed) \$10.75



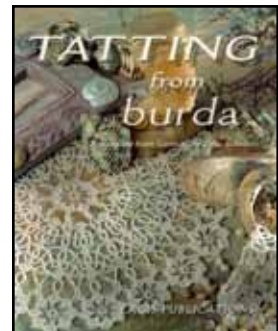
NN185 Hardanger Gifts \$12.20



HHT19 The Complete Book of Tatting \$32.95 extra post**



LAC6414 Tatting From Burda \$30.95* extra post



HHT163 Frivolite No 4 \$13.50



HHT250 Celtic Tatting Knots & Patterns \$21.25



HHT200 Vintage Tatting & Crochet Bk1 \$17.95

