



Crochet Extra

95th Edition - December 2013 - January 2014

With the sounds of Christmas Bells and the clicking of reindeer hooves not far away, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all well for the coming festive season.



Again thank you for your ongoing support throughout 2013. It has had its moments, especially the stories both sad and happy from so many of you. Your loyalty to Crochet Australia has made our humble business the success that it has become and I have no doubt we will be here for a long time to come, so bring on 2014. We accept the challenge.

Ray and I are both looking forward to a few weeks off, mainly to regroup and put a new perspective into our busy schedule. We are now the proud owners of a new little girl border collie named Sammy. That is short for Samantha Daisy. I now remember the chewing stage that new puppies have to go through. Time to hide the shoes. So those of you who visit, please remember to shut the gate, watching out for the black and white ball of fluff as you drive in.



Our last mail out for December will be Thursday 19th, so do not dilly dally if you need bits and pieces before Christmas. Last visitor day to the shop will be Friday 13th Dec as we will be working the last week on "a need to work only basis". We should be back about 20th January, but filling internet orders prior to this if need be. Merry Christmas to all, have a safe festive season and let's all hope for a great new year with lots of happy stories to follow.

Ray and Vicki

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Crochet Australia Thread Room

So over the past few months you have been through most of the rooms in our Crochet Australia building. Last but not least is the thread room, (doily thread that is). Put your sunnies on when you enter as the colours will take your breath away.



This room comprises of all the threads from the finest #100 in white and ecru in the Finca and Cordonnet brands up to the thicker size 5 in the Traditions. Texture plays an important part in the beauty of crochet. The finer mercerised threads (#100, #80 or #60) are more effective for delicate designs used for tablecloths, doilies and edges. However for some of us, if seeing and grasping the thread is a little challenging, work in a larger thread such as #10. The crocheted items will be larger so this will have to be taken into account. Also consider that different brands or colours of the same size thread may vary in thickness.

All brands we stock come in the white and ecru, but our most popular seller would have to be our Turkish threads.

#10 Maxi in the 100g balls. Available in 34 plain, 20 shaded colours and even in 11 metallic colours.

#20 Daphne in 100g and 50g balls and #30 Klasik which is still available in lots of colours and even several metallics.

DMC threads have been popular for years and with these we have Traditions and Cordonnet Special in Whites and Ecrus only, plus the full ranges of Cebelia in 31 colours and Babylo in 39 colours both in 50g balls.

The Spanish Finca seems to be a more mercerised and finer yarn. Colours are in the #50 and #30 only, but whites and ecru from #20 up to #100. This great thread is used a lot for hanky edges as the white is a super blue white.

Last but not least is the enormous range of Lizbeth thread which has 87 variegated colours and 102 matching plain colours. We currently stock this in #20, #40 and #80 but a little birdie tells me that we will have in #10 sometime in 2014. Is there a way to stretch out a room to make it bigger (without using photoshop)? This yarn has been popular for both the crocheter and the tatter.

On page 5 we have summarised the hook sizes and the difference in yarn sizes that may be useful to equate the size of your next project if you use a different thread other than stated in your pattern.



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 a future edition of "Crochet Extra"

Here are some customer comments and masterpieces for this month!

Thank you so much for sending the tartan rug weavers; I ordered the second one for a friend! It should make weaving so much easier now, and I'm really looking forward to doing my second rug. **Eva S, Narromine NSW.**



I have completed these items in September for the 1st Birthdays of my great niece "Indie" (Hat) when I can order the Turquoise cotton I will complete the dress for her, and niece "Holly" the pink set using pink and white. The patterns are from the book I purchased Annies Attic "Sweet Baby Dresses in Crochet" 871205. Find them quite easy to crochet after you have made them once.

Vicki B, Haypoint QLD.



If it is any interest to you "Spotlight" are charging \$5.99 a ball for 4ply Cotton. When you are doing Tea Towels to sell on a Charity Stall for Handicapped Children it's a big difference in the price with your Clever Country Cotton at \$3.95. Our Organization has a stall 3 or 4 time a year with all types of handmade goods. Crochet Rugs, Baby Sets, Bed Socks, Beanies, Tea Towels, Face Washers. We have given over a \$1000.00 each year for many years now, to our special Handicapped School in Sydney. All goods and material and time is donated by our girls. **Jean M, ST Clare NSW.**
Keep up the good work Jean.

Carol B of Slacks Creek QLD sent us a photo of her latest crochet rug. All worked with Dazzle 8ply yarn.



My cro-tat hook was waiting for me at the post office today (arrived there earlier this week). I am very pleased with how quickly it arrived and very excited to get started on a new adventure.

Judy S, USA.

I am sad to say that we are re-locating to the U.K. in a couple of weeks. In the meantime I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone at Crochet Australia for the highly professional and friendly service you provide and especially the extra effort you have always put into making sure the orders are exactly what I want or the best substitute. Now I will have to buy a large supply of Freddos to keep my husband happy.

Babette G, Margaret River, WA.

Carmen P Springwood QLD made these great little balls from scraps of yarn.



Rene F Cunamulla QLD sent us this exquisite tatted edged hankerchief. *Thanks Rene.*



Thank you for my order, it arrived today, so quickly I had to double check when I placed it!! Thank you, the Clever Country 4ply cotton yarn is beautiful, I will be ordering from you again as the colour range is better than any local shops where I live in Sydney. **Jacquie W, Avalon NSW.**

June H Little Mountain QLD is always popping in for thread to knit her beaded dolls dresses. June just likes the challenge and also proofs patterns for another of our customers - Helen, so she is always working in uncharted territory. Team work at its best. They are now working with our Klasik thread knitting up the beads. Well done girls.



Kay J Redcliffe QLD loves to crochet rugs. These little beauties are from LA3238 A Crocheter's Garden of Afghans and the mile a minute (which won Reserve Champion at recent Redcliffe show) is from an old edition of Country Afghans spring 1999. Well done Kay.



My recent order arrived yesterday in good condition! Keep up the great service. Thank you for your recommendation of the Heirloom 8ply cotton. I love the softness and ease of handling - just what I was looking for. **Margaret G Redland Bay QLD.**

Yo L, Gympie QLD called in after her overseas trip to Italy recently and showed us her latest creation. It is from LA108217 Afghans for All Seasons Book 3. Any visitors last month will remember her 2 dogs Boof and Prince who stayed over for 3 weeks while Yo was away. We were so inspired we just had to go and get another dog for company.



My parcel has arrived safely due to the careful packaging. I am delighted with the itty bitty 5" dolls and thank you for sending 2 different expressions. I can hardly wait to outfit them and have them for my grantees to play with on their visits. Many thanks again for your wonderful service. **Maureen S Darlington WA.**



Thank you for the prompt way in which you fill and send orders. You are so dependable and reliable that it is exciting to know that a parcel will arrive about 2 days after I place an order. Thank you also for the free gifts I have received in each of my orders. It is very kind and generous of you to include those too. Wishing you all the best in your business. **Tracy W, McKellar, ACT.**

Jane W Ridgewood QLD came to visit and showed us her latest achievement knitted with DMC Cordonett #100 using 1mm knitting needles. The pattern is from very old book Knitted Lace Designs of Herbert Niebling. WOW!!!



Some Christmas Gift Ideas

HOOKSETBEGIN (Boye) I Taught myself to Crochet Kit \$27.50 **HOOKSETBOYE - Boye Crochet Master Set \$67.70**



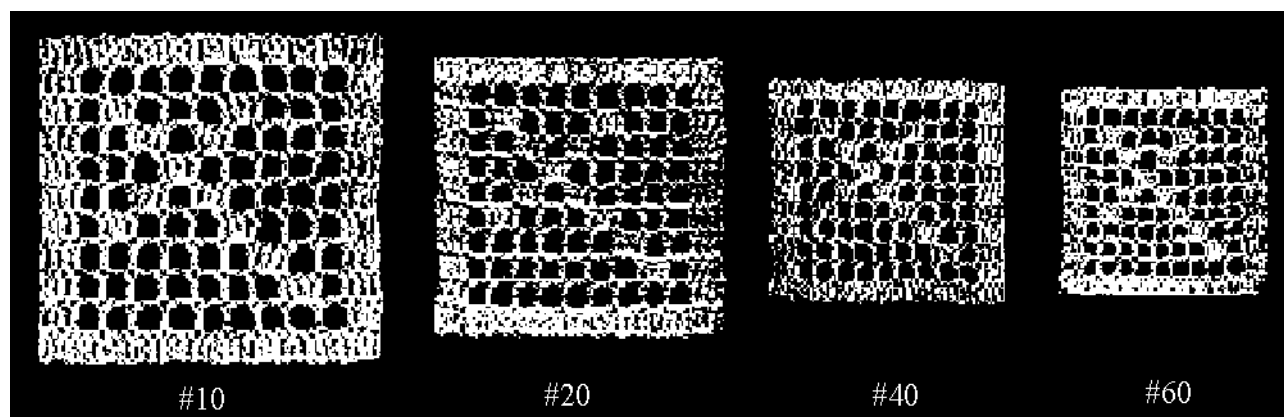
This great kit has all the necessities to learn to crochet for the left and right handed. Includes 5 crochet hooks, tricot hook, split rings, cabone rings and sewing up needles. The book has very good instructions and diagrams for crochet, broomstick crochet, hairpin and Tunisian and the projects that follow are easy enough for the beginner. You can make broomstick cushion, Tunisian coaster, hairpin scarf or crochet a bag, scarves, ponchos, cell phone case, chevron blanket, wrap, mesh scarf with posies, mittens, camisole and a blanket that is rectangular but is worked in rounds. The book in this new revised pack has tripled to 93 pages and also contains an instructional DVD at no extra cost!

Boye Crochet Master Set

Includes 16 steel crochet hooks US sizes 00, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14; (3.5mm, 3.25mm, 2.75mm, 2.25mm, 2.1mm, 2mm, 1.9mm, 1.8mm, 1.65mm, 1.5mm, 1.4mm, 1.3mm, 1.1mm, 1mm, 0.85mm and 0.75mm) 8 aluminium crochet hooks US sizes D, E, F, G, H, I, J and K; (3.25mm, 3.5mm, 3.75mm, 4.25mm, 5mm, 5.5mm, 6mm and 6.5mm) and a padded zip-close maroon vinyl carry case. Excellent value.



The picture below provides an indication of the change in size of an article when crocheted using the same pattern, but using different thread sizes (with the appropriate size hook as below). Using a finer thread results in a smaller but more finely textured article. Depending on the pattern, some articles may be crocheted in a wide variety of sizes while others go out of shape or do not sit flat if a different size thread is used.



The chart below provides an approximation only of how to determine the finished size of an article crocheted in a thread size other than that specified. **Please note that this only works for some patterns and is a rough guide only.**

Using the column with the specified thread size, go down until you locate the 1, then go across to the column with the thread size you wish to use. Multiply the figure shown by the specified size of the article to provide the new finished size.

Thread #10	Thread #20	Thread #40	Thread #60
1	.085	0.7	0.6
1.2	1	0.8	0.7
1.45	1.25	1	0.9
1.65	1.4	1.15	1

Example: Assume a doily was crocheted using #60 thread with a finished size of 20cm in diameter and you wished to use #20 thread. Go to the #60 column and run down to the 1. Now go across to the #20 column and the figure is 1.4. Multiply the original size of 20cm by 1.4 and the finished size should be about 28cm.

Thread Size	Hook Size
5	1.75mm
10	1.50 - 1.75mm
20	1.25mm
30 - 40	1.00mm
50 - 60	0.75mm
80	0.60mm
100	0.50mm

The Threads we stock are as below and colour charts are available:

#5 DMC Traditions

#10 Maxi, DMC - Cebelia, Babylo, Traditions

#20 Daphne, Finca, Lizbeth, DMC - Cebelia, Babylo, Traditions, Cordonnet

#30 Klasik, Finca, DMC - Cebelia, Babylo, Traditions

#40 Lizbeth, DMC - Cebelia, Cordonnet

#50 Finca

#60 Finca, DMC Cordonnet,

#80 Finca, Lizbeth, DMC - Cordonnet

#100 Finca, DMC Cordonnet



Look at these ideas from the Crochet Australia Thread Room



#5 Thread

DMC Traditions 100g balls \$6.85

Available in B5200 (Super White) & Ecu

#10 Thread

Altin Basak & Madame Tricote Maxi 100g balls \$9.95

Available in 34 plain and 20 variegated colours.

Altin Basak & Madame Tricote Maxi Metallic 100g balls \$10.95

Available in 10 silver and 1 gold highlighted thread colours.

DMC Cebelia 50g balls \$7.85

Available in Blanc (White), B5200 (Super White), Ecu, Lt Ecu 712, and Cream 3865.

DMC Cebelia (Colours) 50g balls \$11.35

Available in 31 plain colours.

DMC Babylo 50g balls \$5.80

Available in 39 plain colours.

DMC Traditions 100g balls \$6.85

Available in B5200 (Super White) & Ecu

#20 Thread

Madame Tricote Daphne 100g balls \$9.95

Available in 12 plain colours.

Madame Tricote Daphne 50g balls \$5.25

Available in White, Ecu and 4 plain colours.

Presencia Finca Crochet Cotton #20 - 20g ball (White) \$4.80

Lizbeth Crochet/Tatting Cotton #20 - 25g ball \$5.60

Available in 102 plain and 87 variegated colours.

DMC Cebelia 50g balls \$7.85

Available in Blanc (White), B5200 (Super White), Ecu, Lt Ecu 712, and Cream 3865.

DMC Cebelia (Colours) 50g balls \$11.35

Available in 31 plain colours.

DMC Babylo 50g balls \$5.80

Available in 39 plain colours.

DMC Traditions 100g balls \$6.85

Available in B5200 (Super White) & Ecu

DMC Cordonnet Special (White & Ecu) 20g balls (Normally \$4.85 - Currently on special for \$4.15ea).

#30 Thread

Altin Basak Klasik #30, 20g balls (\$3.95)

This range has been discontinued by manufacturer - to clear at \$2.50ea.

Currently available in 56 plain and 6 variegated colours.

Altin Basak Klasik #30 Metallic, 20g balls \$4.65

90% mercerized cotton 10% metallic gold/silver thread, 20g balls. 4 colours with GOLD thread: 8 colours with SILVER thread.

Presencia Finca Crochet Cotton #30 - 50g ball (normally \$10.95 - currently on special for \$9.95ea).

Available in White, Ecu and 6 pastel colours.

DMC Cebelia 50g balls \$7.85

Available in Blanc (White), B5200 (Super White), Ecu, Lt Ecu 712, and Cream 3865.

DMC Babylo 50g balls \$5.80

Available in 39 plain colours.

DMC Traditions 100g balls \$6.85

Available in B5200 (Super White) & Ecu
Also have limited stock of Blanc (White)

#40 Thread

Lizbeth Crochet/Tatting Cotton #40 - 25g ball \$5.95

Available in 102 plain and 87 variegated colours.

DMC Cebelia 50g balls \$7.85

Available in Blanc (White), B5200 (Super White), Ecu, Lt Ecu 712, and Cream 3865.

DMC Cordonnet Special (White & Ecu) 20g balls (Normally \$4.85 - Currently on special for \$4.15ea).

#50 Thread

Presencia Finca Crochet Cotton #50 - 50g ball (normally \$10.95 - currently on special for \$9.95ea).

Available in White, Ecu and 6 pastel colours.

#60 Thread

Presencia Finca Crochet Cotton #60 - 50g ball (White and Ecu) \$10.95 20g ball (White) \$5.30

DMC Cordonnet Special (White & Ecu) 20g balls (Normally \$4.85 - Currently on special for \$4.15ea).

#80 Thread

Presencia Finca Crochet Cotton #80 - 50g ball (White and Ecu) \$11.25 20g ball (White) \$5.35

Lizbeth Crochet/Tatting Cotton #80 - 10g ball \$4.15

Available in 102 plain and 87 variegated colours.

DMC Cordonnet Special (White & Ecu) 20g balls (Normally \$4.85 - Currently on special for \$4.15ea).

#100 Thread

Presencia Finca Crochet Cotton #100 - 50g ball (White and Ecu) \$11.80 20g ball (White) \$5.65

DMC Cordonnet Special (White & Ecu) 20g balls (Normally \$4.85 - Currently on special for \$4.15ea).

ASN3766 Learn to Tat (with DVD) \$25.40* (* or ** parcel post may apply)



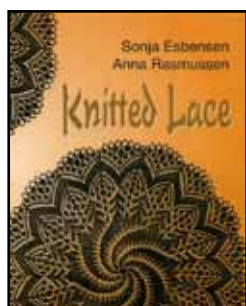
HHT29 Tatting (with Tetsy) \$21.95



877514 Hobnail Crochet \$14.20



FA0463 Knitted Lace \$37.95**



HHT387 12 Ornaments of Christmas Book 2 (Tatting) \$31.95



LA4383 Summer Fashions in Thread Crochet \$21.80



FA0897 12 Tatted Fairy Tales \$32.00*



HHT374 Button Abecedarius (Tatting) \$17.95



LA4025 Sexy Swimwear to Crochet \$23.95



FA0951 Christmas Cones in Bobbin Lace \$37.95**



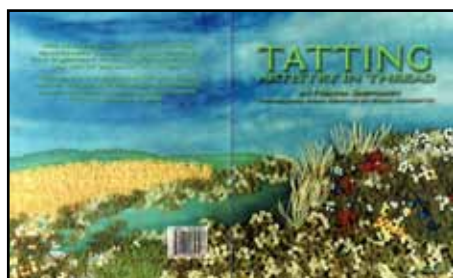
LA4263 Ultimate Guide to Thread Crochet \$28.75*



LA3315 Doilies in Bloom \$13.05



HHT259 Tatting Artistry in Thread \$43.95**



LA4402 Elegant 2 Piece Sets \$43.70**



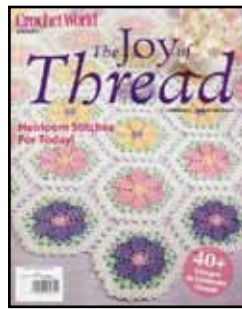
874611 Hearts & Flowers Appliques Roll \$13.45 (Uses Bullion stitch)



LA3706 A Year of Doilies Book 5 \$16.50



871129 The Joy of Thread (Crochet World) \$15.95*



EHPACK17 Elizabeth Hiddleston Pattern Set \$7.50



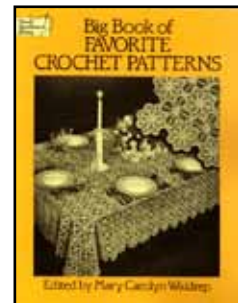
875512 A Passion for Pineapples \$28.85*



101123 Pineapples for Beginners \$10.95



DV3592 Big Book of Crochet \$15.95*



875522 Tablecloth Elegance \$15.35



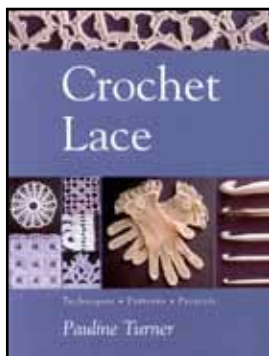
NMCC0023 Thread Crochet for Today \$9.50



CL3755 Knitting Over The Edge \$49.95**



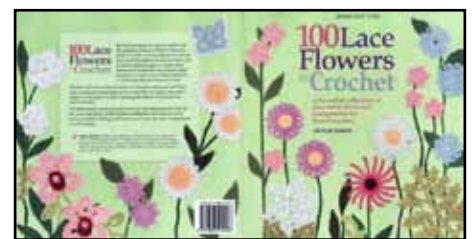
CP8530 Crochet Lace \$45.00**



CBV01D-DVD Crocheting with Thread DVD \$34.95*



S4408 100 Lace Flowers to Crochet \$39.95**



LA4864 - 50 Fabulous Pineapple Cro Motifs \$27.40*



EHPACK03 Elizabeth Hiddleston Pattern Set \$7.50



878532 Irish Beauty Doilies \$15.95

