

Crochet Extra

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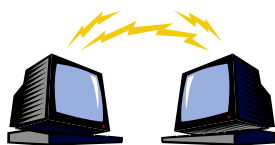
It is a typical cool, wet windy day in Maleny with the fog rolling across the hills and down the valleys and I realise how lucky I am to be in this idyllic place that we call home. The view from my desk is priceless and sometimes I get caught up in the moment as the daily tasks proceed and sometimes lose total track of time. The tranquillity of country life can do that to you. We have become mountain people, only leaving the mountain when necessity calls. The hustle and bustle that seems to be the lifestyle of other people is like another world to me. Guess we are stuck in a time warp, think like the dinosaur but use the internet, phone etc to communicate with the "real" world, our suppliers and all our loyal customers.



It is with interest, that I quite often look up places that are the destinations of our parcels and find myself exploring Australia without even leaving my desk. I have learnt so much over the years just with the click of a mouse, no airfares or overnight stays, just the sheer pleasure of being there and seeing the attractions in each district and hearing stories from our customers. How lucky am I?



With all that in mind, this business has also grown to what it is today because of customers doing the same thing, a click of the mouse and looking for supplies. We live in the same electronic world, but in so many different towns with all of us bound together simply by the love of crochet, knitting and tatting. All thinking the same thing: so many books, so much yarn, so many hooks and shuttles and so little time.



Until next time,

Vicki

Sadly, today (02 March 2014) our 18 year old granddaughter Jess lost her brave 5 years fight against leukaemia and cancer. Her eternal optimism that she would win was a continued source of inspiration to all of us.



You may rest now Jess, but we cannot until there is a cure. Please consider assisting the fight any way you can.

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Sewing & Craft



This month's theme revolves around sewing and crafty bits that make this particular craft a little easier.

As you are aware we stock Hardanger fabrics: Lugana, Sulta and Davosa and the associated perle threads that are used with this particular form of embroidery. There are approx 30 book titles that we stock and we are always happy to put together a beginners kit if you are a learner. There are special scissors, magnet boards to hold the patterns and of course needles and threads.

There has been a drift back into Candlewicking and again lots of pattern books, transfer pencils and threads to support this story. Although a raw type of cotton thread is mainly used, any type of soft cotton will do the trick. Different threads in the one piece will add texture.



There are many sewing patterns for our lovely 18" and 10" dolls. Such an excellent way to use up some of those fabric scraps collected over the years. Add some crochet trims and create your own fashion statement for that much loved doll. Clover have been clever and innovative and developed so many wonderful aids for us to make different 3D fabric shapes that can be the basis of flowers, added to garments, shoes, hats and bags and all made with fabric scraps, which would normally be discarded. Bring that box of scraps to life and perhaps send us some pictures of your creations.



Have you ever made little purses that are merely a lined piece of crochet work and use the metal clasps to give added security. Quick to make from scraps and they become useful gifts to hold glasses, phones, keys and coins.

Sewing was my first well learnt domestic skill, at the time - being a necessity of life. Crochet became my first love, but my how times have changed. There are always so many easy fun things to try, so perhaps it is time once again to step outside the square and try something a little different.



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!

Merrill W from Victoria Park, WA writes: this is how I kept myself busy during the last couple of weeks....I gave the afghan to my friend Lacey who is very important to me.



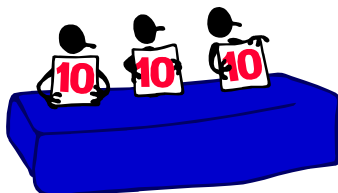
Thanks for introducing me to the Edgit Tool, it goes through thick hems on towels and washers so much easier and the edges look much better than with normal crochet hook. The needle you introduced to me is so much easier to sew up. **Dot N, Caboolture QLD.**



I would like to thank you so much for sending my cotton. I received it today at lunch time. Also that was really lovely of you to give me that free towel. I will get my friend to embroider something nice and make it into a hanging towel. I am so glad to eventually be able to access the Clever Country from you. I will most certainly be ordering more off you. **Dianne F, Russell Island QLD.**

My order received today in good order as usual! Just want to say that the Everything Crochet book is an excellent buy and am so pleased I paid attention to your recommendation. I, too, give it an 11 out of 10.....It is well worth getting even if the price returns to normal! Many, many thanks for your usual excellent service. **Margaret G, Redland Bay QLD.**

Unfortunately this book is out of print and no longer available.



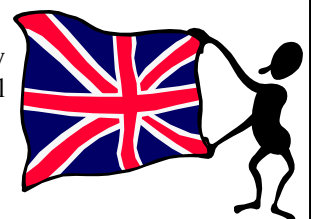
Susan M, Mont Abert North VIC tells us that she is an avid tatter, and has made a beaded tatted butterfly that won first prize at the Royal Melbourne Show and she also won 3 first prizes at the Lilydale show, including a win in the entire Needlework section. Susan tats with Lizbeth thread and is very happy that Crochet Australia has the great resources for tatters and crafters alike.

Heather W Goomeri, QLD has also finished her rather large doily or is it a rug?



I can't believe how fast you guys are with your orders. I only placed the order yesterday morning and the parcel just arrived! And thank you for the gift. **Louise S, Woolloowin QLD.**

Many thanks, the parcel arrived today - very quick - better than some local deliveries. **Jacqui P, UK.**



I received my order from you today thank you. I wanted to thank you for your kind complimentary gift. That was so nice and very much appreciated and something I will use.

Di McK, Dubbo NSW.

Check out this fine work. Anne tells us that with the entry of this fine scarf she won First Prize at the Omeo Show. And that she has found our fine needles, apart from fine knitting, are perfect for dressing knitted lace. **Anne U'R, Omeo VIC.**



Ethel J from Morven QLD just loves our Maxi #10 thread. Ethel has been working on the Australian flag and produced these 2 that are now being made as place mats.

The two crochet hooks arrived safely in the mail yesterday afternoon. Thank you very much for your service. I am delighted to tell you that the size is just right and will be perfect for my projects. **Shirley G, Redland Bay QLD.**



Look at the Sewing and Crafty ideas we found!!



HANKMIXCOLSCAL - 6 x Handkerchiefs, Coloured, scalloped edge with motif \$24.50 Also available in straight edge.



ACCMAGBOARDLGE - Magnet Line Minder 8" x 10" \$10.95



ACCPURSEFR80 - Purse Frame Rounded 80mm - Gold \$8.70

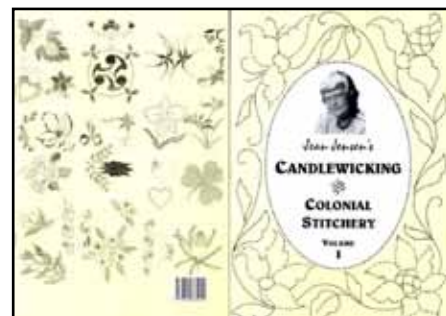


ACCPURSEFR100 - Purse Frame Rounded 100mm Black \$9.60



See specials on page 7 for a great deal on 60mm purse frames!!

JJ01 Jean Jensen's Candlewicking Vol 1 \$9.95 (Australian native flowers)



Also available in volumes 2 - 8 with a variety of designs to suit all occasions.

Vol 2 to 4 Floral designs

Vol 5 From Nanna's Garden

Vol 6 Land, Sea and Air designs

Vol 7 Hearts, Teddy Bears and other animals

Vol 8 Candlewicking & Crochet Embroidery - mostly floral designs

BKAG01 Sculptured Candlewicking \$10.75



BKAG02 Australiana Candlewicking \$10.75



PO110 Candlewicking Collection Book 10 - \$12.95



PO204 Candlewicking Pot-pourri \$12.95



LA6083 Totes & Bags \$15.55



LA3967 Purses for Sassy Girls \$17.10



LA75140 Small & Sassy Purses \$9.30



ASN1399 Love that Bag! \$14.20



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



151038 Love to Dress for Work & Play (Sew) \$22.95



151050 Sew Trendy Fashions and Accessories (Sewing) \$21.25* (extra post may apply)



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



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



LNSB8 Hardanger Simply Love \$23.95



LNSB14 Hardanger Hearts a Love Affair \$28.95



**NN228 Award Winning Designs
Hardanger 1999 \$16.30**



We stock the following evenweave fabrics suitable for a variety of embroidery projects.

Sulta Hardanger (Zweigart), 22cnt, 110cm wide \$36.65pm.

Available in White (Colour 1) and Ecru (Colour 264) - min 50cm.

Davosa (Zweigart) Evenweave Fabric, 18cnt, 140cm wide We are discontinuing this fabric - Normally \$67.10 per metre (\$33.55 per half metre) **to clear at \$50.00pm** (\$25.00 per half m) White only available.

Lugana (Zweigart), Evenweave 25cnt, 140cm wide \$65.95m

Available in White, Ecru and Antique White, min 50cm.

Coloured Lugana (Zweigart), Evenweave 25cnt, 140cm wide To clear at \$50pm.

Only available in 504 Dresden Blue. Min 50cm.

**NN237 Award Winning Designs
Hardanger 2003 \$17.95**



**NN238 Award Winning Designs
Hardanger 2004 \$19.95**



**NN245 Hardanger Embroidery 2009
Award Winning Designs \$23.95**



**NN240 Award Winning Designs
Hardanger 2006 \$30.95**



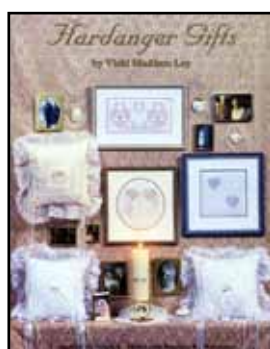
**NN249 Award Winning Designs 2011
Hardanger \$23.95**



**NN242 Award Winning Designs
Hardanger 2007 \$21.95**



NN185 Hardanger Gifts \$12.20



**SP3617 Knitted Cakes 20 to Make
\$12.95 (KNIT)**



**PP221 Baby Accessories Leaflet \$5.25
(KNIT)**



**PLAPPG Pineapple Princess Gown
\$10.00**



LA75143 Baby-Fresh Blankets \$9.30



LA75050 Little Kitchen Helpers \$8.30

