

# Crochet Extra



100<sup>th</sup> Edition - June 2014



Welcome to the 100th issue of Crochet Extra. When I look back over the years since the first issue in June 2005, there have been a lot of key-board strokes, scratching of the head for ideas, funny stories, some sad ones, hatches and dispatches, lots of plastic bags to be filled with the Extra and then sealed ready to post, but all in all, the Extra usually goes out on time or on the odd occasion a few days late.



Next month we have a new member joining the Crochet Australia team. Linda, the proud new owner (as from 1st July 2014) will be giving her input, but Ray and I will still be the guiding hands until the end of October. This will be novel for us, as we have not been employees for about 30 years and interesting for Linda as I believe this is a dream come true. In her defence, I am happy to say that her youth, enthusiasm and loads of fresh ideas for next year, can only take this business to a new level. Of course we are only a phone call/email away so no doubt we will be in touch with Linda for a long while. The good news for me is that the business will be staying in QLD and not far away, so I will be able to visit when I need supplies. It may become the new meeting place for the crochet friends we have met through the business. Details will come as this all unfolds. This brings back lots of memories of when we packed up the business into several shipping containers to move to Maleny over 4 years ago. And yes, we still have lots of cartons from that shipment and added more over the last few years.



For now, and for several months to come it is business as usual, but with stocktake added to the mix for extra pleasure. What will we find??? So for the next few months if you have ideas to pass onto Linda, feel free to let us know and I will no doubt discuss these with her. As you can imagine, this all brings relief and joy to know there is a secure future for Crochet Australia, sadness to have all the goodbyes, but excitement to wonder what will be around the corner for all of us. It has certainly been the most interesting 12 years of my life so far.

Vicki

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## Dolls

After all the themes we have had over the years, my favourite has been dolls. From those beautiful 18" Springfield dolls to the itty bitty 5" dolls and to the Thumblinas we used to stock. Supplies are always in a continuous state of change, so I have learnt to enjoy whatever is available at the time.



Yes we have 7 inch crafty dolls and 8 inch toilet dolls in fair and brown skin tone, the legless airfreshener dolls in both brown and fair, 14" fashion dolls (like Barbie), in the Berenguer soft plastic baby doll range the star attraction would have to be 5" Itty with 7 different expressions, 8" dressed chubbies and the 10" chubbies with 7 expressions that come in both brown or white. These Lots to Love dolls have always been the customer favourites. Then there are the 3 inch little brown dolls with moveable arms and legs. The legless pillow dolls are a favourite when making those glamorous bed dolls. Do not forget the 13" angel dolls that have been around for years. These beauties have moveable arms, legs and like all girls - hair colours that vary from brown, blonde and platinum blonde. The 18" Springfield dolls have beautiful long hair and to add to the mix, a wardrobe of shoes are available to finish off the outfits. So much choice, but where to start.



Like always we have book support for most of these dolls with knitting, crochet and sewing available for the Springfield and Lots of love dolls. If your doll needs a necklace or bracelet we have coloured plastic pony beads and seed beads on a string. So if you are wondering what to make for the little miss in your life or just as sheer indulgence for yourself perhaps look into this newsletter a little deeper for ideas and of course irresistible specials.



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!

The new Clover Amour 1.50mm hooks are fantastic. The hook is slightly shallower & not as sharp - I usually cut furrows in my left index finger with the others. Boy! Does that smart! This hook seems to make my tension better & more even. Plus it doesn't slip in my goofy right hand. So I am very impressed with all 3 sizes that I have now, 4mm, 2mm, 1.50mm. You created a monster Vicki when you gave me one to try out - I love them!! Thank You very



much we'll miss you when you sell up. I only hope that my feed-back gives you an unbiased view of the hook. I thought the old Clover arthritis hooks were magic compared to ordinary hooks. I do know that when you are selling products you need feed-back and I also know you were more partial to the old ones. I think that my MS makes me slightly different in my method and therefore my needs are also a bit left of centre.

**Wendo & Baz D, Grafton NSW.**

Thank you for your promptness. I just sent an email and am now pleasantly surprised with your postage costs. So please go ahead with the order.

**Anne-Marie R, Coraki NSW.**



**Colleen K from Frenchville QLD** is a Jill of all trades and has sent us these delightful snaps of her finished projects. The runner above is from Crochet Monthly 99 and the dress for the Springfield dolls look a treat as does the matching outfit for her granddaughter in Perth.



Thank you for the cotton that arrived today. I am very pleased with it. It is just lovely and so well packed and presented. I am a mad tatter - and so I have never looked at "Crochet Australia" before, and got onto it by accident. So glad I did. I do hope you find someone to take over your lovely business.

**Barbara O, Figtree NSW.**



Just a note to say thank you for your excellent service. I ordered 3 hooks from you a few days ago - (my first order with you) - and they arrived today. **Lesley J, Parkside SA.**





I just want to thank you so much for the amazingly fast delivery of my order, it really was greatly appreciated. I will definitely be ordering again! Actually thanks to that lovely gift you enclosed I am just about to log onto your site and do just that.

**Carol N, Morayfield QLD.**

*And yes Carol has ordered several times since.*



Thank you again for the recent parcel. The two Jean Greenhow books were up to the usual high standard, with lots of lovely ideas.  
**Carissa H, Rockhampton QLD.**



I don't know what I'd do without you, I didn't even know there was such a thing as a beading needle. Shows what a sheltered life I've lead. I have bent one around a bit but it is still doing the job much better than before. Many thanks, you and Ray and the team do a wonderful job. I love those Babylo variegated yarns in the multi green & multi gold. They crochet with almost a tweed effect instead of blocks of colour, if that terminology makes sense?

**Wendy & Baz D, Grafton NSW.**



**Yo L from Gympie QLD** is still producing afghans for the world to enjoy. These little beauties are from LA108213 Best Loved Afghans, LA108218 Afghans for all Seasons Bk4 and Annies book 234K Mile a minute which is now discontinued, but we do have 743X.



**Maureen L of Eatons Hill QLD** has sent us a picture of the final selection of tatted horseshoes she made for a recent family wedding. The small ones were attached to the bouquets where they looked effective and were well-received. All those frantic pleas for more thread appears to have paid off!

Many thanks for my recent order. It was delivered in 24 hours after I placed my order. Sincere thanks for excellent service and quality. **Deanne B, Daisy Hill QLD.**



**Irene T of Mudgeeraba QLD** sent us these delightful outfits for the 5" Itty Bitty doll. The Hats are from GCB10105 Storybook Hats and the romper suit from 871048 Oh so Cute Dolls Clothes (with a few adjustments) Well done Irene and keep those fingers moving.

Thank you so much for your prompt service. The parcel with the crochet books has just arrived and the books look great. I'm sure my sister will love her birthday present.

**Silvana C, McDowall QLD.**

*Some trivia to share with you!!*



The first issue of Crochet Extra, consisting of 10 pages, was sent out in June 2005 and featured Crochet-on-the-Double/Crochenit.

All issues of Crochet Extra are posted on our web site. They contain everything except the monthly specials and all the new stuff. Issues from June 2005 to February 2008 are in html format and issues from March 2008 are in pdf format.

Back in 2005 most of our customers did not have the internet so Crochet Extra was sent out with every order. These days we only send it out to those without internet access and of course to the Crochet Extra subscribers who have it mailed directly to them at the beginning of the month.



*Look at the ideas we found for Dolls!!*



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



**DOLLAIRFRESH - 6 1/2" Air Freshener Doll \$6.40**



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



Select required facial expression.

**DOLLFASHION14 Fashion Doll 14" Brown Hair \$8.95**



**DOLLPILOW - 8" Pillow Doll \$8.45**



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





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



**ACCDOLLMINI** - 65mm Mini Plastic Dolls Pkt 5 (Brown) \$6.75



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



**DOLLTOILET** - 10" Toilet Roll Doll \$6.25



Select fair or dark skin colour.

**BEADSTRING** - Pre-Strung Seed Beads, size 11 (Pkt 6 x 50cm lengths) \$5.00



Available in following colours:-

**Opaque** - Black, Red, White, Yellow  
**Pearl** - Cream, Lemon, Lt Blue, Lt Green, Mulberry

**Rainbow** - Amber, Black Moonglow, Gunmetal Grey, Green, Moonglow, Red  
**Transparent** - Gold, Lt Pink, Platinum (Dk Silver), Red, Royal, Silver

**BEADPO100** - Plastic Jug Beads, 8mm, Opaque Mixed (Pkt 100) \$4.50



**BEADPOMIX75G** - Plastic Jug Beads, 8mm, Opaque Mixed (Pkt 75g/260 beads) \$11.00

**ACCBEADKNITTER** Clover French Knitter Bead Jewellery Maker \$21.95



**ASN1443** Matching Knits For Girls & Dolls \$18.50



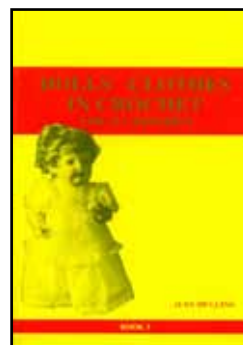
**ASN1348** Knits for Girls & Dolls \$28.70



**871121** Dolly & Me Accessories & Toys \$13.50



**BKJM03** Dolls' Clothes in Crochet Bk 3 \$6.50



**121076** Easy How-to Techniques for Simply Stylish 18" dolls. \$16.75 (Knit)





885164 Go Team Go (Knit)



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



871048 Oh, So Cute Doll Clothes \$15.00



121067 Fun Fashions Knit 18" Dolls Outfits \$15.20



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



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



871395 On-The-Go Fashions for 18 Inch Dolls \$17.95



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



121068 Lots to Love Babies Doll Clothes \$13.50 (Knit)



121038 Fun-to-Knit Doll Clothes \$16.70



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



121056 Itty Bitty Knitties \$15.00 (Knit)



871039 Dress-up Fashions for 18" Dolls \$14.95



871104 Itty Bitty Dress-Up Fashions \$13.70



121040 Itty Bitty Baby Doll Clothes \$11.65 (Knit)





876526 20th Century Fashion Dolls \$15.95



PARK633 Quickly Knit Clothes for Dolls \$10.75 (Knit)



JG3198 Jemima-Jane and Friends-Greenhowe \$14.95 (Knit)



874615 Victorian Ladies \$12.30



PARK656 Doll's Clothes in Dbl Knitting \$10.75 (Knit)



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



875563 Fashion Doll Collection Book 2 \$30.70\* extra post



MCPA894 French Girl Ensemble \$11.75



JG3020 Little Gift Dolls (Jean Greenhowe) \$12.95 (Knit)



AWCF4 The Doll Wardrobe Vol 4 \$10.00



LA4448 Crochet Wraps for Dolly & Me \$15.30



JG3000 Little Dumpling Dolls (Men) \$13.95 (Knit)



AWCF5 Matching Outfits for Girls & Dolls Vol 5 \$10.00



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



GC26106 Gwendolyn Doll \$10.00





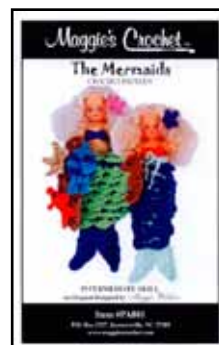
**GC23106 Topsy Turvy Doll \$10.00**



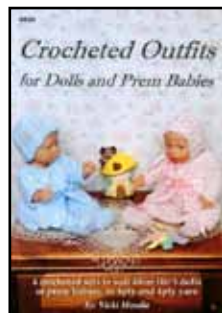
**871210 Crochet Your Own Dolls & Accessories \$13.70**



**MCPA801 The Mermaids \$11.75**



**BK24 Crocheted Outfits for Dolls & Prems \$12.95**



**NEB96596 Crochet for Dolls \$29.95\*\* extra post**



**MCPA901 Ready for Spring \$11.75**



**BK26 Knitted Outfits for Dolls & Prem Babies \$12.95**



**SP5093 Babes in the Wool \$21.95\*\* extra post**



**GC40107 Elsbeth Doll \$10.00**



**BK27 More Knitted Outfits Dolls & Prem Babies \$12.95**



**SP8360 Knitted Fairies to cherish and charm \$21.95\*\* extra post**



**GC58107 Suzette Doll \$10.00**



**BIRDAGTT Annie Goes to Tea \$10.95**



**MCPA916 Summer Outing Doll \$11.75**



**874311 Indian Maidens \$11.35**

