

Crochet Extra

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Welcome to the Crochet Australia November newsletter. We have arrived in the sunny Sunshine Coast! Everything almost went like clockwork - we received the keys from the agent on time, the removalist arrived when expected, nothing was broken, and nothing was lost. We have unpacked all of our boxes, and have got them out of the way, although not everything has a home yet. This has prepared us for packing up the business at the end of the month.

My dad and brother then started on refining the new business premises - checking the lighting, adapting doorways, inserting an awning and painting - lots of little things that do however take time. My mother Chris, who is helping me in the business during the transition, and I then went off to Maleny to learn how Crochet Australia really operates. Vicki had said to me earlier that it was easy to learn how things work, and the difficulty was with the things that were not the norm. Our first day was certainly our introduction to many things that were not the norm, and helped us along that learning curve.



We arrived the first day with Vicki and Ray, to find they had lost electricity. While this limited what we could do, it did however allow us more time to learn about the extensive product range. After the electrician fixed the problem, we began picking orders and learning the many tricks with getting the most effective postage and packing. We are certainly not as fast as Vicki and Ray with processing and filling orders, but we are getting quicker with their guiding hands. We also met several of the customers who came to collect their goods during this time. Some made their trek during the rain, and others on a beautiful day and decided to make it a day out in Maleny. I was asked whether there were any nice areas to visit near where the business will be in Yandina. There certainly are. We are only a short distance away from Yandina, where there are several cafes, and The Ginger Factory and we are not far away from Coolum Beach.



Some things are more complex than what I had first thought, but overall it was a rewarding introduction. With chilly Maleny now left behind, the new location for Crochet Australia is at sunny Yandina. Yes we are all fired up and ready to go. Please note the new address and phone number. Our thoughts are with what lies ahead and with summer just around the corner, it is time to think about new garments for yourself, the little people in your life and even dolly may need a new summer outfit.



Until next month,

Lynda and Chris

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THEME OF THE MONTH

Summer Clothing

As we say goodbye to winter, and rearrange our wardrobe for the coming summer months, it is a good time to consider the vast array of crochet garments available for summer. We found patterns for cotton tops, swimwear, skirts, hats and accessories.



And for some of those cooler evenings, there are some wraps, shawls, shrugs and bolero jackets that are perfect to match with your other summer outfits.

There are many great colours available in the Almina, Perle #5 and Clever Country 4ply cottons and Heirloom 8ply cottons that suit almost any summer outfit.



They range from the softer pastels to the bright colours that really make a statement. The finer cotton threads can also be used to make the more lacy tops and shawls. And while many of the baby patterns ask for wool, 4ply or 8 ply cotton can be used as substitutes for the warmer weather. Many of the 4 ply cotton designs are made with the 2-3mm hooks, while the 4mm hooks go well with the 8 ply cotton.



For babies and young children, there are also a lovely array of designs using the Peter Pan baby yarn in 3, 4 and 8ply. Dolls also need to be kitted out in summer wear, and the cotton and baby yarn are also perfect for these.

Crocheting for the summer months can be fun – the hardest part will be choosing from the selection of patterns that we found.



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!

Hi Crochet Australia, attached are some photos of a wedding dress I have created in rayon. **Catherine C from Wondecla QLD.** Here is a close up picture of the wedding dress design.



Cynthia O'B from Nth Rockhampton QLD and her group of friends put in bulk orders together to save on post and says - Our order arrived today. Thank you very much, as we do love to get all our new colours. Our cat George plays with the big bag for weeks - hides inside it.



Marie M from Nth Lambton NSW says sorry you are leaving, and would like to wish you both a very long and happy retirement. I know you will not be sitting around. Your fingers will be very busy. I hope you have sometime to do all the things that you have wanted to do, so now is the chance to make up a bucket list and start at the top. Thankyou for your great service. It has been second to none.

Wow what a great project made from the cones of rayon. I bet all eyes were definitely on the bride. Rayon is available in white and lots of colours on cones at \$88.85 per kilo. This is half the price of the 50g balls.

Thank you for sending my parcel of crochet cotton so promptly, which arrived first thing Monday morning. Many thanks for extra ball of cotton, which will be put to good use with the others for my Charity crocheting (dressing small dolls).

Dorothy McK, Hadfield VIC.

Hi I am the lady that bought 30Kg of No 20 and 40 cotton from you some years ago. My strong memory was of your incredibly great communication skills on the phone, your willingness to work through the building to help me fill my stash and the terrific business practices that you offered and implemented with me. Needless to say I am working through my supplies and having a ball. It is great to know that I will not run out just at a crucial moment. Some colours have gone west so that is a bit sad. I do appreciate to some extent, how hard you and hubby worked to set up and strengthen the business. I hope that your true retirement is fulfilling, healthy and happy. Take special care.

You have created some great stories for me to tell, (as my postie reminds me every now and then) and no doubt, some from your end about some woman who bought so much of the Coats cottons. Continue to enjoy. My best wishes go to the new owners.

Robyn L, Upper Lansdowne NSW.



Thanks for the parcel, it arrived this morning. Great service and pleasing to see that the free thread in the thread holder is a different colour to what was sent in the order. Can't wait to get tatting!

Di F, Moss Vale NSW.



Many thanks for my order of wool which came this morning just after breakfast. I am very pleased with all the colours I have chosen. I make little cot blankets and donate them to Guardian Pharmacy in South Australia who in turn donate to "Save the Children". Really enjoy making these articles during the Winter months. I might not get the chance to again wish you and your husband all the best in your new venture and thanks very much for the help you have given me over the time I have been a customer of yours at Crochet Australia. **Roma B, Para Hills SA.**



Gloria J, from Gatton QLD has a few more doll outfits from 871380 Lots of Love Cute as Pie and worked in Babylo #10 to share with you and writes -

I received the buttons today. Thank you very much. I wish you both all the best for the future. A big thank you for all the things you did for me over all the years I have known you. God Bless you both. *Gloria tells me it is difficult to buy the 8mm tiny doll buttons, so by request we get them in for her when the need arises.*



Unbelievable, Vicki - it was after 4 when I phoned you yesterday, and the books were here before 8am - you must have carrier pigeons living in your building! **Maureen L, Eatons Hill QLD.**

Lyn B from Mt Morgan QLD says – Thank you for being such great people to all of us customers over all these years. Nothing is ever too hard, it is sorted. I hope you and Sammie enjoy your earned retirement, doing your own thing. Enjoy!!

Books arrived this morning. Great service as usual. Thank you. **Elizabeth F, Nightcliff NT.**



Just to say thank you for helping to choose the orange and green for me to crochet your Irish rose and leaf three piece set CMPAT022. It looks really good because I was going with a different orange and green then you suggested the other two colors, which were Babylo 741 and Cebelia 989 and combined with the Blanc # 20. I really appreciate the advice you gave me on this as it has come up very pretty. **Yvonne A, Woodridge QLD.**

I wanted a conversion for an overseas pattern I was given, and I came across your website. What an exciting find! I was able to copy your conversion charts which will be a big help for my daughter as well as me. I have been crocheting for many years and have only recently come across 'single crochet' meaning 'double crochet' etc. Thank you for making this information available. **Ann K.**

If you have the internet see our website at <http://www.crochetaustralia.com.au/pages/Learn-the-Basics.html> for these charts.



Colleen K from Frenchville QLD has been busy doing join-as-you-go-rugs and here are a few of her masterpieces.

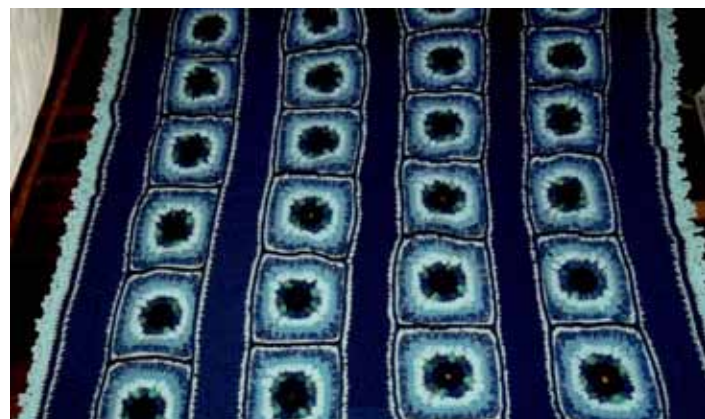
Colleen says thank you so much for all your service and friendship over the years. It was only by chance that I found you, and what a wonderful find for me. I appreciate your service and friendship. You are both wonderful people - very warm and caring and think of you as friends not acquaintances.

These have to be the greatest butterflies and come from **Michelle F, Zillmere QLD**. *Thank you Michelle, we appreciate your gift.*



I received my order yesterday. I was surprised and delighted, to have received a gift! Thank you very much for my order and the gift, it was very unexpected and generous of you.

Alison S, Barellan NSW.



Message from Vicki and Ray

Crochet Australia has been an incredible journey over the past 12 years for Ray and I. There have been so many highlights, the occasional low, but most all we have met thousands of wonderful people who have become part of our family. We would like to thank you all for your ongoing support, listening to my stories and sharing yours, having a giggle and shedding a tear, reliving the past and putting forward fresh ideas for shaping the future but most of all just being there for each other.



Working with the new owner Lynda and her mum Chris has been a delight. They are filling our shoes very well, just adding some polish and smiles to make Crochet Australia all shiny and new again. I see great things happening in the future, just as I did when we created this little business that was to keep me occupied for 1 day a week. The joke was on me. Who knew it would grow into the monster it is today and the knowledge we would consume on the way. So our parting words would have to be – thank you one and all for being you and sharing yourself with us, and please look after Lynda as much as you have looked after us.

Many thanks to you all, and a special thank you to Lynda for buying this great business. We see our future as staying in Maleny QLD, enjoying the garden, the grand kids and our publishing business Craft Moods.

***We have moved!!
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Look at the Summer Clothing ideas we found!!



HL347 Heirloom Leaflet 347 8Ply Cotton \$5.70



LA3468 Mamma's Girl 5 Knit Dresses \$15.15



871205 Sweet Baby Dresses in Crochet \$12.95



TW446 Crochet Fashion \$17.20

871204 Cute Crochet for Girls \$12.95



NMTA39546 Quick Crochet Tops \$17.95



871385 Beautiful Baby Boutique 2 \$16.25



CL4492 24 Hour Crochet Projects \$24.95**



TW395 Casual Cottons \$17.20



885127 Easy Baby Fashions \$8.85



121059 Child's Play (Creative Knitting) \$13.95



877509 Adorable Baby Clothes \$17.75



*Books with * or ** following price are heavy and may attract higher postage*

SP8513 Dress Up Your Dolls \$27.95**



ASN1386 Crochet Trims for Tops \$14.20



ASN1454 Quick Side to Side Fashions 12.95



EHIA Crochet Designs by Elizabeth Hiddleston \$10.00



ASN1340 Summer Sweeties Wardrobe \$13.85



871026 T-Shirt Dresses & Accessories \$15.00



876526 20th Century Fashion Dolls \$15.95



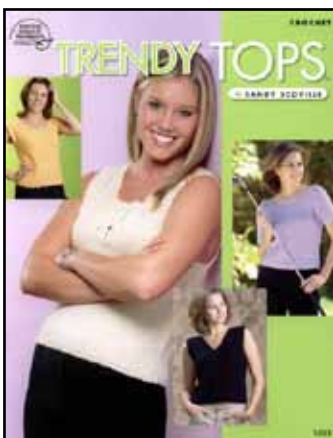
ASN1449 Sunny Day Dresses (Baby-Toddler) \$12.95



871383 Learn Short Row Slip Stitch \$16.25



ASN1352 Trendy Tops \$13.35



ASN1294 Crochet Cotton Separates \$18.35



846524 Summer Sensations \$22.45



LA4470 Fun Fashions \$19.30



LA3617 Weekend Sweaters \$17.40



MAGCROMHLY279 Crochet Monthly
Mag 279 \$9.00



LA4383 Summer Fashions in Thread
Crochet \$21.80



LA4402 Elegant 2 Piece Sets \$43.70**



MAGCROMHLY252 Crochet Monthly
Mag 252 \$9.00



885092 Summer Turtleback Jackets
\$11.95



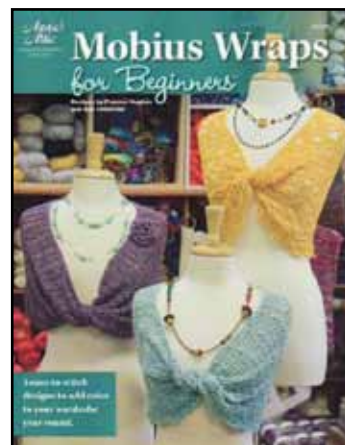
121068 Lots to Love Babies Doll Clothes
\$13.50



MAGCROMHLY277 Crochet Monthly
Mag 277 \$9.00



885093 Mobius Wraps for Beginners
\$7.95



MAGCROMHLY280 Crochet Monthly
Mag 280 \$9.00



LA4025 Sexy Swimwear to Crochet
\$23.95



HLA75050 Little Kitchen Helpers \$8.30

