



Crochet Extra

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Welcome to our newsletter for May 2016.

This month we bring news about DMC Babylo cotton. It is a beautiful fine thread to crochet and knit with and some tatters also love to use it. DMC have now completed revising the colour range and there is good news and bad news. First with the good news - in the size 10 thread 17 new colours have been added with no more colours being removed. We have placed an order for them all and hope to have them all in shortly. The bad news is that in size 20 and 30 there are no new colours – while 13 colours have been discontinued in size 20. We currently still have these colours in stock, but will not be able to reorder them.

Show season is here and I know some of you have done well in local shows with your projects. We would love to hear how you went and see pictures of your finished items and the results. Congratulations to those who have already done well, and good luck to everyone else.

In May, our workshop will be making fingerless gloves – getting ready for the cooler winter months that are now fast approaching. And we are helping everyone else get ready with our winter apparel theme.

We have had an increase in the number of enquiries regarding weekend visits – and so have decided to open on the first Saturday of every month. If you are in the area please drop in or we can also take phone orders on that day – but no orders will be shipped out. Our first Saturday opening will be Saturday 7th May.

Happy Mothers Day to all you Mums out there – may your day be filled with love and joy from your family.



Until next time

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Winter Warmers



The warm summer weather has been holding on for a bit longer than usual this year, but the cooler weather is beginning to appear, so what better time

to begin your winter warmers!

The great thing about winter is the range of accessories that can be worn as we layer up – jumpers, scarves, hats, wraps, gloves, wooly socks and slippers...and the list goes on.

And there is a vast array of patterns available for everyone – including the dog. It was hard to select just a few to show you. And for the young girls, don't forget their dolls – there are some great books for dressing her doll for the winter too.



The colour selection in the yarns – wool, cotton, silk or acrylic – can leave no end to the imagination – and enable you to mix and match with the rest of your wardrobe. Of



course if you already have many in your wardrobe and don't need more, there are many charities looking for these items to support those in need in the cooler months – hospitals and shelters around the country will always take them.

You are bound to find something suitable in the selection of books in the next pages to keep your fingers busy and bring some warmth this winter. Why not try the free [Winter Solstice](#) jacket from Drops Design – it would look great in the new 4ply Loyal wool or Natura 4ply cotton for those in between seasons.



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Tip of the Month



Storing your handmade garments

I have heard a number of useful tips recently about how to store your hand-made items—whether made from wool and/or cotton – keeping them in shape and free from bugs and moths and mould and prolonging their life. Some of these methods do depend on your location and the issues you have, so they are not suitable for everyone.

1. Never hang your hand knitted/crocheted garment as they will lose their shape – instead fold them or roll them up and place them on a shelf.
2. When storing your woolens away for a period of time – make sure they are clean and dry. The fibre-eating pests are attracted to stained fibres and damp fibres will rot.
3. One lady I know recommends never washing items made with pure wool unless it contains a visible stain – instead place your item inside a bag and place it flat in the freezer – this eliminates odors and keeps it free from mould and fibre-eating pests.
4. If you are in a location experiencing mould, one suggestion is to store your cotton items in the fridge.
5. When you are storing your winter woolies away during the warmer months, here are some methods used:
 - a) store your woolen items in ventilated plastic hampers, with tissue paper between the layers,
 - b) fold garments flat and place them between acid-free tissue paper (available from dry cleaners) in a cedar chest or in plastic sweater boxes with a cedar block or chips near them,
 - c) fold them and place inside a cotton pillow case sealed tightly (as moths don't eat through cotton).
 - d) Fold your items and stack in an air-tight container to keep the bugs out (although, I have heard that sealing them in air-tight containers can cause the characteristics of the yarn to change, as animal fibres need to breathe).
 - e) Fold flat and stack in an air-tight container with lavender or patchouli soaked cotton wool balls—both natural moth repellants. Replace when the smell disappears.

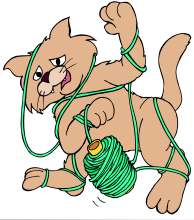


Lynda's Book of the Month



871038 Crochet Coats \$21.70

Rediscover your passion for crocheting with these 4 new fabulous coats from Annie's Attic! All coats are designed to flatter the body with special attention given to gentle shaping, fluidity and drape. Swinging Single is a classic A-line that is crocheted from the top down using simple half double and slip stitches to create texture, Textured Topper is crocheted side-to-side with attached sleeves and slash pockets, Chill Chaser uses a variety of extended single crochet stitches, and front and back loop stitches, and Cable Car is crocheted from the bottom up using easy treble crochet cables adorning an extended single crochet background. All coats are made using medium worsted weight yarn. 48 pages.



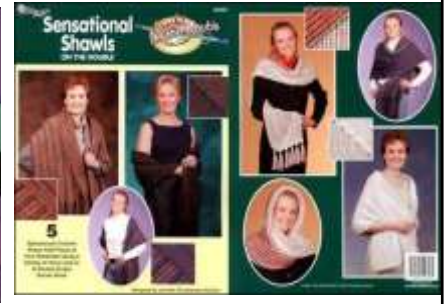
Look What We Found



871221 Tunisian Cables to Crochet
\$16.25



871063 1-2-3-4 Double-ended Hook Crochet \$12.95



842653 Sensational Shawls on the Double \$12.95



ICM003 Complete Guide to Crochet Vol 2 \$26.50



871375 Bavarian Crochet on the Go \$16.50



SC40 Simply Crochet Issue 40
\$20.25



ASN1314 Plus Size Sweater Wardrobe (Knit) \$30.70



ASN1265 Knit it Wear It \$36.75 * **Heavy Book**



871387 Plus-size Fashions
\$19.50



878533 Top Down Sweaters
\$15.95



LA4799 Crochet Wear \$48.20 **
Very Heavy Book



886014 Crochet Hoodie Cardigan
\$15.20



871238 Crochet Unconstructed Cardigans \$14.20



LA4261 Jackets for the Real You \$19.60



878541 Sweaters for Men \$15.95



LA4088 Jackets to Knit or Crochet \$37.20 **** Very Heavy Book**



LA3976 Poncho Perfection (Knit) \$12.00



886040 Crocodile Knit Stitch Acc \$20.50



LA5781 Urban Hats made with the Knook \$15.30



LA75431 Hats & Scarves \$8.95



LA4484 Big Book of Knit Hats & Scarves \$27.90 ***Heavy Book**



LA75430 Headwraps \$9.50



LA75488 Hats & Handwarmers for the Family \$9.50



121102 Plug & Play Cowl (Knit) \$22.50



875552 Eternity Shawls \$13.45



LA4656 Trendy Crochet for Girls \$19.70



LA5303 Sweaters & Dresses for Girls \$18.95



LA3332 Daddy's Little Girl (Knit)
\$16.20



LA4556 Simply Soft Accessories
\$15.30



LA75378 Fun to Wear Tube Scarves
\$9.30



873692 The Ultimate Book of Knit Socks \$14.30



885201 Tundra Boots \$13.50



LA75472 Boot Cuffs & Ear Warmers \$9.50



878542 Slippers Hooked of Crochet
\$17.20



871061 Learn to Crochet Socks Toe-up Way \$15.95



885147 Easy Lace Raglan Jackets & Hats (Knit) \$8.95



PP288 Beautiful Babies 2, 3 & 4 ply \$21.95



LA6192 Knit Hats for Babies \$15.95



121067 Fun Fashions Knit for 18" Doll Outfits \$15.20



LA4453 Knit Hoodies for Kids \$13.95



LA935 Adorable Babies 3 (Knit) \$9.30



LA3744 All Wrapped Up \$16.50