



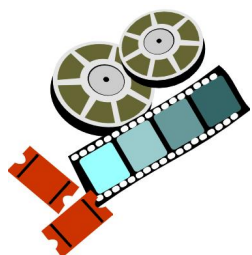
Crochet Extra

124th Edition– August 2016

We've been teased a little this month with some warm spring-like weather, but another cold spell has emerged to remind us it really is still winter. This means we can continue to make and wear warm socks! All of our sock wool has been restocked with some great new colours available. We now have all colours in the Boho range in store.

This month I have had a number of enquiries from people wanting to learn to crochet. It is thrilling to hear this as it shows that the craft is resurging.

And it is being featured in mainstream entertainment. Several enquiries have come from TV producers and book writers to find crocheted items; including



crocheted dolls clothes, crocheted throws and crocheted toys. If you are interested in making items for sale to such people please let me know and I can keep a list available when those queries come in.

In our August workshop we will be making edges and flowers. We'll look at tips and techniques when adding edges to washers and hankies – and make edges for both of these. We will also make three different flowers utilizing three different techniques.

Until next time

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Theme—An abundance of Circles

Mandalas are in vogue – but what are they really? The word mandala means circles in Sanskrit (language of Hinduism). They have a ritual/spiritual role in Hinduism and Buddhism, representing wholeness or the universe and are used in meditation. In modern times they have become popular as a creative outlet and decoration and in the crochet world, have come to represent circle motifs.

I've also heard mandalas referred to as the doilies of the 21st century – for a doily is really a lacy mandala. These modern designs also use a lot of colour. The perfect way to modernize a doily and create a mandala is to add colour. Crochet itself is often considered a form of relaxation and meditation, so crocheting mandalas is the perfect combination!

Once you have a mandala design, it can be turned into anything – a doily, table centre, coaster, jug covers, dream catchers, bags, floor rugs, cushion covers or items to be worn such as jackets – they are versatile like any other motif.



Any yarn can be used to create your mandala – and should be governed by the end project. While the traditional doily is done in fine cotton thread, you can take the same pattern and use a different yarn, such as 4 or 8 ply cotton for coasters or bags, or even recycle old bags, tapes or T-shirts for making floor rugs. I have had many enquiries for doily patterns to turn into floor rugs.

In the following sections we've highlighted circle patterns available – doilies, floor rugs, jackets, bags – to add your creative flair – choosing different yarns and colour combinations. Or try the free [mandala](#) pattern.



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Tip of the Month

- Flat Circles



I often get the question – Why do my circles never appear like circles? They are either ruffled, curled or have points.

I have found there are three important things to get right for the perfect circle.

1. Begin the first round with the right amount of stitches. The taller your stitch the more stitches there should be in your first round. When using double crochet, I start with 6 stitches; when using half treble, I start with 10 stitches; when using treble, I start with 12 stitches. Too many stitches will lead to a ruffle, while too few will lead to a bowl. Others recommend that when using double crochet, start with 6—8 stitches and when using treble, start with 12—14 stitches.

2. In order to stay flat, each row needs to increase evenly. There is a rule to follow that will ensure an even increase. This rule starts with round 2, with an increase in each stitch (two stitches into each stitch on round 1). For each subsequent row you then insert a single stitch between each increase. Therefore, in round 3, there will be one single stitch between each increase, in round 4 there will be 2 single stitches between each increase, round 5 there will be 3 single stitches between each increase, and so on. Most circle patterns are written this way, and can often give you 'points' around your circle as the increases will appear at the same spots, as shown in this picture. Hence point number 3.



3. In order to get your circle edges more rounded, vary where you make the increase in each row instead of increasing in the same spot. This will mean after round three, instead of beginning with an increase or the full number of single stitches, begin with either 1 2 or 3 individual stitches, make the first increase then have the specified number of single stitches following the established rule until the last single stitches. Rounds 3 to 4 may then look something like this:

Round 3 – increase, single stitch, increase, single stitch until the end.

Round 4 – single stitch, (increase, 2 single stitches, increase) until the last stitch, and make one single stitch.

Round 5 –increase, 3 single stitches, increase until the end

Round 6 – 2 single stitches (increase, 4 single stitches, increase) until the last 2 stitches and make 2 single stitches.

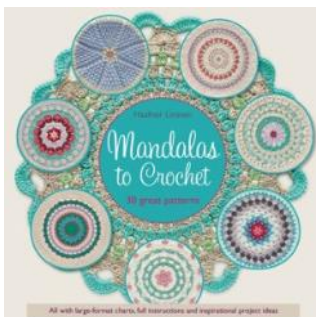
This should result in your circle looking more even, as shown here.



Lynda's Book of the Month



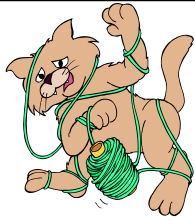
SP3895 Mandalas to Crochet \$32.50 ** Very Heavy book



30 colorful and exciting mandala designs by Dutch designer Haafner Linssen. You can see each design side by side to select the one you want. Each design is presented with both written instructions and symbol charts.

The book also includes a handy reference guide for choosing the right yarn for your project, tips for getting the perfect mandala - including how to overcome the ruffled or cup circle. It then finishes with a number of projects you can create using the mandalas - boho bag, hot pad, tablemat, scarf, blankets, floor rug. 128 pages. UK terminology

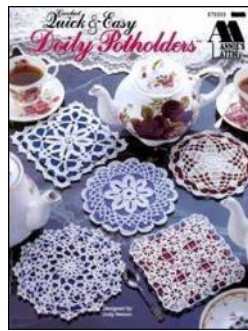
This book is full of great handy hints for getting your circles made and for creating your own designs, which is why I've selected this as the book of the month.



Look What We Found



SC34 Simply Crochet Magazine \$20.25 ***Heavy**



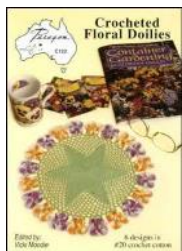
879303Z Quick & Easy Doily Potholders (crochet) \$10.00



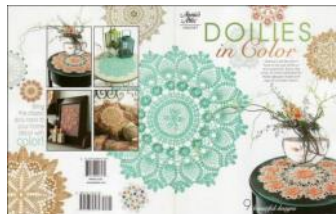
878521 Dazzling Dishcloths \$12.95



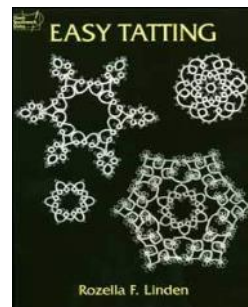
HHT388 Doily Designs \$19.95



PARC122 Crocheted Floral Doilies \$10.75



871124 Doilies in color (crochet) \$19.40



D299864 Easy Tatting \$14.95



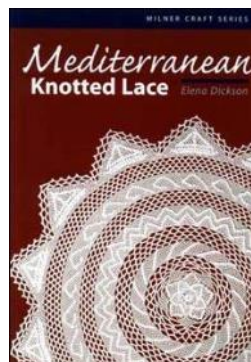
HHT298 Tatting Theory & Patterns \$61.60 **** Very Heavy**



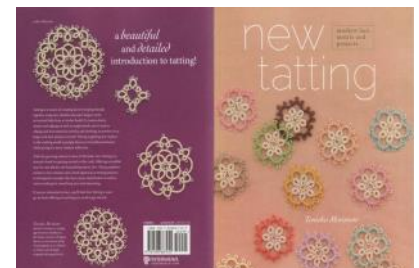
D229041 1st Book of Modern Lace Knitting \$24.95 *** Heavy**



FA0463 Knitted Lace \$37.95 **** Very heavy**



SM3469 Mediterranean Knotted Lace \$25.50



A8745 New Tatting \$34.95 **** Very Heavy**



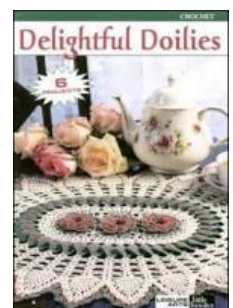
LA5516 Knit Doilies \$17.10



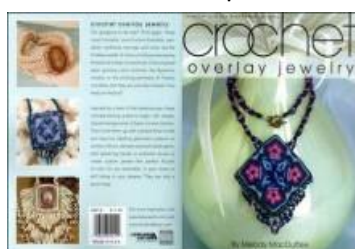
GC092110 Babette Circular Shawls (crochet) \$10.00



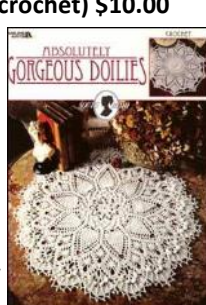
GC68108 Isabel Circular Shawl Shrug (crochet) \$10.00



LA75024 Delightful Doilies (crochet) \$8.30



LA4014 Crochet Overlay Jewellery \$28.20 *** Heavy**



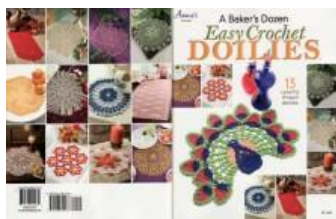
LA2879 Absolutely Gorgeous Doilies (crochet) \$18.95

877511 Old Fashioned Doilies (crochet) \$14.20

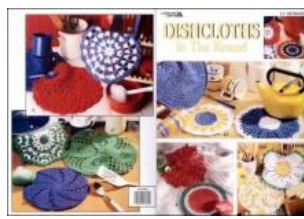




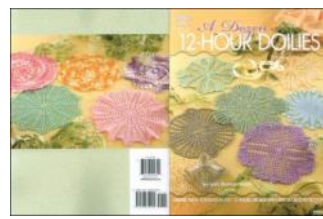
871241 Doilies with Symbol Crochet \$12.95



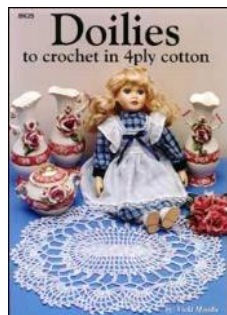
871403 Bakers Dozen Easy Crochet Doilies \$17.95



LA2705 Dishcloths in the Round \$9.70



879545 A Dozen 12 hour Doilies \$13.35



BK25 Doilies to Crochet in 4ply Cotton \$13.50



DB1296 Boho Crochet \$47.50 **** Very Heavy**

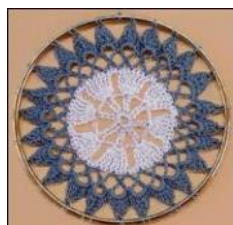


EH30 Crochet Designs by E. Hiddleson \$10.00



EH32 Crochet Designs by E. Hiddleson \$10.00

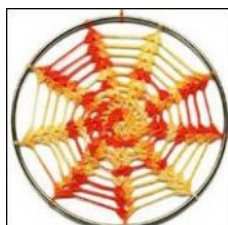
Individual Patterns by Vicki Moodie — Suncatchers \$5.00 each



CMPATC006 Rayon



CMPATC007 White with Blue Beads



CMPATC008 Spiderweb



CMPATC013 Pink Rose



CMPATC014 Violets

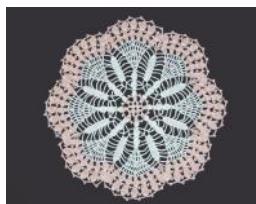
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CMPATC069 Floral Doily



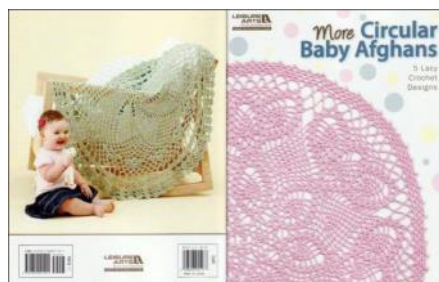
CMPATC074 Bav Crochet Round Doily



CMPATC070 Two Tone Doily



A909130 300 Classic Blocks (crochet) \$33.50 **** Very Heavy**



LA5517 More Circular Baby Afghans \$15.95



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