

Crochet Extra

130th Edition– March– 2017

February proved to be an extreme month with sweltering heatwaves across most of Australia, some devastating fires in NSW, and severe flooding in WA and Melbourne. The fires themselves demolished homes leaving many homeless with all their possessions gone. These areas will soon be facing cold weather, and therefore are in need of warm blankets, socks, slippers, hats, gloves and clothes. If you are part of a craft group looking to make things, please consider these people.

March is going to be busy here at Crochet Australia as we prepare to partake in the IntoCraft show in Brisbane from 23rd to 26th March. In order to attend the show we will be closed on the Thursday and Friday 23rd and 24th March. Orders can still be placed via our website on these days, or come and see us at the show where we will also be taking orders if we don't have on hand what you are looking for – we can't take everything with us, but will have a good selection of hooks and yarn available.

Our corner to corner workshops for February were very successful with some great squares, placemats and pram blankets being made. We also began



some work on corner to corner graphghans making this heart square which we will be doing as a 'make-it and take-it' class at IntoCraft. At our March workshops we are going to take this to the next level by making a pram blanket – this bear from Repeat Crafter Me.



Due to personal commitments we will also be closed on Friday 10th March. We are open on Saturday 4th March 9am–12pm.

Until next time

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Theme of the Month—Quickies

It is common for me to have at least 6 WIPs going at any time – and I'm sure this is true for many of you as well. But every now and again I just want to get something finished! I invariably turn to a new 'quick' project that I know won't take me long and I can get satisfaction from completing it.

Plus there's always the need for last minute gifts for family and friends or items to take on holidays and even the quick/small project to do on holidays.

We've trawled through our pattern library to see what 'quickies' we have – and I must say I was surprised by



the volume! By far the most common would be dishcloths – which also have the added advantage of trying out new stitches – and you just need to add some lovely soap and you have a beautiful hand-made gift.

But they don't all have to be small items. Items from bulky yarn and with large hooks/needles make up quickly. If you don't have bulky yarn, use 2 or 3 strands of 8 ply (DK) yarn together to give a similar effect. Blankets, mats and some afghans are also made this way. And you can create some amazing colour combinations this way.



Hats and beanies are another small project that are regularly needed by charities, particularly with winter on its way.

If you are stuck for choice try this free pattern to crochet [photo frames](#)

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Tip of the Month

Adding a Zip to your project



I had always avoided projects that required a zip to be inserted as I hated the idea of having to sew it in. But I came across a method on the internet recently that made it look easy, and I'm about to give it a go. This tip comes from plus3crochet.blogspot.com.au.

Her method begins with crocheting a row of double crochet (dc), ch1 evenly spaced along one side of the zip (the edgit tool is nice and sharp to do this). At the end, ch 3, dc 1, (ch 1, dc 1) twice, ch 3 then work a row of evenly spaced dc, ch 1 along the second side. Repeat the end if you are using a zipper that does not need to open, and join to the beginning double crochet

You then change to the yarn you are using to continue in a pattern (if you begin at the zip) or to attach the zip to your project and you can do so using double crochet. The end result will look something like this.



Books of the Month



ASN1454 Quick Side to Side Fashions \$12.95

Add a touch of classic crochet to your wardrobe with these six versatile garments. All are made with a variety of worsted and sport weight yarns and are stitched from

side to side construction which makes these beautiful designs fast and fun. Jackets, tops, cardigans and more up to 4x large in size. So whether you are - tiny or full figured - this will be the ideal book for you. 16 projects. Skill level: Intermediate. 24 pages. US terminology



ASN 1447 10 Hour Fashions \$14.20

By George Shaheen – 5 designs for when you are in a

hurry. Designs include Cable Pullover, Drama Cropped Top, Couture Jacket, Autumn Glow Cardigan and Cool Blue Vest. Sizes womens S – XL. 14 pages. (knit)

Customers Corner

Below are some comments and masterpieces submitted by customers over the last quarter.

Send us a photo of your masterpiece (by email or on our facebook page—www.facebook.com/crochetaustralia), telling us which book it came from and which yarn or thread you used, and be in the draw to win a \$25 voucher in June (see conditions on our website). Please also add any tips you've picked up when making them. Congratulations to Mary G for winning this month's voucher.



Alison K ,Nambour Qld – after her initial crochet lessons to Alison ventured into recycling . She picked up some old T-shirts, and cut these into strips to make these coasters and mat using a 12mm hook.

Alison K, Nambour QLD

Thanks Lynda and Sarah. Wishing you both, and Liam and Roxy, a very happy, relaxing break. I'm sure you've both earned it. And I'd just like to thank Lynda for my new addiction!! I have so many projects on the go. Thanks for helping Gill and I learn to crochet this year. Look forward to seeing you in the New Year with some other projects.

Chloe E, QLD

Designs her own patterns for bibs. She made this one with perle 5 cotton and rayon trims/ crown.



Sharon S, Perth, WA

Thank you so much for the quick delivery of my order. I can't wait to try out the edgit hooks! I look forward to ordering more products from you in the future and will definitely recommend you to other crocheters!



Chris G, Summerland Point, NSW

Knitted this poncho from Heirloom 8 ply cotton – for some protection against the air conditioning when travelling by train from Sydney to Perth next month. She loved working with the cotton as it is soft and easy to use.

Chris also made these earrings – the free pattern in our December newsletter – using perle 8 cotton and seed beads.



Dianne A, Casino, NSW

Made these coasters for the 50th Anniversary of Netball in Casino. She made these from Lizbeth #20 thread, and made up this design herself.



Margaret G, Redland Bay, QLD

Many thanks for your usual prompt attention and little gift of the picot gauge. I look forward to placing my next order with you. All the very best for 2017.

Beth F, Five Dock, NSW

My parcel arrived Friday, very happy with your customer service, correspondence and prompt postage! I would not hesitate to use the Crochet Australia online store again and will pass your details on to my fellow crochet buddies!

**Gold Coast Craft Group - Gold Coast**

This group of ladies visited in August where we conducted a crochet flower workshop with them. This photo shows a number of the flowers completed by the ladies at their next group session.

**Jemma S, Pomona Qld**

After learning the entrelac technique at our workshops made this entrelac pram blanket with Heirloom 8 ply cotton. She loved working with the Heirloom and the softness of the blanket when it was finished.

Yvonne A, Woodridge, QLD

I received my order this morning. Thank You for your very good service.

Cheryl W, Landsborough, Qld

Has been crocheting for over 40 years and decided to do try her first ever doily. She picked up "Pineapple Song" by Patricia Kristoffersen in the book Absolutely Gorgeous Doilies (LA2879). She used Babylo #10 (2 balls). She was very pleased with the result, but she does advise anyone else thinking of trying one to start with a simpler pattern.

**Leigh W, Valdora, QLD**

Made these Star Wars amigurumi figurines to assemble into a hanging mobile using Dazzle 8 ply acrylic.

She also made this shawl from 4ply Dalia cotton – the pattern came from the book Great Yarns, Great Styles to Crochet (871601)

**Flavia L, Bribie Island, QLD**

Thanks Lynda, you are a mountain of knowledge & I certainly appreciate your help & advice.

Mary G, QLD

Completed this top she began many years ago – coming in to match the Cebelia cotton



Pam H, QLD

Made this butterfly shawl from MT Metallic Perle #5 cotton - to wear to her Son's wedding



Lynda T , Salisbury Heights, SA

I just wanted to say thank you for your excellent service 😊 I received my Soft Touch hook yesterday and I am very happy with it, it is very comfortable to use, so thank you for your advice. I will definitely check out your online store next time I need something.



Susan L - Yandina QLD

Crocheted this cup and saucer using Cebelia #20 cotton



Trish E, Yandina QLD

Crocheted this pram blanket from Almina 4 ply cotton. She also made this Christmas stocking for a dog and handtowel from Wendy Dishcloth 8ply cotton



Grazyna A, Maroubra, NSW

Thank you very much for my beautiful order with Natura cottons. Can't wait to start my projects. Such amazing cotton to work with! And thank you for the free project 😊

Workshop –November

Glasses holders made using Lizbeth #10 and Maxi. Earrings made using Lizbeth and Babylo



Jen K, Marsahall, VIC

I received the Lizbeth today. It's fabulous. Thanks Lynda, hope you have a lovely Christmas!

Lynda T, Yandina QLD

Crocheted this jug cover with babylo #20. The pattern was based on CMPATC068 – Cup and saucer jug cover – with the cup and saucer switched for a snowman to give a Christmas theme. She also crocheted this knee rug for her son from Dazzle 8 ply acrylic– a corner to corner graphghan—the pixel diagram from printerst

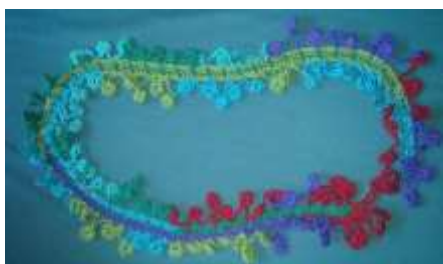


Janet S, Nambucca Heads, NSW

Thankyou. As usual such a pleasure to order from you. More efficient than many I deal with

Sadie K, Nhill, VIC

Many thanks for sending my order so quickly, and for the little gifts. I received it this morning at 10 am which is amazing for us in the country. Wishing all a safe and Happy Christmas



Thea K, Burra, SA

I just wanted to thank you for the prompt delivery of my order which I put in on Wednesday and received this morning. I crochet for places like Angel Blankets, Pregnancy Support etc so I'm always trying to get soft baby wool. As I live fairly remote, I tend to have to order online. I always like to receive my order quickly as I'm keen to start a new project, some online sites take weeks for orders to get here. I was so excited to pick my order from you up this morning so wanted to thank you and let you know that I will definitely keep you in mind for future orders!!

Trish E, Yandina QLD

Made this decorative scarf from Dalia. She loved using this cotton and the beautiful colourful range.

Diane T, Yandina QLD

Made this dress for a 2 year old from Heirloom 8 ply cotton. Loved working with this cotton as is soft and easy to use. Pattern from the book 871204 Cute Crochet for Girls



Beth C, Homebush Bay, NSW

Thanks again for your prompt service. I've just started tatting, and your company was recommended to me by some members of the group.



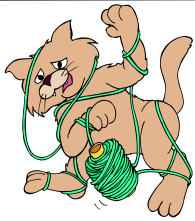
Colleen K, Frenchville QLD

Crocheted these beautiful doilies with Maxi #10 cotton.



Gloria S, Pinjarra, WA

A big thank you for my books, which I received the other day. Now I can start on my projects.



Look What We Found



LA2171 More Lace Suncatchers \$12.00



LA75558 Dishcloth a Month \$10.50



872116 Baby Headbands & Sock Trims \$16.50



885255 Tunisian Crochet Placemats \$12.50



121052 More Than a Dozen Dishcloths Knit \$13.35



ASN1417 One Skein Knits for Baby \$12.45



ASN1344 Quick-to-Knit Baby Hats & Socks \$12.95



ASN1406 Crochet for the Kitchen \$16.35



SP6342 Knitted Egg Cosies 20 to Make \$9.95



LA4671 Accessories to Crochet in a Weekend \$23.95



ASN1386 Crochet Trims for Tops \$14.20



LA3908 Crochet Hip hats \$15.20



SP7066 Crocheted Flowers 20 to Make \$15.60



ASN1378 Easy Knit Fashions \$17.00



IW30975 Easy Knitted Hats \$22.95



886040 Crocodile Knit Stitch Acc \$20.50



RH9090 The Hand-Knitted Nursery \$35.50

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885104 Easy Shawl (Leaflet) \$9.20



ASN1418 One Skein Knits Fashion Flare \$12.45



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



121081 Quick-Knit Flower Frenzy \$13.80

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TP1285 Happy-Gurumi \$49.95
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LA6373 Animal Love Blankets \$18.50



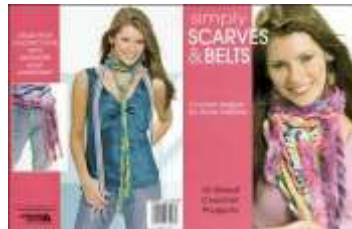
ASN1440 AnyDay AnyWhere Bags \$14.20



ASN1383 Easy Breezy Wraps \$13.35



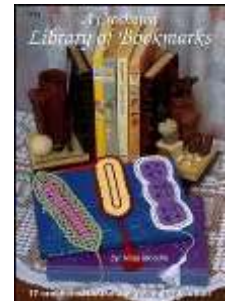
LA3975 Quick & Easy Ponchos \$14.95 (Crochet)



LA3906 Simply Scarves & Belts \$15.30



LA5602 Crocheting in Circles \$14.95



BK28 Crochet a Library of Bookmarks \$13.50



SM42736 50 Pincushions to Knit & Crochet \$35.95
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ASN1391 Fun & Fashion Accents \$13.35



CL4492 24 Hour Crochet Projects (soft) \$24.95
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LA4410 No Adults Allowed \$21.80



876537 Painted Mini Doilies \$15.30



874050 Precious Baby Booties \$12.30



874611 Hearts & Flowers Appliques Roll \$13.45

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Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9am—3pm
Fri: by appointment
Sat: 1st Saturday of each month 9am—12pm
Wed: Group visits (6 or more) by appointment

Workshops: Tuesdays 9.30am—11.30am bookings recommended

Order three ways (See front page for contact details):

Secure shopping cart, phone or mail.
We ship Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We endeavour to ship all orders received before 12pm on these days, and orders received after this are shipped on the next day we ship.



SP8875 Knitted Phone Sox 20 to Make \$14.50



SP7073 Knitted Beanies 20 to Make \$12.95



SP6069 Knitted Mug Hugs 20 to Make \$13.50



SP0009 Crocheted Beanies 20 to Make \$13.50



LA75430 Headwraps \$9.50



LA75449 Hats & More (Knit) \$8.95



LA75050 Little Kitchen Helpers \$8.30



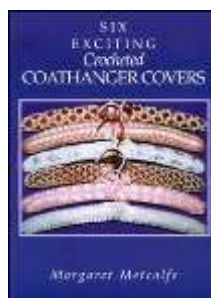
LA75428 Dishcloth Dressess (Knit) \$8.95



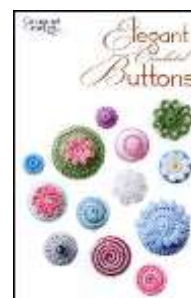
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tfjb Jenny's Bouquet \$9.50



MC001 6 Exciting Cro Coathanger Covers \$7.80



GC65108 Elegant Crochet Buttons \$10.00



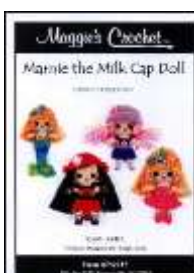
GC48107 Crochet Hook Cady \$10.00



GC69108 Aunti Megs Household Helpers \$10.00



IW87394 Crocheted Baby Gifts \$22.95



MCPA915 Marnie Milk Dolls \$11.75



871605 Baby Shower Gifts \$18.50



LA5802 Crochet in a Day for Baby \$28.95 ** Very Heavy



871033 Crochet Around the Home \$15.00



877515 Gift to Make in a Day \$14.20



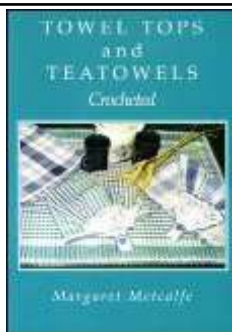
877503 Gingham Garden Kitchen Set \$14.20



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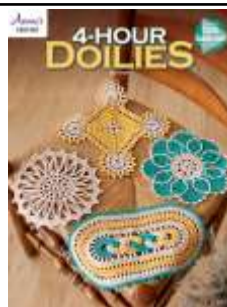
871530 Baskets for All \$19.40



MC1860 Towel Tops & Teatowels Crochet \$7.50



BK21 More Jug Covers \$13.50



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LA5585 Dishcloths made with the Knook \$14.95



871025 Tawashis in Crochet \$12.20



LA2039 Fancy Feet \$8.50



TRA64509 Easy to Crochet Potholders \$30.15
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LA75468 Thread Bookmarks \$15.20



874212 Gifts to Crochet on a Roll \$12.30



LA6645 Animal Lovies (Knit) \$20.75



SP1194 Crochet Purses 20 to Make \$13.50



871602 Creative Crochet in a Day \$23.50 * Heavy



879303Z Quick & Easy Doily Pot-holders \$10.00