

Crochet Extra

139th Edition—December/January 2017-2018

What fun we had the Sunshine Coast's first Crochet Retreat last month! Crocheting by the water, picking up some great hints and tips, seeing all those whirls being made up, learning overlay crochet and meeting fellow crocheters. I have included some photos of the weekend and you can see for yourself the fun we all had. We are doing it again in 2018. More details will follow in the new year with plenty of time to prepare.



And I suddenly find there's only 3 weeks left until Christmas! That means only 14 shopping days to get your crafting materials for gifts or holiday activities. Our holiday trading days are:

Open as normal—Monday 19th December, Tuesday 20th December, Thursday 22nd December

Extra trading day—Wednesday 21st December

Open—Friday 23rd December 9am to 12pm for pickups only (no postal orders going out)

Reopening as normal —Monday 8th January

We've also been advised of delivery cutoff dates by our courier to ensure you receive deliveries before December 25. Dates shown here are final dates for orders to be placed and picked up by our courier. Please keep these in mind when placing your Christmas orders.

With the school holidays about to begin we will be hosting once again the kids holiday camp - a day for children to play with yarn and explore their creative side—crochet, knit, weave, braid, macramé or make pom poms. These will be held on:

Thursday 14th December—Christmas decorations

Thursday 11th January

Thursday 18th January

Contact us for booking

	Parcel destination
Friday 1 December	Northern Territory & Country Western Australia (via on-forwarding)
Friday 8 December	Perth (metro), Tasmania, Country Victoria (via on-forwarding)
Monday 11 December	Country South Australia (via on-forwarding), Country New South Wales (out of area, via on-forwarding), Regional New South Wales (via on-forwarding)
Tuesday 12 December	Country Queensland (out of area, via on-forwarding)
Friday 15 December	Adelaide, Geelong, Bendigo, Melbourne, Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, Canberra, Wallongong, Orange, Tamworth, Port Macquarie, Coffs Harbour, Newcastle, Central Coast
Monday 18 December	Sydney, Bundaberg (Wide Bay), Northern Rivers
Wednesday 20 December	Brisbane, Gold Coast, Toowoomba, Sunshine Coast (local)

Finally the new Catona cotton has arrived. Of the 109 colours in the range we have received 107 in store, plus the Catona Denim and Stonewash—all from Scheepjes. Those attending the retreat got to use the Catona when making Circles of the Sun and enjoyed working with it.

In our newsletter this month we feature our customers corner where you will see some of the amazing creations from the yarns we sell and see some of the patterns come to life. The winner of our \$25 voucher is Kathleen C, Home Hill. And there are plenty of last minute gift ideas as we explore travelling with crochet—including some one off items—Signed copies of Sophie's Universe.

Sarah and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope you all have an enjoyable break.

Lynda



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Theme— Travelling with Craft



This time of the year, many of us are getting ready to travel - to visit family and friends across the Holiday season or just to take a break. For me that's a good chunk of time I hope I get to crochet. The decision I agonise over the most is which crochet project(s) will I take, and what items from my toolkit should I (can I) take - particularly when I'm travelling on a plane. (When I travel by car I just take everything!).

Good projects to make when travelling are small things, such as socks, gloves, hats, tops, baby clothes, motifs or bags and accessories and small items for the home - eg coasters. It is best to take something that is easy to do, as you are likely to be interrupted often. If the pattern is in a book, take a copy of it so it is easy to pack and take out in small spaces. I often take a copy on my iPad, and I can then store several patterns there (because I always need more than one project for the whole trip). For onboard flights it is also best to work on projects that don't need colour changes.



Yes you can currently take crochet hooks and knitting needles in your carry-on luggage (But always check with the airline before you travel to confirm the rules haven't changed). It is also a good idea to print out the airline rules for discussion with the security officers if needed. And you can take the good ones. I always take my good clover hooks - but only take the hook size(s) needed for the project you are doing. I have a small crochet hook holder for this purpose - about the size of a toothbrush holder. Avoid taking the finer pointed steel hooks used for finer thread work, as these can be considered dangerous. Crochet lite hooks are also good to give you the extra light.

Even tatting shuttles can be taken on board. But avoid taking the metal shuttles, and those with the fine steel hooks. I've read many an article of tatters having to explain to security and attendants what the shuttles are and what tatting is - so be prepared to get your work out and display it.

Don't take your full toolkit on board. I cut it back to take the essentials. Instead of scissors I use cutters - clover pendant or the handy hands threader/cutter are good options. If you have blunt scissors with the blade no longer than 6cm they can be taken on board. Stitchmarkers are also very handy to have to help count when you are interrupted, ball holders to stop your yarn escaping down the aisles and a small project bag to keep it all together.

I avoid taking yarn needles on boards and leave sewing in ends to later. Although you can take them on board the needles are too easy to lose when you are on the move, and some security officers and attendants get concerned with the steel needles. Plastic finishing needles are best if you did wish to take them on board.



All the extra projects and other tools you may need later pack into your checked luggage in a separate (usually larger) project bag. See the next pages for some pattern ideas for travelling and tools to make crafting on holiday hassle free. Looking for a good travelling project—try these [coffee coasters](#). Great stocking stuffers!



Book of the Month



846524 Summer Sensations was \$22.45 NOW \$18.00

Twelve projects including crocheted trims to embellish tees and shoes, wraps for warm summer evenings, beach bag, kids swim-suit with hooded cover-up, ladies poncho, tops and more!

30 pages. US terminology

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 April (see conditions on our website). Please also add any tips you've picked up when making them.

Congratulations to Kathleen C, Home Hill for winning this month's voucher.



Allison K, Nambour QLD using Scheepjes sunkissed 4ply cotton crocheted these Jenny King designed tops



Barbara B, Sunshine Coast QLD used Camilla Batik 5 ply cotton to crochet this cute dinosaur.



Brenda L, Yandina QLD crocheted this baby shawl using Peter Pan 8 ply baby yarn. She adapted the pattern from one in the book 871376 Sweet & Simple Baby Blankets

Chris G, Summerland Point NSW crocheted these cross over vests from the book 871229 Fashions to Flaunt in Camilla Batik 5 ply cotton.



Gillian C, Nambour QLD made this basket from Loyal baby print 8 ply wool. She used a mixture of glue and water to stiffen it.



Janet B, Landsborough QLD made these shawls from Peter Pan 4ply moondust and MT Perle 5 Metallic cotton—for her daughters' wedding



Lyn G, Kawarau Falls, NZ Knitted baby blanket with Heirloom 8 ply cotton 8 ply. Beautiful to knit with.

Maureen I, Sunshine Coast QLD used Scheepjes sunkissed 4 ply cotton to crochet this summer top. She also knitted and crocheted these socks using Boho Sock Yarn.



Melissa M, Buderim Falls, QLD made the tops using Camilla Batik 5 ply cotton and Dalia 4 ply cotton and the dress in Dalia 4 ply cotton. All Jenny King designs.



Roslayn B, Gladstone QLD tatted the edging to hankies with Lizbeth #20 cotton, for her daughters' wedding.



Sandi B, Sippy Downs QLD crocheted the Thyme after Thyme crescent shawl with Scheepjes sunkissed 4 ply cotton.



Sue Price, Caloundra QLD crocheted this Jenny King designed dress using Natura 4 ply cotton

Gwen E, Hallidays Point NSW

The three lovely Metallic Royal blue threads arrived today, great service and the colour perfect. Thank you for all your trouble.



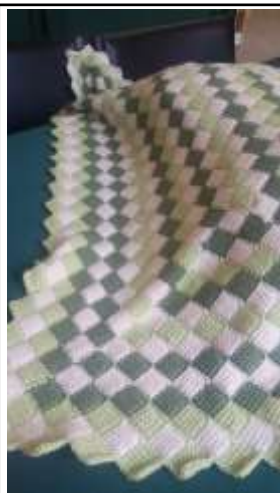
Glenda J, Caloundra QLD Thank you, my order has already arrived and I appreciate your promptness.

Luraan L, Winston Hills NSW

I am very pleased with the yarn you so kindly organised for me, thank you so much. It's shaping up into a beautiful corner-to-corner blanket project. [Heirloom 8ply cotton]



I completed this dress using a Scheepjes whirl and the child's beach cover up using Almina 4 ply cotton (pattern from 846524 Summer Sensations)



Ellen B, Caboolture QLD Towel edges knitted with Madame Tricot Perle 5 cotton. The teddy was dressed with baby wool.

Ellen will only purchase her yarn from our business and has done so for many years. At 90 years young she is still keeping herself very busy and producing beautiful handcraft.

Kathleen C, Home Hill

QLD made this entrelac blanket using Heirloom 8ply cotton



Crystal Lee, Cooroy
QLD began the Cat Igloo pattern 886098 — her cat definitely approves—but won't let her finish!



Trish E, North Arm QLD completed 2 Stormy Day Shawls using a Scheepjes Whirl and joined them across the shoulders to make a poncho. She also completed this top using Scheepjes Sunkissed 4 ply cotton—her own design. She loves using this cotton—so soft and easy to make up. She is currently making another!

Carolyn Chapman, Horsham VIC I just want to say thank you for your speedy processing and delivery of my orders. I am a very happy customer.

I am busy making little crochet octopus and jellyfish for the charity 'Octopus for a preemie' Victoria and have made several orders with you recently which have all gotten to me quickly without any fuss.

Thank you for your excellent service and good quality products.

I also wanted to share with you Trish's recycling project—she had an old fridge—which is now used for yarn storage.

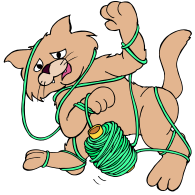


Jacqui D, Blaxland NSW Just to let you know my wool needle threaders for tapestry are awesome. They make the job so much easier and more enjoyable.

Many thanks for your excellent service.

Lynda T, Salisbury Heights SA

Hi Lynda, 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.



Look What We Found



HOOKCL Crochet Lite
Hooks \$11.60 each or set
for \$94.50



ACCFINISHINGNDLS
\$10.50 Finishing needles



ACCYRNTTHREADCV
\$18.50 Antique yarn
threader



ACCSTMKCV
\$10.25 Locking
Stitch Markers



ACCJUMBOSUPER
\$7.50 Needles



ACCTHREADCUT \$2.40 each,
Threader and cutter for fine,
medium or heavy threads/
yarns



HOOKTATCLASSIC \$10.60
Tatting Shuttle Clover



ACCLIZHOLDER \$16.50
Thread & Holder – 7 colours



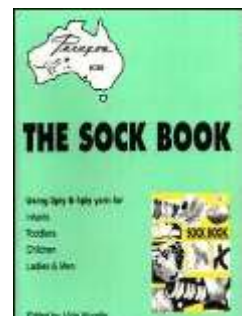
LAPAT500861 Next Step Four
Socks Slippers (knit) \$9.50



LA75273 Must Have Handbags
\$9.30 (crochet)



GC33107 Serena Capelet &
Collarlet \$10.00



PARK38 The Sock
Book \$10.75 knit



NUMBER530117 Bibs 'n
Booties \$7.50



LA75440 Baby Stuff \$7.95



PARK200 Knitting for
Babies \$10.75



GC41107 Marisol
Dress & Top \$10.00



GC43107 Baby Essentials \$10.00



GCSK02107 Baby Swirls Set \$10.00



LA3982 More Easy Accessories \$15.25



LA4671 Accessories Crochet in a weekend \$23.95



SO67057 Cool Looks \$18.50



TW394 Children's Cool Cotton \$17.20



871204 Cute Crochet for Girls \$12.95



LA4503 Pretty Summer Fashion \$23.00



LA3926 Pretty Accessories to



ASN1454 Quick Side to Side Fashions \$12.95



TW395 Casual Cottons \$17.20



LA75610 Great Cotton Tops \$13.50



B1208 Crochet Bright \$18.95



LA4556 Simply Soft Accessories \$15.30



871102 Lotus Leaf Wraps \$13.70



871422 Marvellous Crochet Motifs \$22.50 * Heavy



LA4590 Snappy Wraps \$14.95



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



DO13751 Simply Sweet Crochet \$22.70 * Heavy



ASN1315 Crochet Kerchiefs \$13.35



871105 Scarves to Crochet \$15.90



LA3908 Crochet Hip Hats \$15.20



SP4867 Eco-friendly Knits—20 to make \$12.95



SP6342 Knitted Egg Cosies 20 to Make \$9.95



**873553 Stocking Feet \$14.30
crochet**



PP277 Fashion Collection in White \$15.55



PP221 Baby Accessories \$5.25 LEAFLET



LA4300 Boutique Style Knits \$19.70



ASN1426 A Dozen Darling Baby Booties \$14.20



LA6645 Animal Lovies to Knit \$20.75



ASN1418 One Skein Knits Fashion Flair \$12.45



LA3468 Mamma's Girl 5 Knit Dresses \$15.15



LA5948 Skinny Scarves \$14.50 Knit



LA4748 Triangle Treasury \$16.40



871605 Baby Shower Gifts \$18.50



885104 Easy Shawls (leaflet) \$9.20



**A6174 Hot-Water Bottle Covers \$19.95 Knit
** Very Heavy**

Visiting hours:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9am—3.00pm

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.



877523 Pamper Yourself
\$14.20



871033 Crochet Around the House \$15.00



LA2954 One Skein Bazaar \$12.95



877515 Gifts to Make in a Day \$14.20



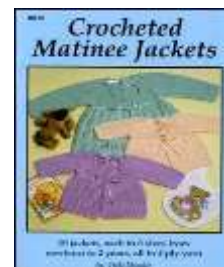
871205 Sweet Baby Dresses in Crochet \$12.95



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



ASN1435 Adorable Baby Sweaters Knit/crochet \$9.50



BK19 Crochet Matinee Jackets \$13.50



871385 Beautiful Baby Boutique 2 \$18.50



ICM003 Complete Guide to Crochet Vol 2 \$26.50



LA6373 Animal Lovie Blankets \$18.50



IW87394 Crochet Baby Gifts \$22.95

*** Heavy**



161040 Crochet in a Weekend \$24.50
*** Heavy**



871602 Creative Crochet in a Day \$23.50



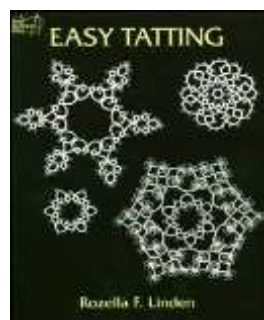
871703 30 Gifts in 30 Days \$24.50



HHT349 Little O' This/Tat \$29.50



HHT184 Tatting Rings of Flowers \$71.50
**** Very Heavy**



D299864 Easy Tatting \$14.95



HHT343 Tatted Butterfly Garden \$25.50



121109 1 2 & 3 Skein Solutions Knit \$24.50
*** Heavy**



ACCROWCOUN TDIG Digital Row Counter \$9.15.
Available in 3 colours