



Crochet Extra

154th Edition- May 2019

The first Craft Alive event here on the Sunshine Coast last month was very enjoyable. We met lots of new people and some had travelled quite far. We have already booked again for next year—where it will be bigger and better I am sure. This group organises lots of events around Australia and we will look into attending others in coming years. Let us know which ones you would like us to go to.

Next month world wide knit and crochet public day will be here—Saturday 6 June. Do you have anything planned in your area? Here in Yandina we will be hosting a knit and crochet sit in at the Organic Café. More details will be coming shortly.

With the arrival of May, I have noticed a chill in the air and this has been the inspiration for our theme and workshop this month. We will be making this albadora

shawl. We had this on display at Craft Alive and many were interested in making it. We also had many enquiries for evening workshops, so have opened these up again beginning this month—

but on a Wednesday evening. Workshops will therefore be:

Tuesdays 9.30—11.30,

Wednesdays 5.30—7.30 and the

first Saturday of the month 9.30—11.30.

Please note we will be closed on Monday 6th May for Labor Day. We are however open on Saturday 4th May 9am to 12pm.

Happy Mothers Day to all the Mums, Grandmums, Mums-to-be and 'Mumlike' ladies out there. We hope you have a relaxing day with some time for crochet and perhaps receiving a handmade item from your loved-ones .

Until next time

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Shawls and Wraps

Shawls and wraps are once again very popular and one garment that you can use all year round. In cooler weather, they keep you warm when outside. In warmer weather, they protect you from getting too cold in air conditioned spaces, being light to carry around. Pattern designs vary from the lacy to the tight-knit fabric to see you through every day use or evening outings. And of course they are an essential item in autumn and spring with the cooler evenings and mornings.



What I particularly love about them is the ability to use any type of yarn – cotton, wool or acrylic, thread, 4 ply, 8 ply or bulky – single colour or many colours. The yarn cakes, in particular Scheepjes Whirls, make for great lightweight shawls. You are only limited by the time you have to complete them. And for those of us who take our crochet everywhere, they make good projects that can be easily picked up and put down. Many wraps and shawls are easily adjustable for size, so gauge itself is not

important and there is the ability to use different types of yarn to what is stated in the pattern.

Scarves – another fashionable wrap – are similarly versatile. I have several made with cotton that I use as a scarf in winter for warmth and a belt or fashion accessory in the warmer weather.

While there are many books we've found in store, there are also many individual patterns available on line and in Crochet-Alongs – Ravelry is a great source for these. Or try this free pattern from Universal Designs - the [Refracted Lace Shawl](#)



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Tip of the Month

Bulky & Chunky Yarn Alternatives



I have noticed that there are an increasing number of patterns using bulky yarn, particularly for winter hats and scarves – yet bulky yarn is not always readily available – and where it is, there is a limited colour palette, and limited types of fibre. So how can you create bulky yarn of your own colour and your choice of fibre? Here are some methods I have come across.



1. Use a knitting mill with 4ply or 8ply yarn to 'knit' a flexible cord, or crochet an icord. [do you remember the days when we made the French knitting spool with a cotton reel and nails—it's the same thing]. It is also a great method for mixing colours.



2. Use multiple strands of yarn together – 2 or 3 strands of 8 ply or 3 or 4 strands of 4ply. See our tip 'Doubling up your yarn' for tips with crocheting with multiple strands. This is also great for mixing colours.



3. Chain ply with the one ball of yarn—8 ply – particularly where you are using one colour. See how to do this below. I was shown this recently and can't wait to use it myself.



1 Fold the yarn back down on itself (about 50cm) so you are holding two strands.



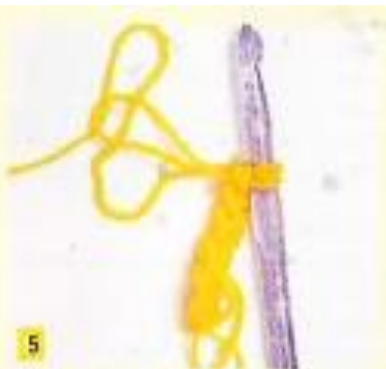
2 Fold it again so you have three strands and a loop at each end



3 Holding the three strands together, crochet as normal



4 Once you run out of the three strands there will be a loop at the end....



5 Pull the yarn through the loop and back on itself for approx 50cm again



6 You now have three strands to continue crocheting



Book of the Month



A5400 Sweet Shawlettes Knitted \$24.95 ** Very Heavy

By Jean Moss. 25 Irresistible patterns for knitting cowls, capelets and more. It's time to dive into your stash of yarn and create some of these fashionable cowls and capes. Whether your preference is country, couture, folk or vintage there will be fashion ideas in this book for you. Some are delicate and knitted in the finer yarns, others have flowers and leaves, make a garland necklet for a quick gift, recycle some older garment - especially the tweedy ones add some buttons - surprise yourself with something refreshingly new again. Be inspired with a fair isle choker, cabled cowl, try some Japanese shadowing knitting or entrelac, a chic hat and scarf with empty circles, joined pastel squares and buttons and lots more as you venture through the pages. Knitting instructions included and patterns are in word and graph format. 138 pages.



Look What We Found



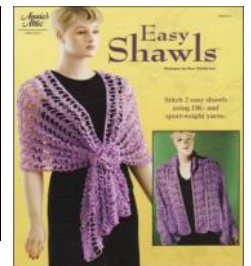
LA4524 Wraps to Throws \$19.30



LA5734 Wraps by the Dozen \$18.50



LA4462 Completely Cozy Wraps to Crochet \$13.65



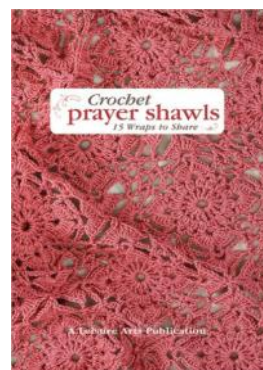
885104 Easy Shawls \$9.20 leaflet



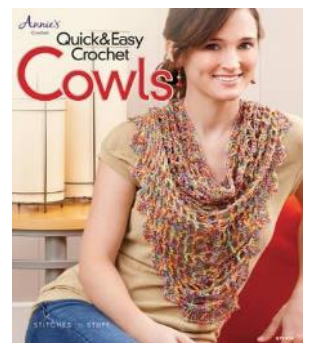
LA5258 Wonderful Wearable Wraps \$20.50



LA6792 Boho Chic Crochet Ponchos 19.50



LA5135 Crochet Prayer Shawls \$15.50 * Heavy



871404 Quick & Easy Cowls \$21.50

After Yarn Party single patterns \$2.50 each



SY25 Celtic Tiles Wrap



SY15 Dream Catcher Shawl






SY18 Crochet Between the Lines



SY09 Stormy Day Shawl



			
SY30 Alto Mare Wrap \$2.50	LA5837 Crochet Cowls \$14.95	871102 Lotus leaf Wraps \$13.70	871207 Exquisite Crochet Shawls \$14.50
			
SY27 Indigo Shrug \$2.50	LA4590 Snappy Wraps \$14.95	LA6185 The Cuffed Shawl & More \$15.75	ASN1444 Must have Capes \$14.20
			
LA75620 Thoughtful Shawls \$13.50	LA3805 Wrapped in Style \$13.65	LA3890 Poncho Pizazz 15.45	LA3975 Quick & Easy Ponchos \$14.95
			
LA3981 Ponchos for Kids \$17.40	GC08105 Floribunda Scarf \$10.00	871105 Scarves to Crochet \$15.90	LA5583 Hooded Scarves to Crochet \$11.95
			
GC24106 Merrylee Cardigan Shawl \$10.00	LA75156 Easy Homespun Shawls \$8.30	LA75267 Shawls & Wraps \$9.30	NMCC0008 Let's Wrap \$9.50



LA5729 Short Row Tunisian Fashion
\$22.50



LA75378 Fun to Wear Tube Scarves
\$9.30



LA75431 Hats & Scarves
\$9.30



LA75280 Cozy Cover-ups
\$9.30



LA4556 Simply Soft Accessories
\$15.30



871423 Crochet Love Knots
\$16.95



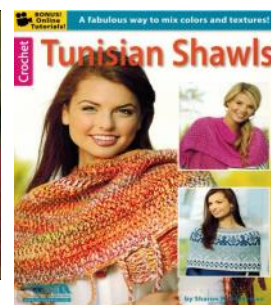
871382 Learn Drop Stitch Crochet
\$16.25



YM48 Yarn Magazine #48
\$10.95



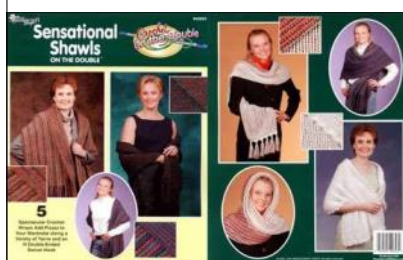
LA4245 Crochet in Style
\$14.60



LA6378 Tunisian Shawls
\$24.50



871221 Tunisian Cables to Crochet
\$16.25



842653 Sensational Shawls on the Double
\$12.95



871103 Learn Delta Lace Crochet
\$13.70



SP13024 Scoodies
\$45.90 * Heavy



SY13 Essence Shawl (Knit)
\$2.50



SY26 Hooded Cowl (Knit),
\$2.50

SY19 Read Between the Lines Shawl (Knit)
\$2.50



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

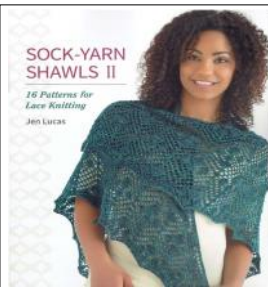
Workshops: Tues 9.30am—11.30am, Wed 5.30—7.30

Lessons: Tuesday afternoons—call to arrange

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.



MG84766 Sock Yarn Shawls \$45.20
* Heavy



ASN1377 Knit Ponchos \$13.35



LA5586 The Lace Knitting Palette \$37.95 ** Very Heavy



LA6793 Knit Poncho Rebound \$24.50



LA5948 Skinny Scarves \$14.50 (Knit)



LA3976 Poncho Perfection \$13.90 (Knit)



A8904 Free Spirit Shawls \$21.50 (Knit)
** Very Heavy



SP2244 A Gathering of Lace \$53.95 (Knit)
** Very Heavy



A0781 Lovely Knitted Lace \$29.95
** Very Heavy