



# Crochet Extra

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It is a very exciting time to be a crocheter, particularly here in Australia. Crochet has featured extensively in this year's runway – read more about this in our theme. And the first crochet Guild of Australia has now been launched with founding memberships currently on offer. I have been one of the committee members for the past 12 months building this and getting it off the ground and it is exciting to see so much interest in it. Of course while there has been a lot of work to get it up and running some may say the real hard work has now begun to deliver benefits to members.

At Crochet Australia we continue to work hard—one of our new cottons have arrived – Scheepjes Organicon -100% organic 4 ply cotton. When I received a sample of this to play with I thought I was in heaven -it is easy to use (and unpick), and feels lovely and soft. I also gave it to one of my customers to play with and she was overjoyed as well.

We are seeing a slow down in delivery times, due to both the increase in volume for Christmas and many road closures with the fires that are about – so don't delay in placing your orders to ensure you receive them in time. The following are the cutoff dates we've been advised by our Couriers, with Australia Post generally not that different:

Thank you for all your custom throughout the year. Sarah and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and an enjoyable break with family and friends, and I look

## Theme Crochet Fashion

Crochet is coming into style! Almost every designer had at least one piece of crochet clothing in Fashion week in New York. And it also made an appearance in the Paris Fashion show. Traditionally crochet has only been used as an accent or accessory but this year crochet has been the central theme in many outfits. Here are some of the outfits.



Check out the article in [fashionista](#) and [Mason Dixon knitting](#) for more.

As these items can only be handmade, they are pricey to buy – how about that bra top for \$740? Us crocheters are in a unique position to recreate many of the outfits and be on trend! And we can save ourselves money. Surely that's got to be a good reason to crochet garments. If you've never crocheted garments before, check out our tip for getting garments that fit.

I've put together a collection of patterns to add inspiration on top of the collections above, for the spring/summer look. The best yarn for this is cotton – I just love to use cotton for garments, particularly summer outfits. Catona, Camilla Batik, Almina and the new Organicon, as well as the Cedar bamboo/cotton and Papyrus silk/cotton are all great to use in garments. Some very fine outfits can also be made with thread.

Or try your hand at this free pattern by [Snakewood & Grace](#)



Date	Parcel destination
Monday 2 December	Northern Territory*, Country South Australia*, Country Western Australia* and Perth
Friday 6 December	Devonport, Hobart and Launceston
Wednesday 11 December	Country Victoria*
Friday 13 December	Country New South Wales*, Country Queensland* and Bendigo
Monday 16 December	Adelaide, Albury, Cairns, Canberra, Geelong, Mackay, Melbourne, and Orange
Wednesday 18 December	Bundaberg, Coffs Harbour, Mackay, Port Macquarie, Rockhampton, Sydney, Townsville, Wollongong, Central Coast and Newcastle
Friday 20 December	Brisbane, Gold Coast, Maryborough, Northern Rivers, Sunshine Coast and Toowoomba

\*Deliveries into country areas outside of our network may be made by third party agents.

forward to more happy crafting with you in the New Year.

Until next time

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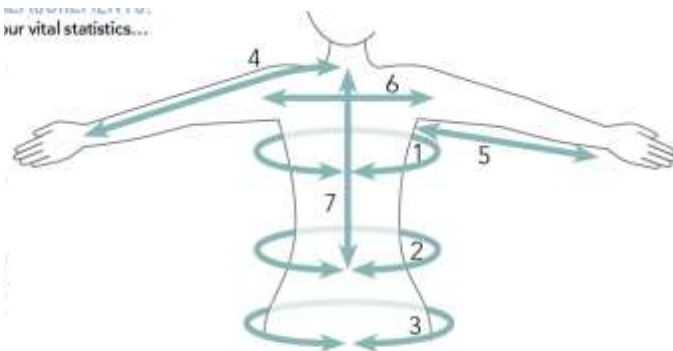
## Tip of the Month

### Crocheting garments that fit



Have you crocheted a garment, following the pattern precisely for your size only to find it doesn't fit – it's too tight or loose around the bust or arms, or too short or too long on the bodice or sleeves? It is very rare to find a pattern that fits exactly because we are all built differently. The sizing is an average. I myself find that most patterns are too long in the bodice and I need to make adjustments for a nice fit. Below are some tips and a link to more detailed articles, that I hope will help you create stylish and fitted garments.

1. Preparation. Take measurements! It is a great idea to take your measurements and store them somewhere to refer to. And very important to get all of these if you are making the garment for someone else as you may not be able to do regular fittings. Key measurements are: bust, waist, hips, centre neck to cuff, underarm to wrist, shoulder to shoulder, back to waist for tops. If making a skirt or dress you also want to measure waist to knees, and thighs.
2. Select a size. Most patterns give a 'to fit' size being the recommended size based on your bust measurement. Do check what is said about the ease built into the pattern – whether or not it is a loose or tight fit. If you want a different fit, an adjustment will be needed to the pattern. If the pattern gives you the other measurements, compare them all to see if you will also need to make other adjustments to the pattern.
3. Make a gauge swatch. I know this almost always seems like a waste of time, but it useful in the long run to achieve a fit you want. See our previous tip on '[Swatches](#)' for how to do this. Take measurements before and after you wash (if you are going to wash it) or blocking, to see the difference in the measurements as this will affect your sizing and how much you adjust the patterns.
4. Determine adjustments to the pattern. Yes you will need maths here. Read through the pattern and identify all the points where shaping occurs (increasing and decreasing). If you are looking to make the garment shorter/longer add/subtract rows before or after the shaping depending on where you need the length – use your gauge to determine how many rows. If you need it tighter or looser all over use a smaller/larger hook or if you want it tighter/looser in certain areas, do more/less decreases during the shaping section. This is where your gauge swatch will help you. Once you know your stitches per inch, and rows per inch, you can calculate how many more/less stitches you will need during your shaping and how many more/less rows you need to make.



Interweave have a good article on how to use your gauge swatch to adjust the patterns – including the equations and calculations you will need. (while written for knitting it applies to crochet as well). Read it [here](#). And if you ever come across Doris Chan books keep an eye out for how she discusses shaping garments to fit – she has a wealth of knowledge and tips and techniques to apply – far too many to include here. Sadly her books are hard to come by. Some of her patterns are on ravelry which include some discussion of shaping techniques.

#### Visiting hours:

Mon—Fri: 9am—3.00pm

Sat: 1st Saturday of each month 9am—12pm

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

**Lessons:** Tues 12.30pm—2.30pm, Wed 5.30pm—7.30pm

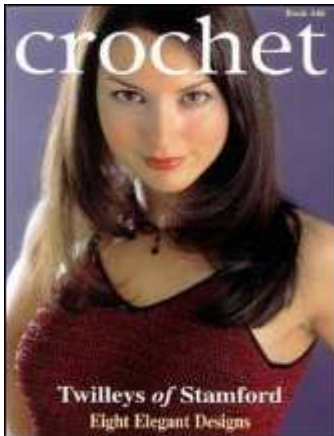
#### Order three ways (See front page for contact details):

Secure shopping cart, phone or mail.

We ship Monday to Friday. We endeavour to ship all orders received before 12pm on these days, and orders received after this are shipped on the next business day.



## Book of the Month

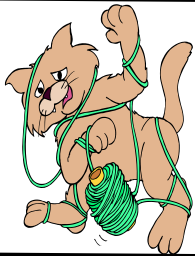


### TW446 Crochet Fashion \$17.20

By Twilleys of Stamford.

Eight Elegant Designs to crochet in ladies fashion. Includes Drawstring Top, Diagonal Stripe Top, Chevron Lace Jacket, Easy Vest, Bead Panel Top, Cowl Neck Top, Flower Border Cardigan. Patterns are made with Twilleys cotton, and can be worked in any 4 ply cotton such as Cedar bamboo/cotton or Organicon organic cotton.

Pattern sizes to fit chest 32" to 38". 22 pages. UK terminology



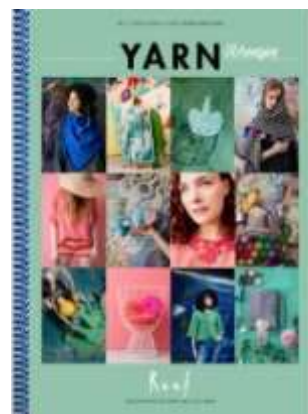
## Look What We Found



SC43 Simply Crochet #43  
\$20.25 \* **Heavy**



SC35 Simply Crochet #35  
\$20.25 \* **Heavy**



YB7 Yarn Bookazine  
No 7 \$23.50 \* **Heavy**



YB5 Yarn Bookazine  
No 5 \$25.50 \* **Heavy**



871071 Learn  
Freeform Crochet  
\$15.90



SP8198 Crochet  
so Fine \$30.50  
\*\* **Very Heavy**





871726 123 Skein Crochet \$27.50



846524 Summer Sensations \$18.00



SC63814 Simply Filet for You \$3.00



886080 Princess Party Dresses \$13.50



ASN1340 Summer Sweeties Wardrobe \$13.85



LA4470 Fun Fashions \$19.30



ASN1403 Lacy Fashions \$14.20



LA4503 Pretty Summer Fashions \$23.00



LA4799 Crochet Wear \$48.20  
\*\* Very Heavy



ASN1423 Skirts \$12.45



LA4379 Total Crochet Fashions \$48.10  
\*\* Very Heavy



LA4402 Elegant 2 Piece Sets \$43.70  
\*\* Very Heavy



LA75275 Relaxed Fashion \$9.50



TW394 Children's Cool Cottons \$17.20



A3749 Runway Crochet \$36.50  
\*\* Very Heavy



885233 Fit & Flair Vest \$15.20





**SM3692 300 Crochet Tip Techniques & Trade Secrets \$39.95**



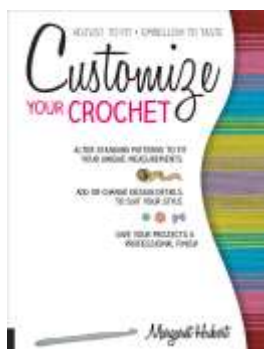
**886018 Lace & Grace Tee \$15.75**



**TX088 Lady's Summer Top \$5.00**



**TX237 Crochet Ladies Wrap \$5.00**



**Au3885 Customize your Crochet \$30.50**



**PAN788 Crochet in 8ply 2 Designs \$3.00**



**WEN5718 ladies Crochet Top 8ply cotton \$5.00**



**TX537 Girls Top \$5.00**



**MAGDECOR085 Decorative Crochet Mag 85 \$10.00**



**MAGMAGIC141 Magic Crochet Mag 141 \$11.00**



**MAGMAGIC143 Magic Crochet Mag 143 \$11.00**

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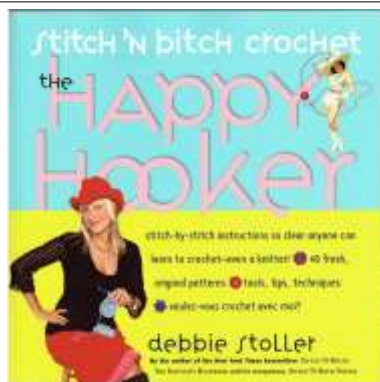
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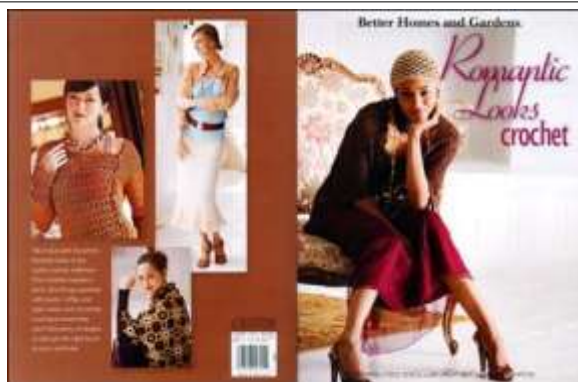
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**MD9867 Stitch n Bitch Happy Hooker \$18.75 \*\* Very Heavy**



**KA0630 Double Stitch Designs Cro Fashion \$34.95 \*\* Very Heavy**



**LA4324 Romantic Looks Crochet \$23.95**



**878549 Fashion Doll collection Bk 3 \$35.70**



**871039 Dress-Up Fashions for 18" Dolls \$14.95**



**879516 itty Bitty Babies \$13.70**