

## Tip of the Month— Organising Your Crochet



Once people catch the crochet bug, they rarely have one project going at a time. I myself have at least 5 going at any point in time. So keeping organised as to which yarn and hook I used, dye lots, pattern alternations etc is essential if I don't what to pull a project undone and begin again at some time in the future. I'm also a bit old school and keep all these necessary notes in a note book that lives in my project bag — if I ever lost it I would be devastated. But surely in this electronic era there must be a more automated way to do this? I went on the hunt

and found some interesting knitting and crochet apps that just may replace my book over time. Only one came close to having everything I desired, but I need to be better acquainted with it before I give up my notebook! Below are some of the ones I looked at, which I thought you'd find useful for your own hunt.

1. Stash 2 Go – this was by far the most comprehensive app I found, being able to store patterns from anywhere on the web or your own files, make notes about adjustments, yarn used, gauge, etc, and keep track of rows. It also has a direct link to ravelry, so immediate access to all your wishful thinking bucket list and ability to search for patterns for future projects.



- 2. <u>Love Crochet: Crochet Companion</u> quite comprehensive in its ability to store patterns, keep track of progress in the pattern with a handy guide, make notes, count rows and add your own photos of the finished item. However it can only add patterns from ravelry and love crochet.
- 3. Crochet & Knit Counter only counts the number of rows, but can store multiple projects.
- 4. My Row Counter able to store the pattern from anywhere in the web or yourown files, and count rows, increases, pattern repeats etc, as there is the ability to have several counters for each project. You are also able to add notes and reminders for each counter. The counter can also be voice activated.
- 5. <u>Knit & Crochet Counter</u> able to store the pattern from anywhere in the web or your own files, make notes about the pattern and count rows.
- 6. <u>Knitting & Crochet Helper</u> not able to store the pattern, but you can make notes about a project, and assist with counting rows. It also includes a handy weight chart with hook sizes and gauge and glossary of accounting terms.

This of course isn't all that is available, but hopefully gives an overview of some of what's out there. If you find others useful, please let us know.