

SCARVES, HATS, STOCKING STUFFERS! STITCH EVERYTHING ON YOUR LIST
COOL FASHION: GORGEOUS WINTER WHITES TO CHASE AWAY THE CHILL

BE CREATIVE YOUR WAY

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2009

crochet

today!

DECK THE HALLS!

Retro-Inspired Holiday Decor

SWEET TREATS

Yummy Designs For
KIDS & BABY

PLUS • Sweaters • Afghans

20+
FUN GIFTS
GET STARTED
NOW!

future+
MEDIA WITH PASSION



Visit us online for free patterns, how-tos and our blog! www.crochettoday.com

We Love It!

Our best picks for crafty gifts—treat yourself or the crocheters on your list!

By Linda Permann



POM-POM FRENZY

Add a little puff to your projects with new Pom-pom-a-Doodle yarn from Red Heart. It's perfect for unique scarves and gifts, or as an edging on mittens, sweaters, hats and more. (We think it's perfect for holiday garland!) Available in seven fun colors at ShopRedHeart.com.

CROCHET CARRIERS

Keep all your project pieces together when you crochet on the go with these sturdy, stylish bags handmade by Valerie Cabrerra. A stitch marker is attached to each zipper pull, in case you need it in a pinch. stitchymushroom.etsy.com



SWEATER SAVER

If you're traveling this winter, save your handmade sweaters from stains by packing individually wrapped Eucalan wipes. Each towelette is saturated with Eucalan wool wash, so you can wipe away stains as they happen instead of waiting to wash them. eucalan.com

Crochet with Heart

Hats 4 the Homeless

This winter, consider crocheting a hat or two for those who are less fortunate. When winter's chill arrives, not everyone has the gear to keep them warm, but Hats 4 the Homeless aims to change that. The organization collects hats, scarves, gloves, and socks to distribute during the holiday season at New York City's St. Xavier church's soup kitchen and other shelters in the area.

The charity was started by friends of John Carroll, a young man who would gather a group to help him hand out cold-weather gear to the homeless around the holidays every year. When he died suddenly in 1998, his family and friends decided to continue his mission. They collect goods year-round; crocheted and hand-knit items are welcome. For more information visit www.hats4thehomeless.org.