

INSIDE Crochet BLOG Awards 2012

We introduce the winners of the **INSIDE Crochet first ever** blog awards!
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Attic24 www.attic24.typepad.com

With a huge percentage of the vote, Lucy of Attic24 grabs first place.

No stranger to awards, Attic24 won Dorset Cereal's blog awards in 2009 and is still going strong. Lucy, a designer and stay-at-home mother of three, is seemingly never without her camera.

Lucy's photographic knack and love of all things craft blend beautifully to make a blog filled with homely tales of life in the north of England. Whilst most blogs are chatty, Attic24 succeeds in transporting you into Lucy's home, leaving you peering over her shoulder as she snips, sews, knits, crochets, cooks, gardens and mothers her way to happiness. Hers are stories that leave you feeling warmed through by the simple pleasures to be had away from the hustle and bustle of modern life.

"Lucy of Attic24 is a down-to-earth person with an inspiring freshness that overwhelms the reader. Her talent in sharing a stunning collection of tales from daily life and creativity straight from-the-heart makes reading it all just so refreshing, motivating and needless to say... addictive!"

"She's the reason I started crocheting again... and her patterns are so inspiring!!"

"I love Attic 24. Lucy has inspired me to take up my hooks and start crocheting again after 30 years in the wilderness. What a lovely, colourful, life-enhancing blog!"

"Lucy at Attic 24 is a breath of fresh air. Every post is uplifting and colorful. A must read."

"Attic 24 is one of the reasons I have been learning to crochet. She is a great inspiration. Always has wonderful tutorials and is always willing to answer any questions!!"

"Attic 24 - I love all her patterns and very personal writing style. You feel like you are visiting an old and dear friend."

RUNNERS UP

► SIBOL

www.sunshineinternationalblanketsoflove.blogspot.com
"Very often the elderly are in ill-health and sit alone, receiving few visitors. We hope that a gift of a hand-made 'Sunshine Blanket' will be like sending a ray of Sunshine into their lives." SIBOL are an on-line Crocheting and Knitting Group based in the UK with members all over the World. Their blog contains regular challenges and news about their good work.



Planet June www.planetjune.com

June is a published writer and crochet pattern designer and specialises in realistic amigurumi-style animals, plants, and seasonal crochet. With a variety of beautiful free crochet patterns, help, advice and tutorials *Planet June* is a fantastic, fun and educational read!

June says: The best part of blogging is being able to connect with amazing people from all over the world, to read their sweet comments when they like my work, to share my knowledge, and to help when they have crafty questions. It's thanks to the support of my readers that I first dared to believe I could be a crochet designer!

"Amazing crochet amigurumi and more!"
"I vote Planet June, because I love everything she does!"
"PlanetJune because she is a star! Her designs are wonderful, her patterns are clear and easy to understand and beautifully laid out and her blog is fascinating - it's not just amigurumi, crochet and knitting but photographs of the wild life where she lives now, in South Africa."

Little Tin Bird

www.littletinbird.co.uk

Helpful, friendly and engrossing -- just a few of the words voters used to sum up Heather of *Little Tin Bird*. Her colourful blog is both warm and inviting and she draws the reader in with tender insight into not only her world of craft but her life. Her blog is filled with photographs of her colourful work, making it visually appealing and easy to read.



"So friendly and colourful, the patterns and projects are so clear and accessible... and you also get such lovely little insights into their lives... everything blogs should be!"
"Super, lovely, talented young lady who just does not know how talented she is. She also has a very bad habit of making me buy yarn when I see all her lovely projects."

► Crochet Concupiscence

www.crochetconcupiscence.com

"Impassioned about the art of crochet" Kathryn Vercillo's blog covers all things crochet. From news, reviews and yarn information to profiling up-and-coming designers. The warm green of *Crochet Concupiscence* and Kathryn's approachable writing style make this blog a must-have in your bookmarks. **Kathryn says:** The goal of this blog is to serve as a hub of crochet information while also strengthening the ties in the crochet blogging community.



► Emma Varnam

www.emmavarnam.co.uk

Emma's warm, lighthearted and entertaining writing style shines through every page of her blog. Visit the website for your fix of free patterns, light humour and helpful tutorials!
Emma says: I had been thinking about blogging for ages and my lovely man got so fed up with me mentioning it, he set up the name and made it live! Then he turned round to me and said, 'Well you had better write something, because it is there now!' My blog is about capturing those little moments of creative magic and taking joy in the small things in life.

