

## crochet with heart

give someone in need a crocheted token of hope

Anyone who's spent a little downtime with yarn and hook can testify that crochet has a real feel-good factor. Stitching is both soothing and satisfying, more so if you know the piece taking shape is going to brighten someone else's day. That's why we love the sweet, simple idea behind **Angels for Hope**. Using a nationwide network of craft-minded volunteers, the nonprofit sends colorful crocheted butterflies, angels or smiley faces to folks in need of a pick-me-up. Recipients range from the chronically ill to anyone who needs a little love; two special missions, The Fallen Soldier Program and the 100th

Birthday Butterfly Projects, are also in place. The former sends angels to comfort the families of soldiers killed in the Iraq war, and the latter showers those celebrating a century of life with butterflies.

Angels for Hope wants to touch 65,000 lives this year, and you can help them reach that goal. Fill out the online form at [angelsforhope.org](http://angelsforhope.org) and the organization will provide you with patterns for the projects and instructions for mailing them. Donations of yarn, hooks, crochet thread and ribbon are also welcome (click the "donate" button on the Web site for details).

—Daryl Brower



### Crafty Cakes

Sweet, cute and functional, too—these crocheted tape measures and key chains from Lantern Moon take the cake! As always, proceeds contribute to Lantern Moon's mission to support a sustainable community in Vietnam through the sale of their handcrafted goods. Have your cake and eat it too at [lanternmoon.com](http://lanternmoon.com).

## spring has sprung...

...and gorgeous new yarns are here!

- **Moda Dea Baby Talk** is everything you need in a baby yarn. Super soft and lightweight, it comes in eight fashion-forward colors and is machine washable and dryable. Perfect for teeny clothes, toys and blankets.
- Multicolored **Red Heart Hula** is ideal for punchy, breezy spring wear. This lightweight yarn comes in eight great hues with a marl color effect to add extra pizzazz to your projects. Feels like cotton, but won't shrink or become misshapen in the wash!
- **TLC Sparkle Soft**, a cushy medium-weight yarn, has extra sparkle thanks to a twinkling wrap. A pastel color palette makes it ideal for lovely baby projects, comfy afghans and more. We love that this sturdy yarn is machine washable for easy wear and care!

