

CROCHETERS! ENTER THE 1956 NATIONWIDE CROCHET CONTEST

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Here's your chance to win big cash awards with your crochet. Enter the nationwide crochet contest at our fair and compete for over \$3,000 in prize money to be awarded national winners by the National Needlecraft Bureau. The grand national champion will receive \$500 plus an all-expense-paid trip to New York City. Other free trips will go to top winner in the "men only" and "teen age" classifications.

The best of fair trophy, illustrated above, engraved with the name of our fair, will be awarded to the contestant whose piece is chosen best of all entries. You can enter any one or more of 16

classifications. If your entry is awarded a nationwide crochet contest blue ribbon as first prize winner in one of these classifications it can compete in the national finals in New York City.

To be eligible for judging, your article must be made of mercerized crochet cotton in any size thread up to and including 100, and must be completed this year. After the judging at our fair, we will report the names of the winners in all classifications to the National Needlecraft Bureau, who will send official entry blanks for the national finals to the winners. The pieces may then be mailed to the National Needlecraft Bureau in New York City for the national judging.

Our fair secretary has complete rules and regulations for the nationwide crochet contest. Write or call for your copy now!

Nationwide crochet contest rules are as follows:

1. All entries must have won a nationwide crochet contest blue ribbon at a participating state, county or local fair. Contact your fair for entry requirements.

2. All entries must have been completed since January 1, 1956, except in those cases where participating fairs are held prior to April 1, 1956. In the latter case, entries completed since July 1, 1955, are acceptable.

3. All entries must be crocheted of mercerized crochet cotton in any size thread up to and including 100. Mercerized crochet cotton with a metallic strand is also eligible.

4. A contestant may submit as many entries as have fulfilled all the foregoing rules.

5. National judging in New York will be based on workmanship, beauty of design and general appearance. Decision of judges will be final. In case of a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded.

Nationwide crochet contest prizes include:

Grand national champion: \$500 (this includes classification first prize award), plus a free trip to New York City.

Teen-age girl champion: \$100 first prize award, plus a free trip to New York City for herself and one parent or guardian.

Men's champion: \$100 first prize award, plus a free trip to New York City.

Classifications: Table cloths, bedspreads, luncheon cloths, centerpieces (14" and over), buffet and vanity sets, chair sets, doilies (under 14"), scarves and wall panels, pot holders and hot plate mats, place mats, other household accessories, edgings and insertions, fashion accessories, ladies over 65, men only, teen-age girls.

Extra awards are being made in the 1956 nationwide crochet contest.

Smart Crochet magazine offers \$600 in special awards for original designs eligible for participation in the 1956 nationwide crochet contest. An original design is one you made up, not previously published. If your design is original, mark it so on your entry tag.

All original designs receiving nationwide crochet contest blue ribbons in any of the 16 contest classifications will be eligible for the following Smart Crochet original design awards in the final judging in New York City.

First award	\$200.00
Second award	125.00
Third award	100.00
Fourth award	75.00
Honorable mentions (10) at \$10 each	100.00
Total	\$600.00

Pictures of the designs receiving the first four awards, the names of the winners, and the fairs at which they qualified, will be published in Smart Crochet. Directions will also be published unless, because of excess length, they are not suitable editorial material. All entries will be insured from the time received until they are returned.

If you have further questions, write to National Needlecraft Bureau, Inc., Smart Crochet Awards, 430 Park Avenue, New York 22, N.Y.

JULY 4 BIG DAY

Biggest day in the rodeo season is the Fourth of July. In 1955 there were 42 rodeos on this weekend alone with a total purse of \$116,625 before entry fees were added.

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Crochet Champions Chat

The nation's top crocheters are shown admiring each other's work after their coronation as champions of crochet in the 1955 nationwide crochet contest. Left-to-right, grand national champion, Mrs. Roy Johnson of Oakland, Calif.; male champion, Joseph Dolinaj, a railroad man from Dunellen, N.J.; and teen-age champion, Mutsuka Arima of Seattle, Wash. The three champions received cash awards, engraved trophies and all-expense trips to New York City. Once again, needlework fame and fortune await the winner of the 1956 nationwide crochet contest which is now in progress. The Holt county fair will sponsor the contest in this vicinity. Why not try for a share of the more than \$3,000 offered as national prize money. Start your entry today so that it will be finished in time for the fair. For further information on how to enter contact James H. Gibson, Chambers, secretary of the Holt County Agricultural society.

SEASON LONGEST

The rodeo season is the longest in the world of sports, starting in January with the rodeo at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo., and running through the Grand National Livestock Exposition at the Cow Palace in San Francisco, Calif., in November.

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