



## **Beginner's Guide to Needlecrafts** **Beginner's Guide to Bobbin Lace**

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Explore the world of Bobbin Lace with this book, which takes you through simple Torchon ground pieces to scarves, purse and bags.

'Bobbin lace may look complicated when you see a pillow set up with dozens of bobbins, but it will seem far less daunting when you realise that only four bobbins (two pairs) are in use at any one time, and there are only two moves twist and cross that you can do.'

'While the basic lace stitches are common to all types of bobbin lace, different lacemaking traditions developed different ways of putting these stitches together. Bruges lace, for example, uses less than a dozen pairs of bobbins and a relatively coarse thread to create curved braids and flower-like motifs which are linked to form the fabric; on the other hand point ground laces, such as Chantilly or Bucks Point, are worked from one end to the other in fine silk or cotton and may need a hundred pairs or more.'

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To the uninitiated, a lace pillow set up with dozens of bobbins looks very complicated, but this manual shows the simplicity of the basic moves: only four bobbins are in use at any one time, and there are only two moves—twist and cross. Focusing on Torchon lacemaking techniques—Bruges and Chantilly lace are two other well-known traditions—these lessons begin with small lace bookmarks worked in various designs before progressing to full-scale projects: a purse, a bag, a cushion, and two scarves. All are presented with step-by-step instructions, close-up photos, and a complete set of pricking patterns suitable for both beginners and more experienced lacemakers. A clearly illustrated step-by-step guide to all the stitches and techniques needed to create beautiful bobbin lace. Includes prickings and easy-to-follow photographs showing how to use them. Provides full instructions for a selection of colourful Torchon lace projects using a variety of yarns: a bag, a purse, a scarf and a cushion. An extensive techniques section makes lacemaking clear, simple and enjoyable. Five full step-by-step projects with pricking patterns. Gives advice on adding decorative features, beads and tassels. Suitable