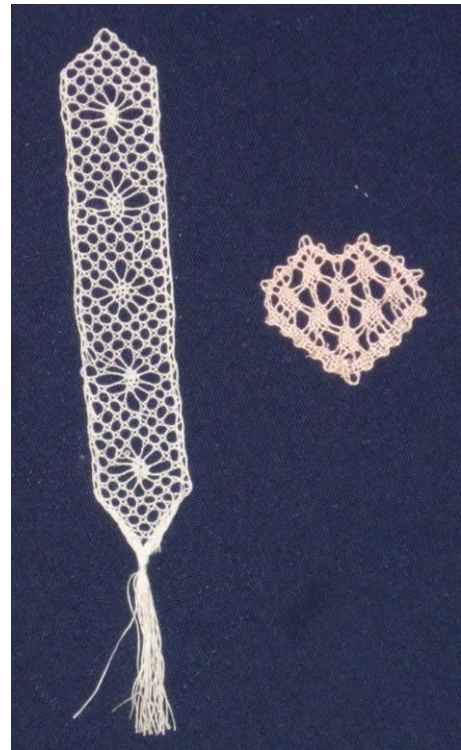


Spiders and Snowflakes

The classic laces of northern France and Belgium often contain snowflakes. There are often comments from lace makers that snowflakes are just spiders. Are they really? Here we will look at classic spiders and snowflakes for both their differences and where they are found as well as how they can melt into the other in modern lace making. You will also have the opportunity to make both.

There will be a small bookmark to experiment with spiders that uses 14 pairs. A small heart will use snowflakes using 26 pairs.

Patterns and diagrams will be provided, so please preregister so I can get an idea of how many will be needed.



Supplies needed

Sewing weight thread	Samples were made with either Güttermann cotton or Güttermann silk. The thread should be a light color for visibility. If you have never tried silk thread, these small projects will let you try easily.
Bobbins	If you want to make both projects, I would recommend winding 14 pairs with 1 yard on one bobbin and 1.5 yards on the other bobbin. After making the bookmark, the pairs can be rejoined for the heart. The remaining 12 pairs only need about 0.5 yards each.
Pillow	20 inch or larger cookie pillow would be a good choice.
Bobbin holders	Either the crocheted (for continentals only) or wooden bobbin holders will be helpful since stacking on the heart will help make space on the pillow.
Fine embroidery scissors	I like machine embroidery scissors with curved blades.
Pins	These are practice pieces so any size other than large picot pins will work.
Magnifier	If you haven't worked with smaller thread, you may want a magnifier to see the details of what you are doing.
Light	If you like to work with bright light, you may want to bring one and an extension cord if needed.