

YouTube Lace Lessons for Beginners and Improvers!



If you need some information on basics and do not have a teacher, a book such as Bobbin Lace Without a Teacher will be helpful. Having a basic lesson book for reference is always a good idea.

Beginner lace books are usually in supply somewhere, either from companies that sell new lace books, or those with used books through ABE, or Amazon, eBay, Etsy, etc. Note: Mailing fees within your own country will be cheaper.

YouTube channels with bobbin lace subjects are becoming popular! Watch individual lacemakers working on a project, as well as those explaining specific techniques. Below are some suggestions for beginners, and include those of us who sometimes need a refresher!

Search YouTube by using the following subjects, including the headings.

Getting started: Winding bobbins, making a hitch, adjusting thread length

Basic stitches: cloth stitch, whole stitch, half stitch

Edges: Winkie pin edge, footside edge, attaching lace to fabric

Grounds: Torchon ground, Dieppe ground, Honeycomb ground, Triangle ground, Roseground

Special stitches: spiders, tallies, kat stitch, etc.

Finishing: tying off threads, making a tassel

Other: Choosing a pillow, bobbins, threads, working on a bolster, spangling bobbins with beads, using magic threads, etc.

Lace Types: Torchon, Bedfordshire, Bucks Point, Bruges Flower Lace, Idrija Tape Lace, etc. Commercial videos are available to purchase for a number of styles. There are many kinds of bobbin lace from a number of countries worldwide. Use a Google search for lace in England, France, Belgium, Denmark, etc. A number of countries have a lengthy history of lacemaking.

The above is a basic list of some of the subjects found on YouTube. Have a wonderful journey into bobbin lacemaking!

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