

Lace Challenge – 2011 – Beginning

Beginners will work with a torchon book mark. The piece includes cloth stitch chevrons, half stitch diamonds, simple spiders and basic ground.

Threads for pattern A:

DMC Broder Machine 30
Madeira Tanne Cotona 30
DMC Cordonnet 100
Egyptian Cotton 36/2

Threads for pattern B:

Egyptian Cotton 50
Egyptian Cotton 80/3
DMC Broder Machine 40
Aurifil 40
Fresia 100 (Linen)

Bobbins: 34 pair

Suggestion: Use divider pins to separate your 'active' pairs from pairs that have been worked and laid aside. This will keep you from inadvertently including dropped pairs in your cloth work. You can also use bobbin holders to stack bobbins and keep them out of the way.

Starting: Place one pair of bobbins on each temporary pin. Start at the top most pin hole for the bookmark and work down each side until all pairs are added in. Bring pairs in using: CTPCTT (cross, twist, pin, cross, twist, twist).

Top Chevron: Work bringing in one pair on each side until you get to the row where the chevron divides – there will be a pin making in the middle of the row. At this point, you should be moving your working pair from left to right on the pattern row. Work through 6 pairs. Work a cloth stitch with the 7th pair, place your pin to the left of the 2. This pin is used as an anchor for the new left side working pair. The left pair will be a new worker that will continue on the left side and the original workers will work the right side. Continue working each side to the bottom of the chevron. The right side will have one less passive pair than the left side.

Bottom Chevron: Work both sides of the bottom chevron to the center point where both sides come together. The working pair from the left side will become a passive pair. When the 2 sides meet, place a pin beneath the worker pair from the left for support and, using your right side worker, cloth stitch through the supported pair and then through the remainder of the pairs to the left. Complete the chevron.

Side edges: Sides of the bookmark can be done as winkie pins or as sewing edge.

Ground: CTPCTT (cross, twist, pin, cross, twist, twist)

Spiders: CTCPCCTT (cross, twist, cross, pin, cross, twist, cross, twist, twist)

Sewing Edge: A sewing edge is created by switching edge pairs. The pair coming out to the edge will have 2 twists. Place a pin under the pair then switch users by doing CTCTT (cross, twist, cross, twist, twist) with the old workers staying on the outside and the old edge pair becoming the workers.

You can change the pattern if desired by switching the whole and half stitch sections and using a different ground stitch.

Happy Lacing

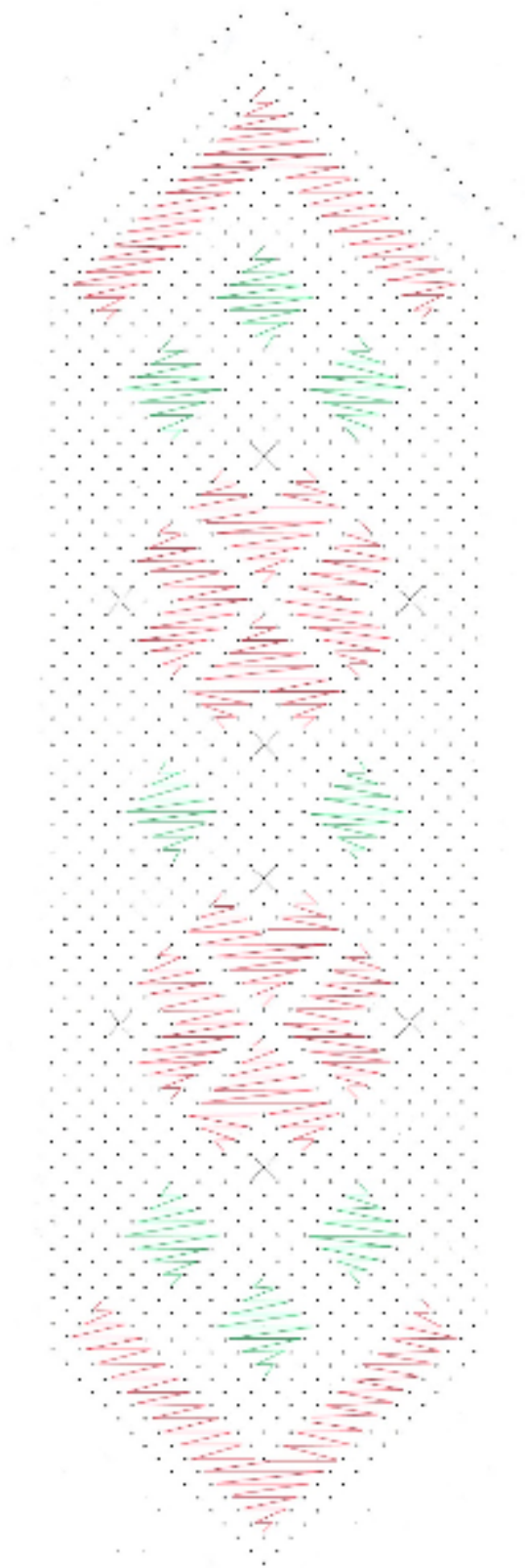
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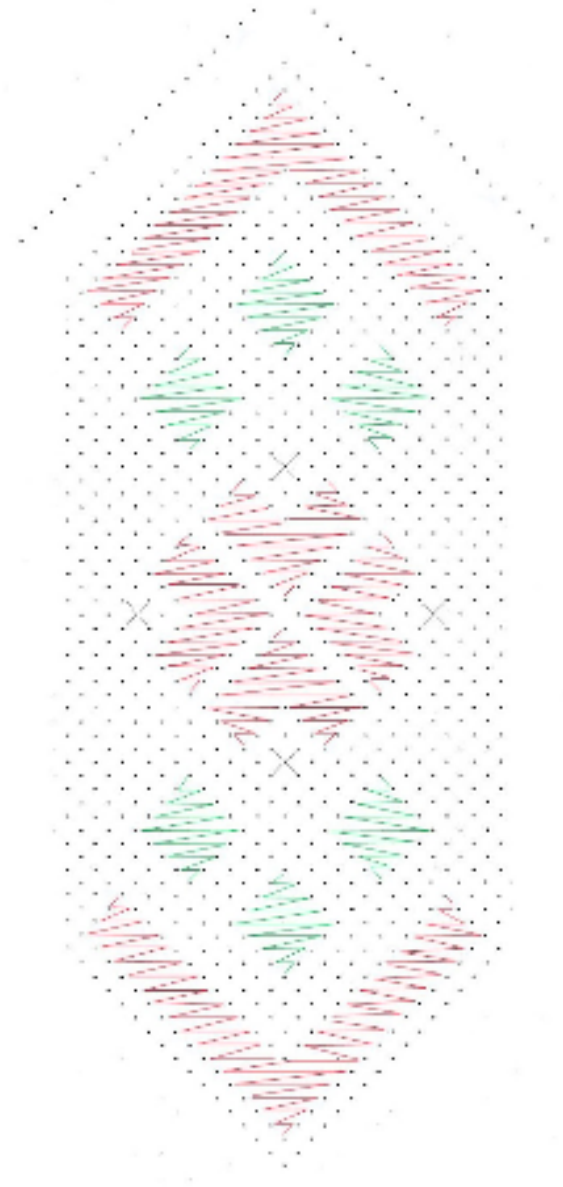
Beginner Pattern A

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Temporary pins are used for starting the piece.
Hang one pair of bobbins on each temporary pin.

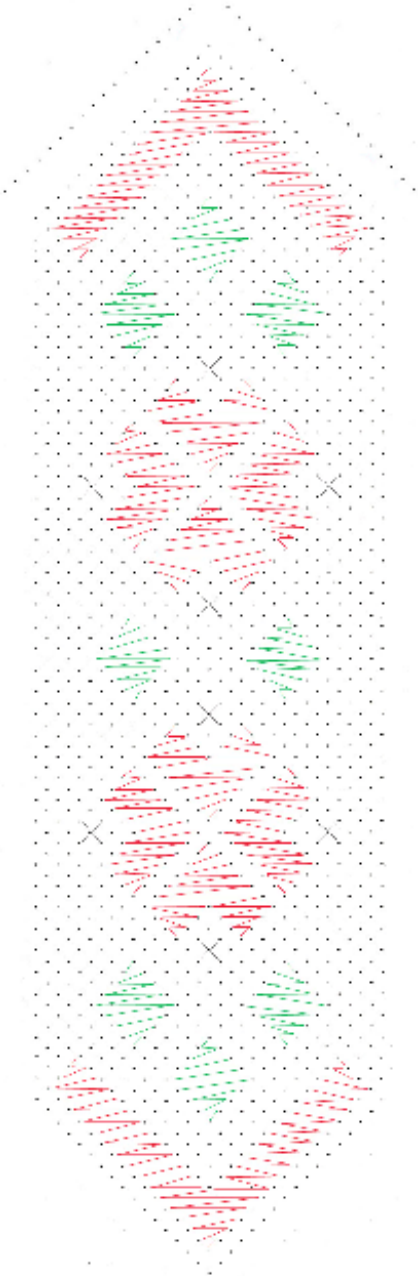


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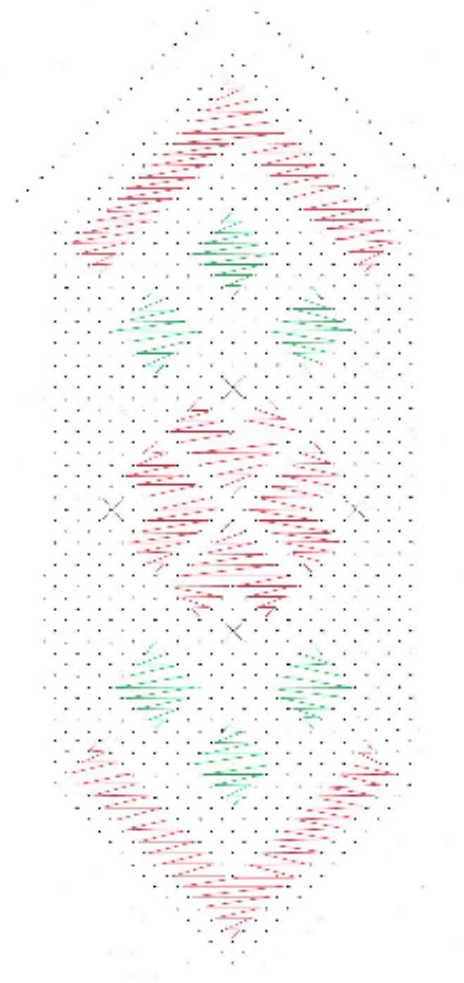


Beginner Pattern B – Lace Challenge 2011

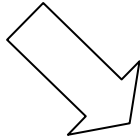
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Diagrams:



Starting diagram for top chevron: Notice that you work across piece until 6th pin hole on left. This row works to the center and then a second worker is created for the right side of the chevron. Work through 6 pairs. With 7th pair, work a cloth stitch. Place pin on left side of both pairs. Take the left pair as workers to the left and the original workers to the right. The pin holds the stitch in place while you work.

Notice that in the center chevron pattern, the top chevron is worked from both sides to the middle where the workers from the left side are 'pinned up' and dropped as passives while the working pair from the right side continue to complete the chevron pattern. The bottom chevron is worked in the same manner as the large top chevron where a second working pair is created to work the right side of the chevron.