

The Last Snowflake

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To make this lace you will need to make about 3 feet of Romanian cord. Crochet cotton in size 10 to 30 can be used. If you haven't made this before, size 10 would be easier to learn the cord. Instructions are in the February NELG Newsletter.

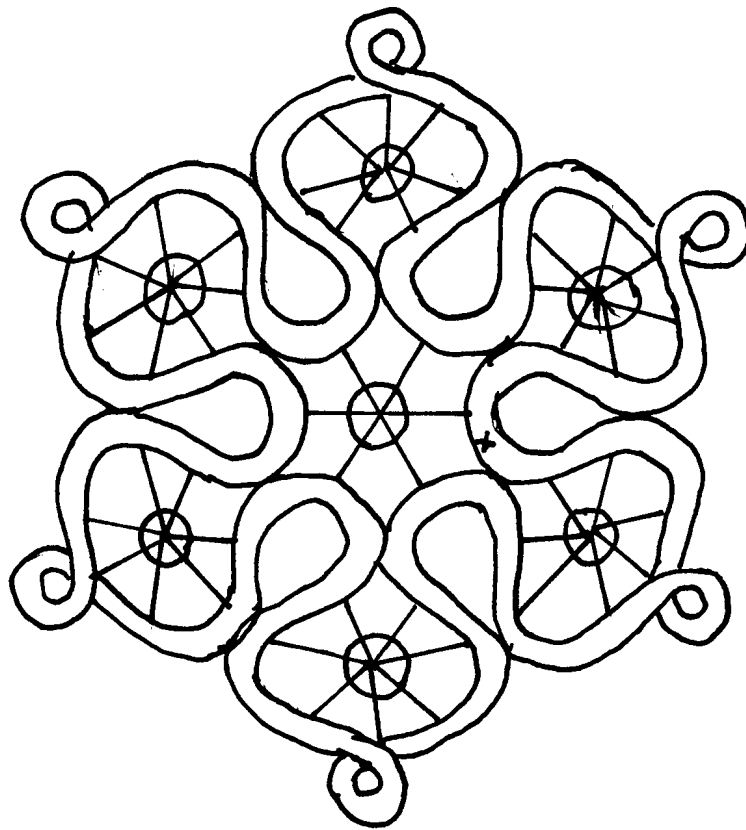
In addition you will need a piece of cloth to baste the cord, some contrasting thread for the basting, some matching cotton thread to join the cord, a sharp needle for joining the cord and a small tapestry needle for the fillings. The cloth should be plain and light colored. The tapestry needle should be the smallest that will hold the thread used for the cord since it will be the thread that is used for the fillings. Additionally you may also need a support for the lace when you are working the fillings. A lace pillow or a piece of firm foam that will hold pins

Using the pattern provided, copy it onto your base. I use a light box to trace onto my fabric. Some people will use other methods such as printing onto a fabric. There are many methods used. Do remember that you will need to sew through it to attach the cord. To attach the cord, traditionally ladder stitch is used. The crossings over the cord should be perpendicular to the cord at that point even if there is a curve. If you insist on overcasting, you still need to keep the perpendicular crossings since it will keep the cord most stable. I typically use about 1/4" stitches along straight lengths. The stitch length is shorter on the inside of curves.



Ladder Stitch

I have marked a small x on the pattern where I would start basting the cord. You should leave an extra bit of cord both at the beginning and end so you can join it nicely. It is impossible to make a pattern that exactly matches the cord for a range of sizes. It is important to baste the cord so that it does touch where the pattern indicates since it is where the cord will be sewn. Sew the joins including the "picots", but do not join the cord. I will talk about joining during the class.



2 inches

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