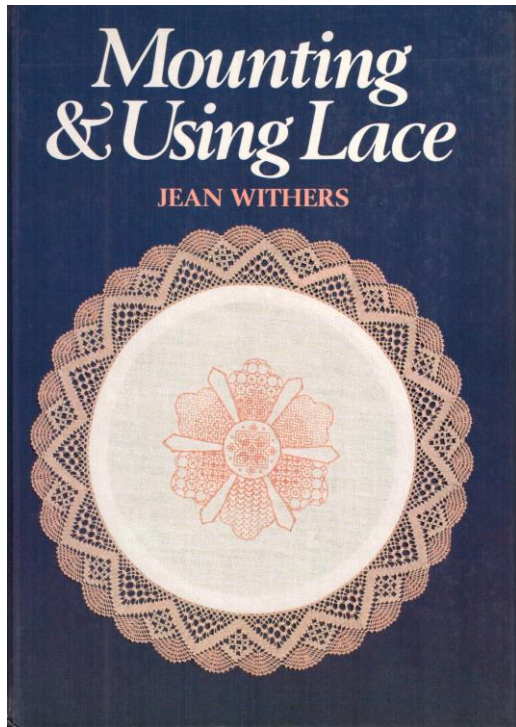


Mounting & Using Lace

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If you have ever wondered what to do with your lace once it has been made other than to tuck it in a safe place so you can find it again if you want to show it to someone, this is a book you should read.

This slim volume which was written in 1986 is packed with techniques you can use to actually use your lace. If you need a technique for hemming the cloth to attach the lace, it is here with good instructions and illustrations. It tells you how to attach lace. All of these techniques are well worth learning. Below I have examples of hem stitch, pin stitch, and buttonhole stitch used to hem handkerchiefs. Again, these techniques are taken from this book.

This book also goes beyond these basic techniques and gives idea on how to incorporate lace with other handwork such as embroidery. It also discusses how to use insertions in linens. Patterns for the lace used in examples is provided as necessary as well as the embroidery techniques.

Certainly, this is not a comprehensive book. If you have no experience with embroidery, you may need to consult a how-to book to get started. If I were to criticize this book, I would say that the section on framing and matting is weak. Cutting a mat with an Exacto knife and a ruler is going to look like you did it yourself.



The weaknesses aside, this is a small book that is worthwhile the read. It will give you the techniques you need for using your lace. It lives up to its title.

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