

NELG “Thread Makes the Lace” project 2019-2020

How often do you worry about how to choose the correct thread for a bobbin lace pattern? Some patterns come with thread recommendations, but often those threads are not available or you have a different thread that you want to use for the project. While there are guidelines related to footside pins per inch, the best way to get the finished look that you want is to make a sample. Then if the lace doesn't look like you want it to, you can change either the thread (size, texture, fiber) or the pattern size (enlarge or reduce).

This group project is to show how a variety of thread-pattern size combinations of one pattern leads to different looking lace. The goal is to put photos of the laces along with the thread and pattern size information on the NELG website as an educational display. If you are willing to donate your finished sample to NELG, it can become part of a display for demonstrations, etc, too.

Directions:

1. Pick a pattern size
2. Pick a thread (14 pairs)
3. Make the lace
4. Photograph or digitally scan the lace WITH a ruler
 - Make sure it is in focus
5. Send the image file, and info about the thread you used and pattern size, to Carolyn Wetzel (nelgpresident@gmail.com). If you are donating your sample to NELG, mail it to Carolyn Wetzel, 108 Petticoat Hill Rd, Williamsburg, MA, 01096, USA, and please also send an email to let me know it is coming.

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14 pairs

Torchon ground

Sewing edge (pin under 4) with WS passive

One of each in any order:

Cloth stitch diamond (CTC)

Half stitch diamond (CT)

Spider

