



Historic American Ipswich Lace

Dates: Saturday and Sunday, March 21 – 22, 2020 / Monday, March 23 – optional

Hours: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Teacher: Karen H. Thompson, teacher and author

Description: **Ipswich lace** is an historic American lace based on 22 black silk bobbin lace samples made in Ipswich, MA, in 1789-1790 and preserved in the Library of Congress. In 1791 Alexander Hamilton received 22 samples of black silk and 14 white linen lace edgings from Ipswich, Massachusetts representing lacemaking as the most important industry in the town of Ipswich. Karen has studied the black lace samples in detail and made patterns and working diagrams for each of these historic samples and published them in *The Lace Samples from Ipswich, Massachusetts 1789-1790*.

Once registered the instructor will send each student information on patterns. Each student can choose 2 of these patterns for the class. They vary in difficulty from relatively simple to quite complex, so there is one for each skill level. Common elements include gimp, picots, Kat stitch (Paris) ground, and Honeycomb, but *not* Point ground (such as Buck's Point).

How about creating a pair of earrings based on one of the motifs in the Ipswich samples?

Several patterns for earrings will be available to choose from. Since these will not be authentic historic lace samples, other threads and colors may be used for the earrings.

Two printed prickings of the student's choice will be mailed to each student, to be pricked prior to the class.

Continuing Torchon students are also welcome in this workshop.

Location: Brandywine Living at Alexandria
1st floor Conference Room
450 South Pickett Street, Alexandria, VA 22304
Unloading by front door; free underground parking garage
Nearest Metro is Van Dorn Station on the Blue Line

Cost: Class - \$180.00
Optional Day - \$90.00

Class Size Class size limited to 12 students. Please register as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

Meals: Bring your own lunch or choose one of the nearby restaurants

Supply List: **Pillow:** Your preferred style large enough to accommodate up to 50 pairs of bobbins. Roller style pillow works well for this continuous lace.

Bobbins: Your preferred style, 24-50 pair depending on chosen pattern(s)

Thread: Black silk YLI or Clover size 50 – or another brand of black silk 32-36 wraps/cm.

Gimp: 4-6 strands of your lace thread, or Gütermann spun silk S1003 30/3, or Kreinik Soie Perlee for a thinner gimp in some of the samples.

Pins: The original samples from 1790 were made using handmade pins. You can use your regular, thicker lace pins, if they are all the same size.

Misc.: Light colored cover cloth on your pillow will make it easier to see the black threads. Bobbin holders, magnifier, light, regular lace supplies.

Registration Now Open. Please Enroll by February 15th.

Name:	Fee Paid:
Address:	
Email:	Optional Day?
Phone:	

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