

## Supplies for Historic American Ipswich Lace

### Materials:

- **Pillow:** Your preferred style, large enough to accommodate up to 50 pairs of bobbins. Roller or block style pillows work well for this continuous lace.
- **Bobbins:** Your preferred style, East Midlands or Continental, but preferably not mixed. 24-50 pairs depending on your chosen pattern.
- **Thread:** Black silk YLI or Clover size 50 – or another brand of black silk 32-38 wraps/cm.
- **Gimp:** 4-6 strands of your lace thread, or Gütermann spun silk 30/3 (1003), or Kreinik (AVAS) Soie Perlee as 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, as long as 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. Some students find using sticky arrows on the working diagram useful for keeping track of where they are.
- You will receive your chosen pattern printed on light grey 110 lb. cardstock. You can choose to cover it with clear, matte contact paper, or not, before you prick the pattern. I don't usually use contact paper unless I plan to make many yards on the same pricking.
- **Pattern:** Choose 1 pattern from the 22 samples according to your skill level and interest from the images. The printed patterns will be mailed to you by snail mail.
- The approximate order of difficulty of the Ipswich patterns from easiest to most challenging:
  - Level 1 (easiest): 2, 7, 11
  - Level 2 (intermediate): 8, 5, 4, 14, 6, 20, 17, 18
  - Level 3 (more challenging) mostly due to Kat stitch (Paris ground): 1, 3, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 19
  - Level 4 (most challenging): 16, 21, 22
- You will receive a Color-coded working diagram.
- All samples use gimp and most have picots.
- The grounds include variations on the Torchon ground, honeycomb ground, and Paris ground (Kat stitch). This is not a point ground lace.
- **Preparation:** Please prick the pattern and come prepared with bobbins wound either in pairs or singly with approximately 3-4 times the length you plan to make on each bobbin.

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