



The Lace Guild
Golden Anniversary
Short Courses 2026



Date:	4/5 July 2026
No. of days:	2
Course Tutor and Title:	Louise West Bedfordshire Lace for All
Type of Lace:	Bedfordshire
Skill Level/Experience:	All levels of Bedfordshire, including new to Bedfordshire through to advanced, with option of designing
About the course: The course is suitable for all levels of Bedfordshire, including existing lacemakers who want to try a new style, through to experienced Bedfordshire lacemakers. There is always something new to try, and designing is one option to expand your experience.	
Materials required: Usual lacemaking equipment, list for designing can be sent individually for anyone wanting to try this.	
Cost:	Adult £205 Young Person £60
Venue:	The Hollies, 53 Audnam, DY5 4AE
Link for Ticket:	https://buytickets.at/thelaceguildcio

Date:	26/27 September 2026				
No. of days:	2				
Course Tutor and Title:	Jane Atkinson Barking Mad				
Type of Lace:	Torchon - Abstract Design				
Skill Level/Experience:	Must be able to make a simple piece of Torchon on your own				
<p>About the course: The aim of this course is to create independent-minded lace designers who can turn natural inspiration into a repeating pattern, part of which they will sample to ensure they know how to make it up.</p>					
<p>Materials required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grids • A3 tracing paper - not provided • Pencil • Eraser • fine pen • lacemaking equipment • coloured threads around the size of stranded cotton but thicker and thinner as well, in a scheme that attracts you. • Most of all: bark rubbings and/or bark photo print-outs to enable design work, easily accessible to you (garden, park). 					
Materials Cost:	Grids at cost.				
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Date:	3/4 October 2026
No. of days:	2
Course Tutor and Title:	Susan Roberts Belgian Laces
Type of Lace:	Brugge, Chrysanthemum, Flanders, Binche
Skill Level/Experience:	

About Susan:

Susan has been making Belgian laces for over 20 years, all learnt under the guidance of tutors at the Kantcentrum in Brugge and has been teaching lacemaking for over 30 years.

About the course:

Join us for a weekend exploring a Belgian lace of your choice, with something for all levels of lacemakers, including those who already work a Belgian lace.

There are four different laces on offer, Brugge Flower lace and Chrysanthemum lace can be done by anyone, including by those who generally work Torchon and/or are new to bobbin lace. Flanders lace is available for those who have worked multiple types of lace before and who are happy to use coloured working diagrams and are up for a challenge, Binche lace is probably the most complex lace there is and is only for those with substantial lacemaking experience. You don't need to have done Paris or Flanders first as Susan has some slow Binche exercises to start to get you used to two pairs at each pin rather than one which is a feature of these laces.

Materials required:

Brugge Flower and Chrysanthemum lace beginners*:

- 12 pairs of bobbins (10 pairs for Chrysanthemum) wound with Fresian Linen 80/2. Continental bobbins are best but you can use spangled bobbins
- A fine crochet hook (0.5 or 0.6), beading needle or whatever you use for sewings

- Torchon medium pins (so around a 0.6 or 0.65 diameter);
- Coloured film
- A flat pillow with cover cloths, ideally round
 - * if you have a mobile device that can access YouTube please bring it as there are videos to help you with these laces

Flanders lace beginners:

- 24 pairs wound with Egyptian Gassed cotton no 70 plus some spares. There will be no sewings so you can use spangled bobbins if you don't have continental
- Gimp thread: DMC Cotton Perle either in balls or strands is fine, the gimp does tend to be thicker than you might have been used to for the size of your main thread
- Pins: 0.5m or finer, at least 30mm long
- Lace pillow and normal lacemaking accessories

Binche lace beginners:

- ~58 bobbin wound singly with Egyptian Gassed cotton no 80 plus some spares. There will be no sewings so you can use spangled bobbins if you don't have continental
- Pins: 0.5m or finer, at least 30mm long
- Lace pillow and normal lacemaking accessories

If you are not a beginner Susan will contact you before the course to discuss requirements

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Date:	17/18 October 2026				
No. of days:	2				
Course Tutor and Title:	Barbara Murdock An Introduction to Tatting				
Type of Lace:	Tatted Lace				
Skill Level/Experience:	Beginners				
About the course: We will endeavour to learn the stitch, make rings, chains, split rings, thrown rings and add beads to our work. All materials and equipment will be provided. You will make a greetings card, a snowflake motif and a jewellery item.					
Materials required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • scissors • small crochet hook if preferred 0.6mm 					
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Dates:	26 October (Mon) 27 October (Tues) 28 th October (Weds)
No. of days:	1 day each
Course Tutor and Title:	Amanda Binns Children and Adult Beginner's Workshop
Type of Lace:	Beginners Bobbin Lace
Skill Level/ Experience:	Beginners None needed, but an interest in craft would be helpful.
<p>About the course:</p> <p>Have you seen bobbin lace being made and tried making lace on the Have-a-Go pillow at an event or craft fair? Would you like to learn a little more and make something to take home with you at the end of the day? Then come along and make new friends and enjoy a day immersing yourself in a craft full of skills for life. Amanda will show you the basics of making bobbin lace and using colour and a few tools we will create some beautiful pieces for you to be proud of and take home.</p> <p>This workshop will be able to accommodate adult total beginners as well as children (8- 18) who have an accompanying adult. Accompanying adults who are not receiving tuition may attend free - you may bring a craft project of your own to work on.</p>	
<p>Materials required:</p> <p>An ice-cream-type box with a lid to hold the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pen and pencil; • a pair of scissors, small and sharp; • a pair of larger scissors for cutting card; • a piece of good quality cereal packet card (not too thick); 	

- a **stitch holder**, (normally used in knitting) or unused shoelace, approx. 12 inches long - this is threaded through the spangles to hold the bobbins in order;
- a piece of **elastic** or ribbon - this is used to hold the bundles of bobbins down on the pillow when travelling;
- a **pin cushion**;
- a '**work-cloth**' - this should be a **plain coloured piece of material**, e.g. a fabric napkin - this is placed on the part of the pattern you do not need to see yet, and under the bobbins;
- a '**cover cloth**', such as a pretty T-towel - this is placed on top of the pillow to keep off the dust when you are not making your lace.

If you have a lace pillow and lace bobbins, please bring them with you.

If you would like the use of lacemaking equipment (pillow, bobbins etc.) during the course, please select a ticket option which includes this when you book.

There is also an option to buy a lacemaking kit (cost £39.95) when you book.

Cost:	Adult (includes use of equipment)	£100/day
	Adult (using own equipment)	£95/day
	Child (8-18), includes use of equipment	£30/day
	Child (8-18), using own equipment	£25/day
	Accompanying Adult (no tuition)	Free

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Dates:	31 Oct/1 Nov 2026	
No. of days:	2	
Course Tutor and Title:	Doreen Creed Modern Honiton	
Type of Lace:	Honiton	
Skill Level/Experience:	Must have basic lace skills.	
About the course: You will be learning to use a finer thread using Honiton techniques. I can supply easy usable patterns that could be completed in the 2 days. Help you with whatever you are currently working on. Help with designing your own patterns. Using colour. Different techniques I have learned over my 40 years of Honiton.		
Materials required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your usual lace equipment • pins are 30x0.5, but you could use any fine. • Honiton pillow is preferable, but a domed pillow is better than flat. <p>I can supply pillows, bobbins and anything else needed. I am approachable so anything else needed contact me via The Lace Guild.</p>		
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Date:	7/11/26 (Sat) and 5/12/26 (Sat)		
No. of days:	2 sessions - ONLINE COURSE in 2 parts - booked at the same time.		
Course Tutor and Title:	Nicole Gammie - Embellished bobbin lace		
Type of Lace:	Torchon		
Skill Level/Experience:	Advanced beginner and beyond		
<p>About the course: Want to try something different? Ever thought about combining your lace with another textile art technique? If yes, then this is the class for you. We will make some lace and then embellish it using embroidery. Simple stitches can have significant effects on the lace so there is no need to be an expert. Class notes will cover elements to consider when making lace which will be covered in more depth in the first class. The notes include a choice of lace pattern.</p> <p>The second class will cover the stitching component with time in between the 2 classes to allow lace to be made. While guidance will be provided throughout, you have the choice of what colours to use and what the possibilities could be for both the lace and embroidery.</p> <p>Note, you don't need to do any preparation for the first class except have access to the notes and any questions you wish to ask.</p> <p>Class 1 - 2.5 hours Class 2 - 2.5 hours</p>			
<p>Materials required: No kit, notes will be provided with patterns included.</p>			
Cost:	Adult	£150	Young Person £50
Venue:	Online		
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Date:	12/13 December 2026				
No. of days:	2				
Course Tutor and Title:	Jan Gardiner Lace: As you like it				
Type of Lace:	Bobbin/Needle				
Skill Level/Experience:	All levels: Beginner to Advanced				
About the course:					
<p>Jan is more than happy to help lacemakers of all skills, from complete beginners to those of advanced skills, to improve their technique, discover a new lace and/or experiment with lacemaking.</p> <p>Jan is qualified to teach English bobbin laces, some Continental types, Needle lace and Contemporary, Experimental lace.</p> <p>A selection of patterns will be available to buy if needed.</p> <p>There is also an option to buy a beginner's lacemaking kit (cost £39.95) when you book.</p>					
Materials required:	Usual Lacemaking equipment.				
Additional Cost:	Approximately £5.00 to £10.00				
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