

## Pretty Butterfly

by Deborah Robinson

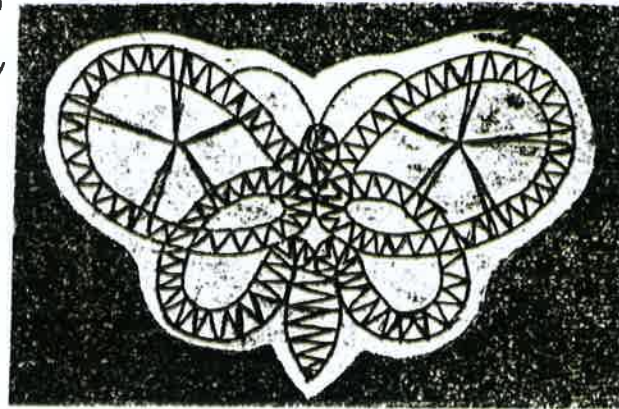
You will need:

3 pairs of bobbins for the tape and 1 pair of workers

Sylka cotton gives you lots of colours to choose from

Deborah used 4 different shades of pink, having the lightest as the outside pair to make this very pretty butterfly.

If you want you can add a thicker thread gimp or make a chain gimp which will really stand out.



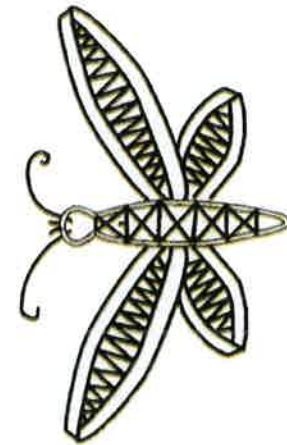
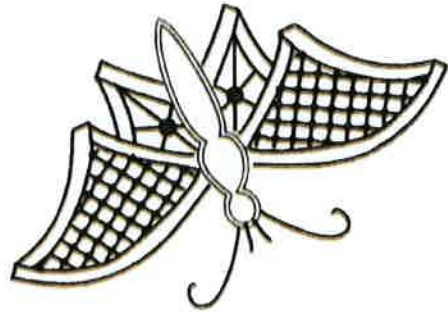
## Branscombe Butterflies

These butterflies are from a book by Ann Day, which was found in the Lace Guild Library – see page 20. They are made in a special kind of lace called Branscombe Lace. Branscombe is a town in Devon where this lace used to be made.

It is a kind of tape lace, and the cotton tapes are bought already made in many different styles and laid onto the pattern following the lines and tacked down to hold them in place. These tapes are then flattened; especially round the curves and then the fillings are worked with a needle and cotton, similar to needle lace.

A three-part series appeared in Lace magazines 114, 115 & 116 showing the details of how this is done and some really interesting fillings. These and other books on this technique can be borrowed from the Library if you want to try something new.





These lovely butterflies can be increased in size and it is possible to make them in bobbin lace to your own stitches. Have a go and see what you can achieve! And then write and tell us all about it!

## Dainty Butterfly

Kindly donated by Janet Mathew

*You will need*

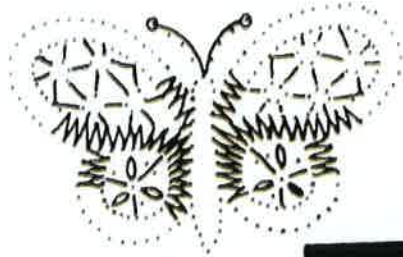
Thread

Brok 80 or Retors 50

DMC 12 Cotton Perlé or Coton a Broder 25

6 pairs of bobbins for the body plus 'shiny pair'

Main tape 5 pairs plus 2 pairs for the 'cordonnet'



## A Basic Butterfly

to practise whole stitch, half stitch, plaits and sewings

Kindly donated by Peggy Chapman

*You will need*

4 or 5 pairs of bobbins

Thread Brok 36/3

DMC 30 special dentelles

- A1, A2 Each need 2 pairs plaited to B  
Whole stitch to the tail of body  
Tie each pair with double knot, cut off
- C Sew in 4 pairs in 3 holes  
Whole stitch to D
- D Add a pair if needed (to make fatter)  
Whole st, half st, whole st.  
Work to E
- E Work in whole st to F
- F Sew in  
Plait to G  
Sew in

Work second wing as first

At H Sew in, tie, cut off

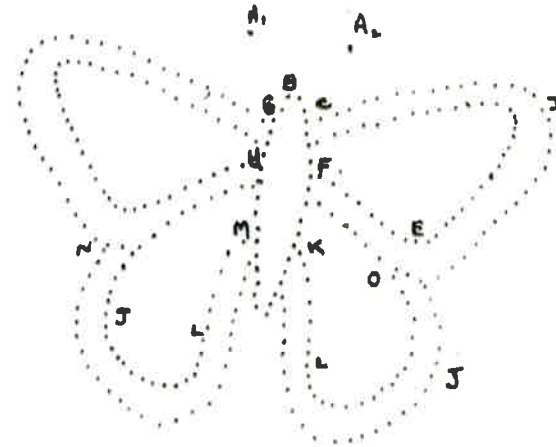
N Sew in 4 pairs for Bottom Wing  
Whole st. to J

J Add a pair if needed  
Whole st, half st, whole st.  
Work to M

M Sew in, plait to K  
Sew in

Work second bottom wing as first

At O Sew in, tie, cut off



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## Braid Lace Butterfly

by Eve Morton

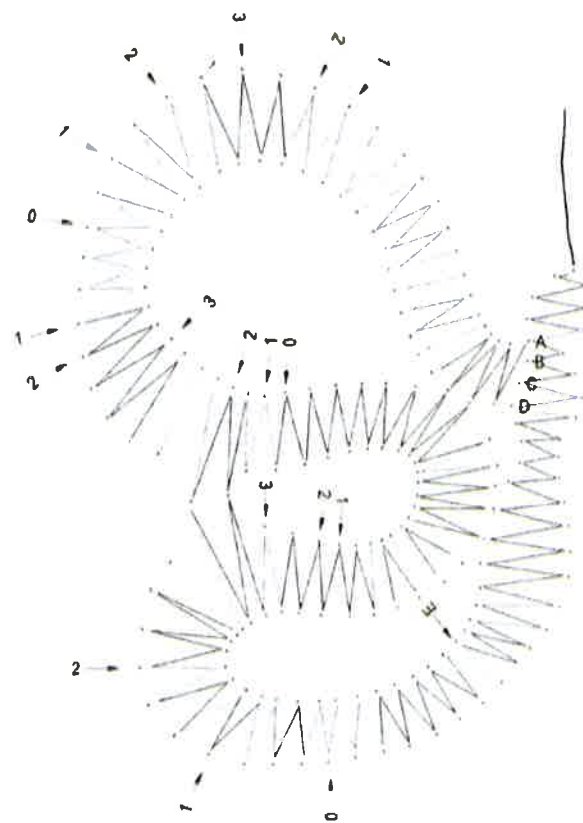
This is a lovely pattern for beginners!

### *You will need*

7 pairs of bobbins using Cotton Perle 8 thread. You can use any colours that you like and have a really cheerful butterfly all your own!

### Length of thread to wind:

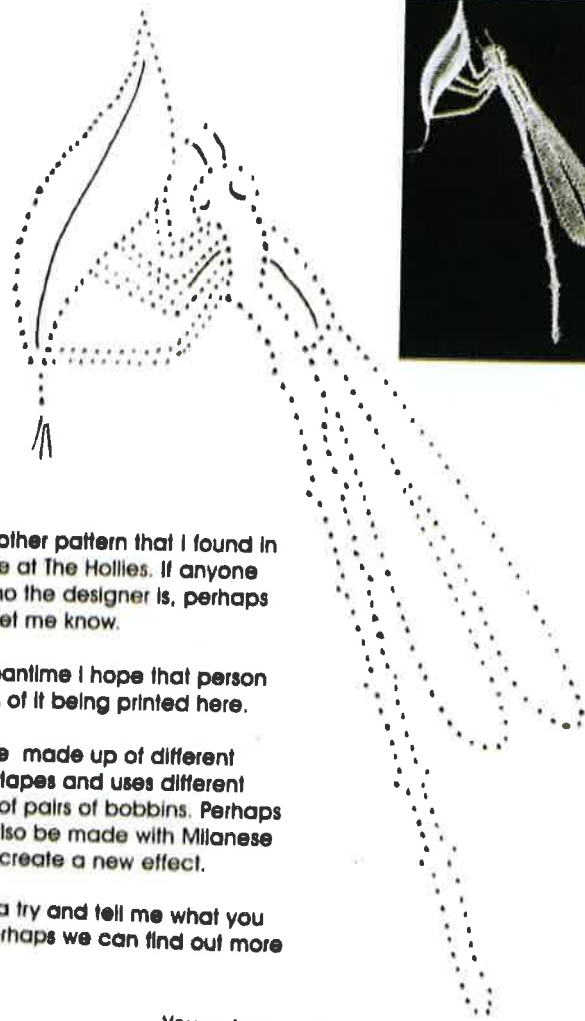
- 1 pair workers for wing, 6 metres hung on A
- 2 pairs workers for body, 2.5 metres, hung on D
- 4 pairs passives 1.5 metres, 2 hung on B and C



Ed: Eve has given me a full set of instructions that are too long to print here. Please write if you would like a copy and they can be sent through the post.



## Not the least bit fierce – a Dragonfly



This is another pattern that I found in an old file at The Hollies. If anyone knows who the designer is, perhaps they will let me know.

In the meantime I hope that person approves of it being printed here.

It is a lace made up of different braids or tapes and uses different numbers of pairs of bobbins. Perhaps it could also be made with Milanese braids to create a new effect.

Do have a try and tell me what you think – perhaps we can find out more about it?