

## Common Types of Lace

Lace type	characteristics	examples	characteristics
needlepoint	Expensive, handmade lace. The pattern is typically sketched on parchment then stitched onto two pieces on linen. Solid parts are filled in by a needle. A knife is passed between parchment and linen to release lace. First made in the 15 <sup>th</sup> century.	Venetian point	Floral pattern with regular open-worked fibers
		rose point point de Gaze)	Similar to Venetian point but made in Belgium
		Alencon	Designs include flowers, birds, and vases. Background is hexagonally shaped mesh of double-twisted thread
pillow (bobbin)	An inexpensive, but fine quality lace made by twisting and knotting threads into pattern. Intricate patterns can use up to 1000 bobbins. Invented by Barbara Uttman in Germany in 1561.	Cluny	Coarse, strong, distinguished by paddles or wheels
		Chantilly	Delicate lace made in silk or unbleached cotton with double ground. Patterns include vases, baskets and flowers.
		Torchon	Stout, simple, inexpensive patterns. Coarse ground with loosely woven threads. Called beggar's lace
		Maltese	Characterized by geometric designs like Maltese crosses and wheat stalks
		Valenciennes (Val)	French Val uses a diamond shape background and very intricate patterns.
		Brussels	Fine lace. Ground is worked around previously made pattern
		Mechline	Delicate lace with fine threads. Ground pattern woven with flowers, buds. Similar to Brussels
		Honiton	Beautiful designs made in flower patterns (thistle, rose) on a net ground
crocheted	Handmade with crochet hook; not as fine as needlepoint	Duchesse	Fine, net ground with raised work patterns
		Irish	Many patterns made with crochet hook with coarser thread than needlepoint lace.
darned	Handmade with chain stitch outlining patterns on background of net	Syrian	Similar to Irish crocheted lace; used for handkerchiefs
		filet	Square mesh with patterns showing animals and trees
machine-made	First made by John Heathcoat in 1809	antique	A heavy linen thread is used in a large, rectangular knotted mesh
		Bohemian	A flowing tape design made on a thin net ground
		Leavers	machine made lace prepared in the same manner as bobbin lace
		Nottingham	Coarse lace with large designs typically used for tablecloths and curtains