Missenden School of Creative Arts

Course Information Sheet

Course Code: 0926-04

Honiton Lace

Alison Thoburn

1st - 3rd Sep 2026
Tuesday to Thursday

This course will be tailored to each participants individual needs and is therefore suitable for all levels. This is your opportunity to learn a new skill or technique, start a new pattern or continue working on a design. The three days will enable you to make significant progress. It is advisable to contact the course tutor in advance, so preparations can be made before arriving.

Course Location:
CIM Business Centre Cookham

Moor Hall
Cookham
Maidenhead
Berkshire SL6 9QH

Tuesday	
9am	Coffee on arrival
9.15am	Welcome and tutor introductions
9.30am-1pm	Teaching session
1-2pm	Lunch for all
2-5pm	Teaching session
6.45 for 7pm	Dinner for residents
Wednesday	
7-9.15am	Breakfast for residents
9.30am-1pm	Teaching session
1-2pm	Lunch for all
2-5pm	Teaching session
6.45 for 7pm	Dinner for residents
Thursday	
7-9.15am	Breakfast for residents
9.30am-1pm	Teaching session
1-2pm	Lunch for all
2-5pm	Last teaching session

Description

The course is aimed at working with each participant individually. For those new to Honiton lace, instruction will be given via a pattern, aimed at developing the knowledge and skills of the core techniques. For those with some experience this is the ideal opportunity to work on a specific aspect, for example a new project, a different technique or consolidating previous learning. Students will be encouraged to make each pattern their own, be this changing stitches to designing a new pattern. Honiton lace is a lace which gives the lacemaker freedom to inject some individuality.

Please bring with you

Honiton lace pillow (preferably straw filled)
Honiton bobbins
Fine pins (30 x 0.50mm)
Egyptian cotton 120/2 - 180/2 (depending on experience/pattern)
DMC 80 white
Needle pin
Small sharp scissors
4 cover cloths (plain dark colour)
Pricking card
Pin cushion.
Pencil and notebook including a couple of coloured pens or pencils.
Lace pillow stand
If help is needed sourcing equipment, please contact the Tutor.

Available to purchase from the tutor

A selection of thread, needle pins and bobbins will be available to purchase should you need.
Other items by arrangement - please let us know in advance.

Level

Suitable for beginners and experienced lacemakers

About Alison Thoburn

I started making Honiton lace in 1985 with Caroline Biggins. I had been wanting to learn lacemaking for a long time and a move to Devon was the ideal opportunity. I soon became hooked. Initially, I concentrated on Honiton,

enjoying designing new patterns and adapting techniques. The opportunity to expand my knowledge and skills into English and Continental laces, has led to many new adventures. I started teaching lacemaking evening classes in 2012, at three venues in Devon. Since retiring from Midwifery, I have been able to teach residential courses for the Lace Guild and Dillington House, Somerset. I also regularly undertake workshops for the local lace groups. I have held several positions in lace organisations: Lace Guild Executive Committee 1990 - 1992, Tor Lace Group Secretary 2016 - ongoing, Devon Lace Teachers - member 2012 - 2023, Secretary and webmaster 2019 - 2023. I am passionate about all aspects of lacemaking, particularly helping others on their own lace journey.

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