Soaring Arrow “Torchon+” Bookmark

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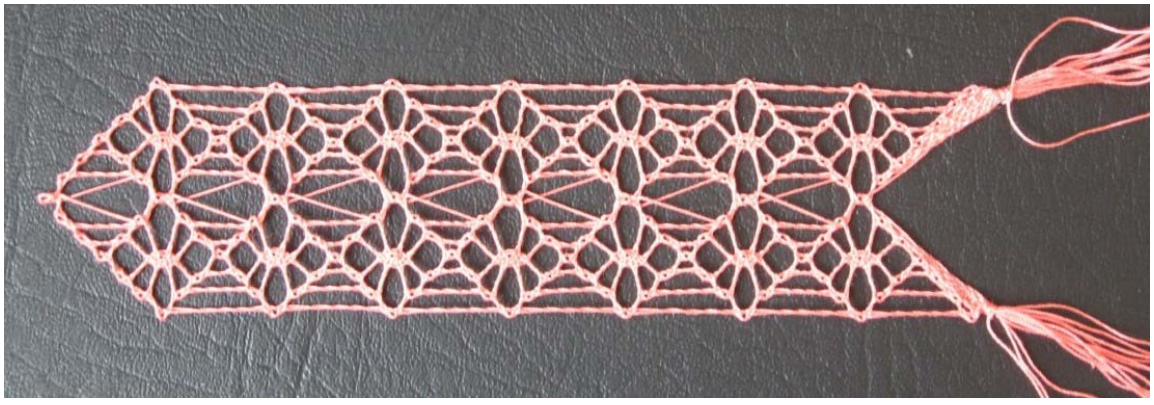
15 pairs Lizbeth Size 80 thread or comparable; 1 yard per bobbin is more than enough.

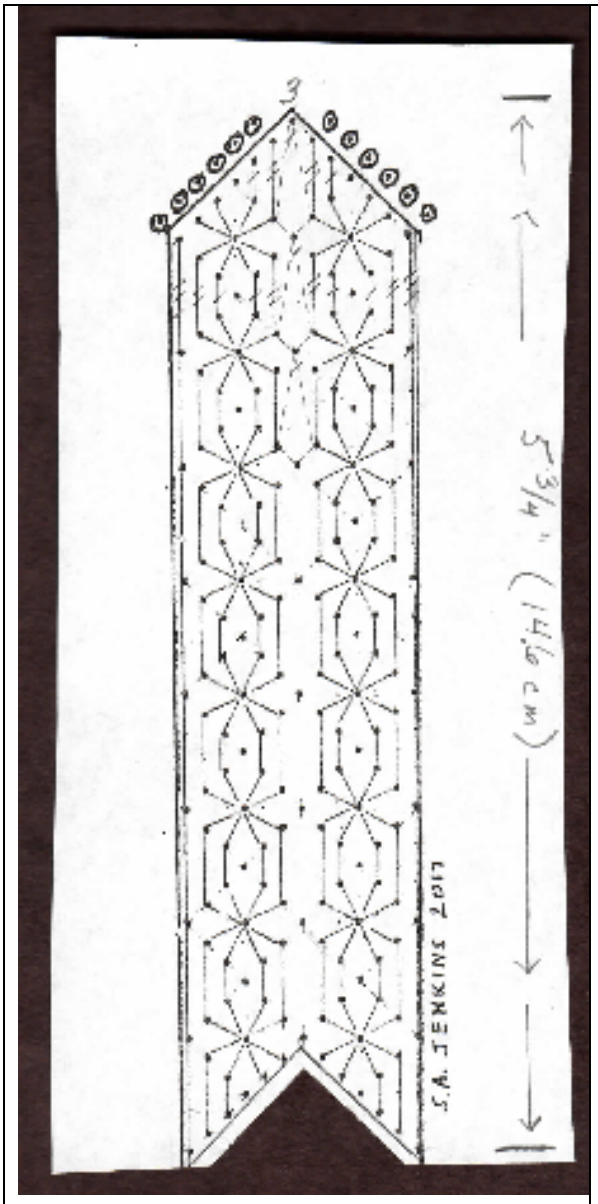
Sample in photo is shorter than pattern by one repeat.
Note on photos and diagrams: I’m a novice at pattern description. Ignore the handwritten words in any of the color photos. The pin letters refer to the hand-drawn diagram, but they do not appear in the color photos, sorry!

This is a Torchon Lace design, with an additional pair of bobbins in the very center, requiring special treatment to create a special effect. Refer to the diagrams and photos. All stitches except spiders are CTCT(pin)CTCT.

You will need to tension frequently, bobbin by bobbin, sometimes even after you have gone beyond where you might think you’re done tensioning.

Try not to remove any pins until the work is completed. (If you must remove pins, take the ones out of the spider centers.) With all the pins still in place, and protecting your pillow, starch the piece lightly. Use a Q-Tip to dab up any moist droplets. Once the starch is dry, be gentle while unpinning. It can probably be stiffened more, once it’s off the pillow, but it really needs some stiffening before removing it from the pillow.

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5 3/4" (14.6 cm)
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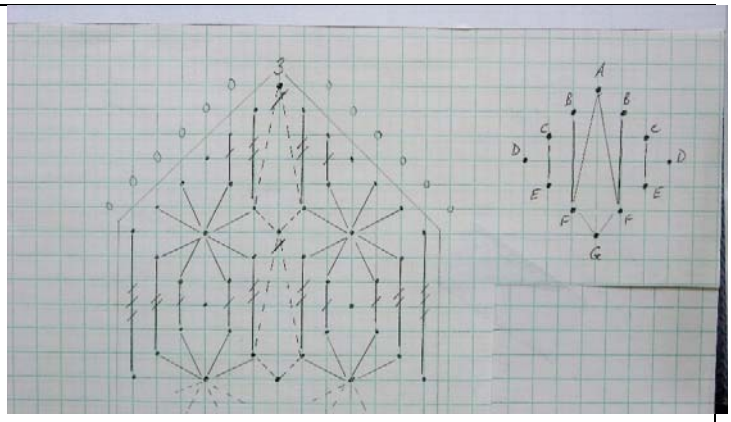
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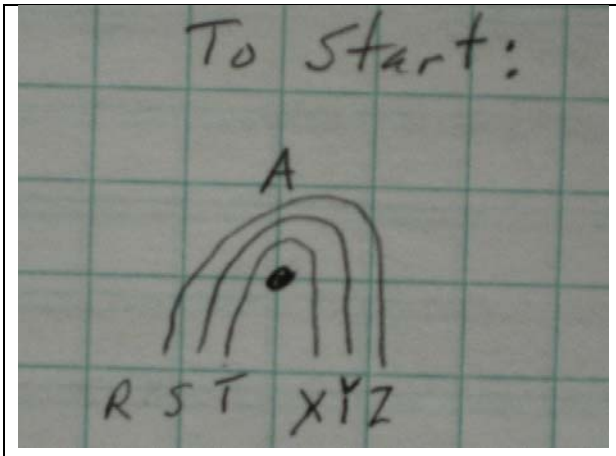
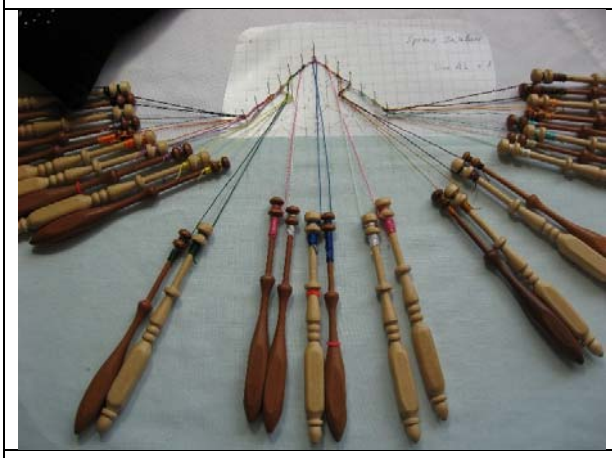
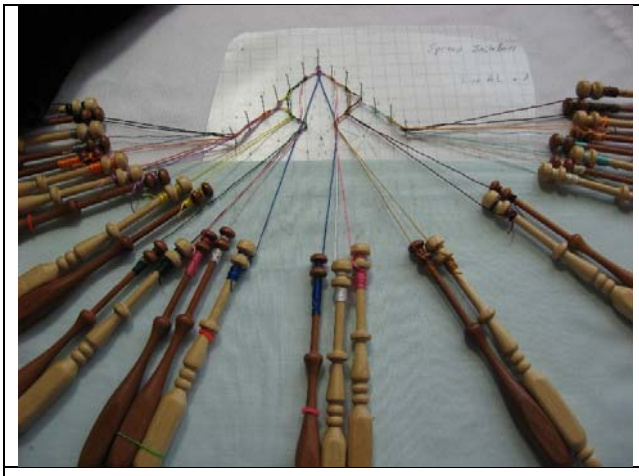
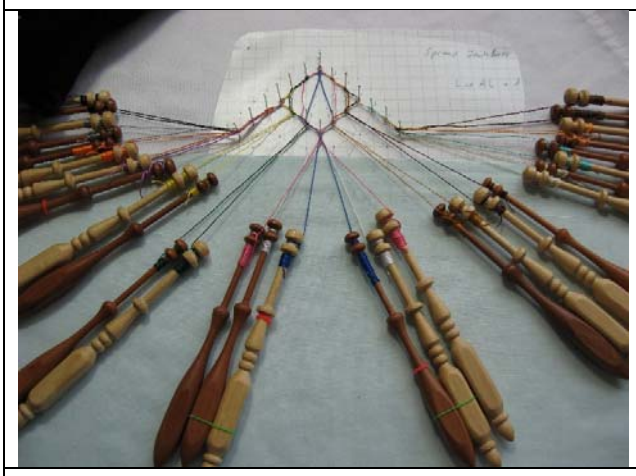
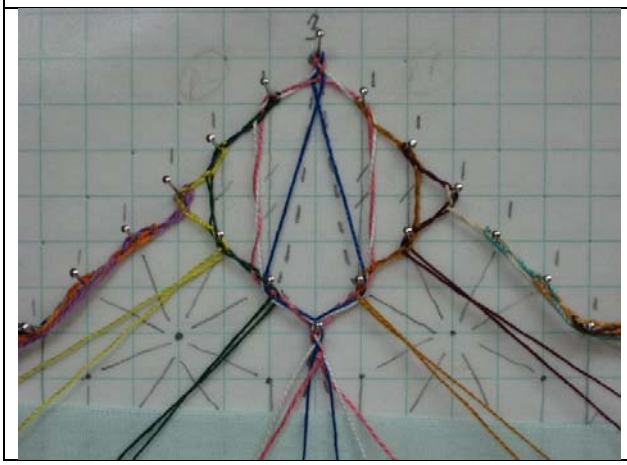
G

This description only applies to the center diamond with the extra pair of bobbins; the other elements – spiders, vertical bars on the sides, split-tail finishing – should be straightforward to anyone who has made Torchon lace before. If you have questions, feel free to email me at DanSingSal (at) gmail (dot) com and I will be happy to help you.

	To begin, hang 3 pairs like a rainbow. *TX* will be the special pair of bobbins (blue in color photos that follow). Mark this pair either by using a different kind of bobbin than all the other pairs, or by placing a colored orthodontic rubber band around each bobbin (I used neon red). Using a second orthodontic rubber band (I used green), fasten together *S* + *T* ; and *X* + *Y*. Treat *ST* as a single bobbin and *XY* as a single bobbin. Twist each pair (*R* and *ST*; *XY* and *Z*) twice, then close the pin with CTCT. Be sure not to twist *ST* or *XY*. Disconnect the green rubber bands, leaving 3 bobbins on each side of *Pin A*.

	1. Lay out the top peak of the bookmark, *ignoring* the central special pair (blue in photo, with bright neon-red orthodontic rubber band on each of the 2 bobbins).

	2. Move to the two sides of the diamond. Twist the pair coming off each *Pin C* once (for a total of 2 twists, since it already had one twist on it) and work the two vertical bars *CE* with CTCT(pin)CTCT. Leave.
	3. Twist the bobbins coming off of the two *Pin B's* twice, for a total of 3 twists (pink & white threads in photo). Leave. Twist the center pair (blue, *TX*) one time only.
	4. Rubber-band the left single thread (blue) to the right bobbin coming off the left-hand *Pin B* (white). Rubber-band the right single thread (blue) to the left bobbin coming off the right-hand *Pin B* (white). Bright green orthodontic rubber band joins the two bobbins together. These bobbins, in tandem, are treated as a single bobbin, still paired with the pink thread that is the white's mate. Don't twist the tandem pair.

	5. Work *Pin F* on each side with CTCT(pin)CTCT, being careful not to twist the doubled pair.
	6. Keeping the same doubled pairs, work *Pin G*. <u>After</u> *Pin G* is worked, remove the green rubber band, leaving the blue pair by itself in the center again, ready to begin the figure again when it's time. (This step, removing the green rubber band, is not shown in photo.)
	7. Close-up of finished Soaring Arrow motif.