

Lace in Poland



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What is lace?

Lace is a delicate fabric made of yarn or thread in an open weblike pattern made by machine or by hand.



Type of lace



tatting

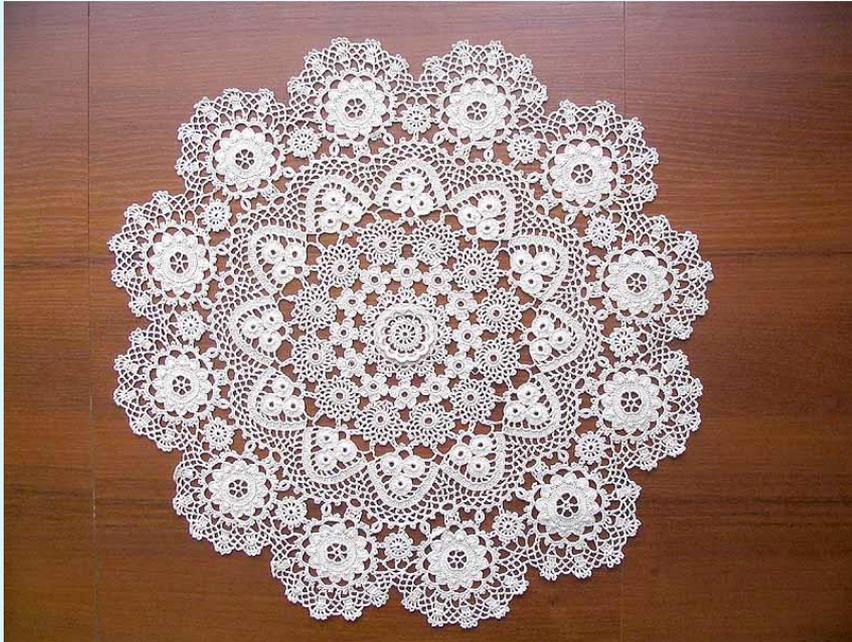
Tatted lace is made with a shuttle or a tatting need





Type of lace

crocheted



Crochet is a process of creating fabric by interlocking loops of thread, or strands of other materials using a crochet hook. The name is derived from the French term "crochet", meaning small hook.

Type of lace



Bobbin lace is made with bobbins and a pillow. The bobbins, turned from wood, bone, or plastic, hold threads which are woven together and held in place with pins stuck in the pattern on the pillow. The pillow contains straw or other materials such as sawdust.

bobbin



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The history of lace in Poland



The history of lace in Poland is bond with external influences. In the beginning the role of monasteries and craftsmanship , then the manors and landed gentry influenced the development of lace craft around the country.

In the XIX century thanks to the aware action taken by the people who reinforced the idea of making village people lived better life, the lace craft appeared in the villages. From that time we have a few significant centres located mainly in southern part of Poland in the villages.



Famous lace places

Some parts of our country are famous for their lace:

- a village called Wach- located in Kurpie in the Mazovian Region (near Warsaw)
- Koniaków near Krakow (southern Poland) -well-known around the world Koniaków Lace
- Bobowa and Brzozów



Koniaków laces



Koniaków laces are handmade by crocheting cotton thread, using motifs inspired by nature. Lace motifs are worked separately, then connected to form larger pieces appearing in pillows, shirts, blouses, and tablecloths.

Lace-making became subject to anger and disapproval in 2003, dividing the small Koniaków society, when some young lace makers started to make underwear out of Koniaków lace. The new twist on Koniaków lace was a big success and isn't made somewhere else so far.



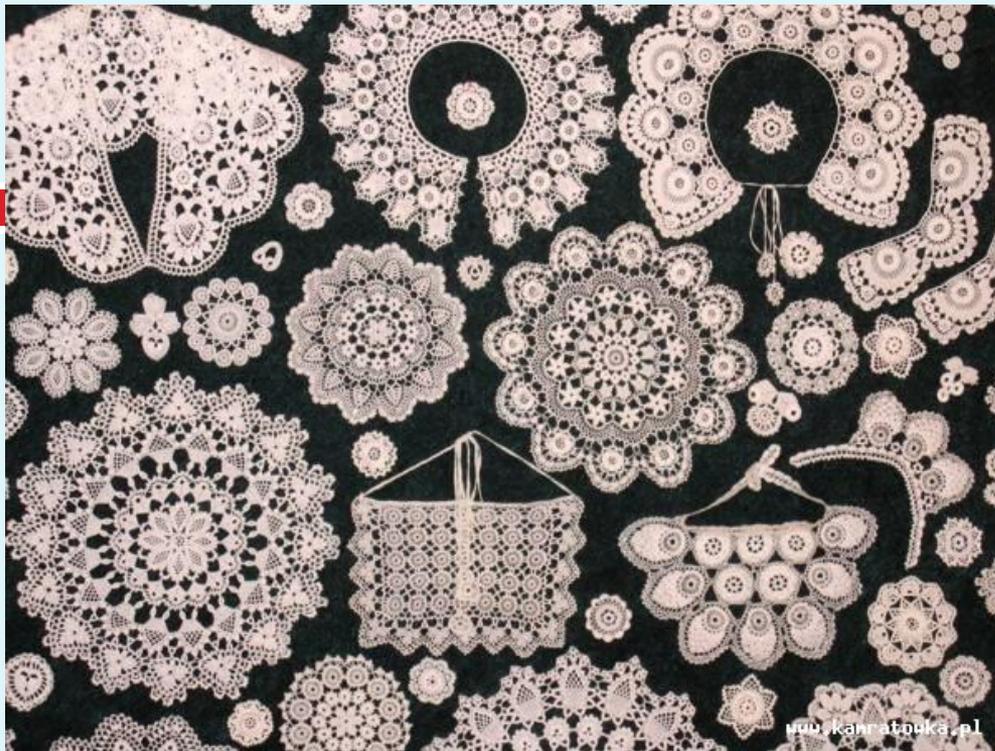
Koniaków strings



Koniaków wedding dress



another Koniaków pair of strings



Koniaków collars, napkins



Koniaków tablecloth

The biggest Koniaków lace



In our country, there is the biggest lace in the world. The enormous napkin consists of 20 rows (1.6 meters long each). Each row consists of 24 flower motifs (5 meters long) and another 48 flower motifs linked together. All and all, there are 673 flower motifs, which are additionally decorated by another flower motifs. The total number of the motifs is 8000.

Five very skilled women made it. They crocheted separately each motif and then connected them together.





Bobbin laces

Situated in Gorlice county, Bobowa became famous for its folklore and beautiful lace craft.

From over 100 years women for Bobowa have earned for living making bobbin lace. The area of Bobowa and other towns located around Bobowa, nowadays, it is the biggest centre concentrated lacemakers of this type of lace.



International Festival of Bobbin Lace



In the first week of October, every year, there is organized the International Festival of Bobbin Lace. During a few days, people from all over the Europe can admire the exhibitions as well as they can buy the products. Thanks to it, local lacemakers who exhibit their products can promote the region on the international arena.



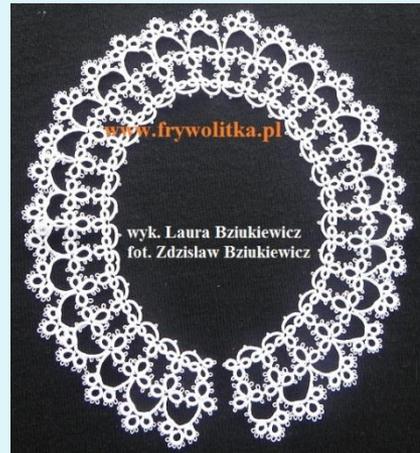
If you decide to go to Bobin, you'll probably see the outstanding mural, on the one of the house, inviting and promoting the bobbin lace.



Tatting laces



Tatting lace is the most difficult but the most beautiful lace made in Kurpie region , in the village called Wach. Traditionally, the tatting lace is used to make napkins, the decorative elements of the outfit like collars , cuffs and underwear.



Tatting laces



Some lacemakers from that area used the tatting lace to decorate Easter eggs and even to make tatting jewellery. The most famous tatting lacemaker is Mrs Laura Bziukiewicz.





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