

SPIDER Bookmark

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This adaptation of this bookmark was taken from a lesson on Spiders presented at the L.A.C.E. guild July 18, 2015 by Doris O'Neill. It was her plan to teach various spider techniques, but I was fascinated with the opportunity to practice my skills of the basic spider.

Taking the bookmark, which she received years ago from a friend, I graphed it out and prepared a pricking. I used Altin Basak size 50 as the thread for the accent around the spiders. I used YLI Colors in a variegated blue for the spiders. You will need 8 pair in gold Altin Basak #50. Wind 18 pair in the YLI Colors thread. A yard per bobbin is enough or two yards per pair.

If you are using the same thread throughout, you will need 26 pair. Altin Basak by itself is too thick a thread for this bookmark.

To begin put one pair on each pin hole except the very center top one. Place two pair at this pin.

I used the simplest spider pattern from the book called "Practical Skills in Bobbin Lace" by Bridget M. Cook, Page 77. The stitch between the "spiders" ground is: Cross, Twist, Pin, Cross, Twist. The complete spider must be finished before you box it in with the gold thread.

For the side 1/2 spiders: be sure all the legs of the spider are twisted twice, then take the inner most pair and cloth stitch through the two variegated pair and then the gold pair, twist worker twice and work back through the same three pairs. Twist the gold pair once and all the spider legs twice. Then finish with the gold pair.

This pattern works best if you work spiders from upper right to lower left.

