

Christmas Robin

Designed by Eve Morton

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Thank you



Hoole Bobbin Lace Circle

Robin worked in charted bobbin lace with beads

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This design will fit a 6cm square aperture card or if made with a wire frame will make a Christmas tree decoration.

Materials needed:

Thread 30 weight cotton such as Madeira cotona 30, Gütermann Sulky 30, DMC Broder Machine 30, Mettler 30, or a fine metallic thread such as Madeira Metallic 40.

Size 11 seed beads in colours as shown on the pattern.

Cake wire 20 gauge

31 pairs of bobbins

Tools:

Fine crochet hook, check that it will pass through the centre of your beads or a beading needle held in a pin vice if the bead holes are too fine for the crochet hook.

Forked pin-lifter if you are making the version with the wire frame.

Working directions:

Wind one pair of bobbins with two and a half metres of thread on each bobbin. All the rest of the pairs will be passives so will not need a lot of thread. If working without the wire frame having passives more fully wound at the edges will mean that you do not need to manipulate the threads to ensure that the fuller bobbins return as the workers.

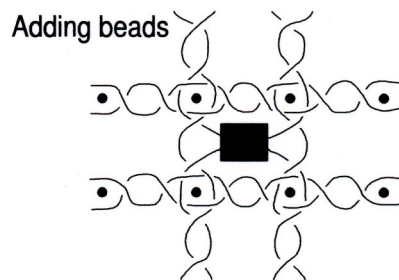
If using the wire frame pin this in place on the pattern. Add the pairs with sewings to the frame, worker pair on the left. It is easier to use the forked pin lifter to push the thread under the wire than using a crochet hook.

If not using the wire frame, hang one worker pair and a passive pair on support pins above the top left pin.

Work Dieppe ground, half stitch, pin, half stitch and twist. Remember to remove the support pins if used.

Add the rest of the passive pairs along the top working from left to right. At the end of the row sew to the wire frame, add two or three twists after the sewing. If you are not using the wire frame work a whole stitch

and twist, pin then with the two pairs plait down to the next pinhole, two or three stitches is usually all that is needed, place the pin and whole stitch and twist, add a second twist to both pairs then work back to the left side. Continue to work to and fro adding beads where needed.



Adding the beads:

The beads are added to the passives. When you need to sew in the beads there should be only one twist on the bobbin passive pairs, undo the second twist, sew the bead with the right bobbin of the left pair and the left bobbin of the right pair. Slide the bead into position then replace the second twist on the bobbin pairs.

Finishing:

When you reach the bottom of the pattern if using the wire make sewings to the frame and tie off. If not using the frame tie the pairs at the bottom pin.

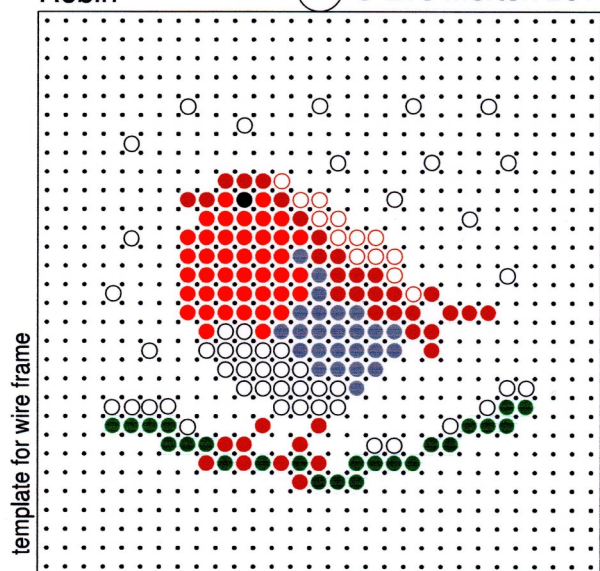
Trim the loose ends to make a fringe.

To make the wire frame:

Measure 14cms from one end of the wire for the larger frame using a 6mm knitting needle or other suitable diameter object bend the wire around it to form a loop, then lay the wire over the diagram on the right matching the loop position at the centre top and bend the wire using pliers, shape the wire round, the overlap needs to be around a bottom corner.

Cake wire can be bought from shops stocking sugar crafting supplies.

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- 47 white, ● 37 dark brown, ○ 13 med brown,
- 1 black, ● 42 orange, ● 25 grey,
- 24 green beads