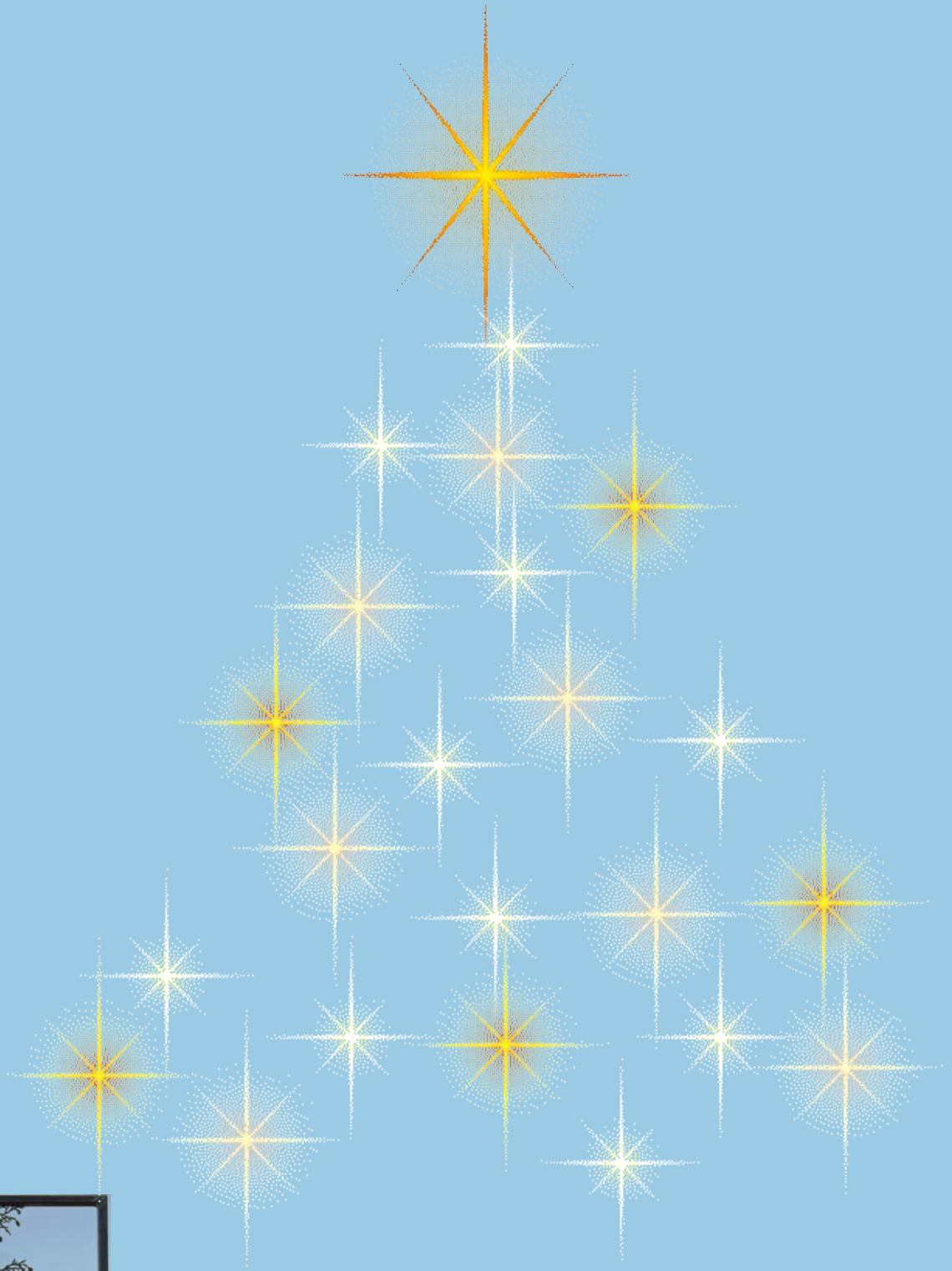


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Star Shine 2023 Christmas Special

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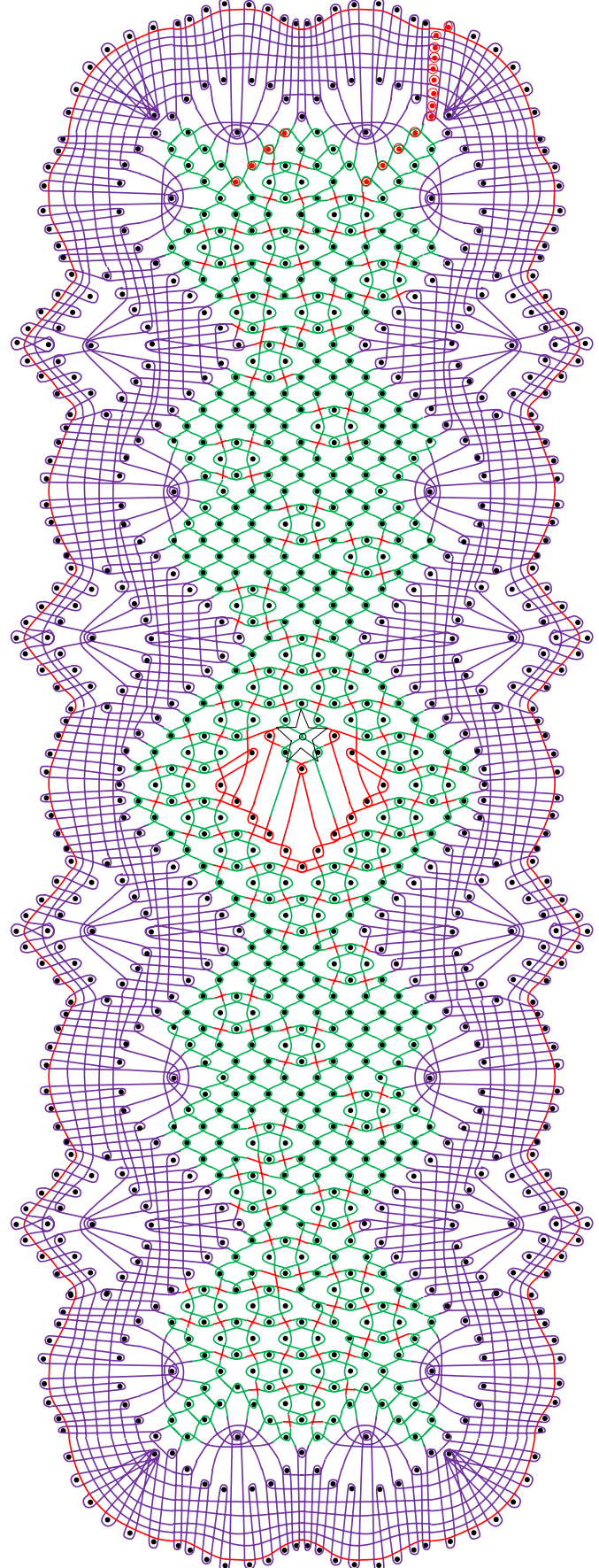
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34 pair

2 pairs open at each of the red pin marks



Requirements

- 34 pairs

Elements Suggested

- Starting across the top fans
- Spiders and trails headside
- Roseground
- Torchon ground
- Roseground trail
- Star shine feature
- Single star sequin
- Ending across the bottom fans

There are instructions for the start, star shine feature and ending the bookmark.

Overview

In this pattern, every starting pin (shown on the pattern as a red dot surrounded by a red circle) requires 2 pairs to be hung using the open or rainbow configuration.

The right 2 bobbins become the right pair and the left 2 bobbins become the left pair.

Work the left pairs first, across the top fans to the corner. A hint is to secure the non working pairs to the pillow to prevent them being pulled into the work.

Once the top fans are worked, do the corners before working the body of lace.

The roseground represents stars in the night sky with the central feature element of Star Shine being best achieved with a star shaped sequin. However a round sequin, bead or square tally can all be used if you so desire.

The bookmark is finished with the 2 bottom fans being worked sideways before tying off the last of the pairs.

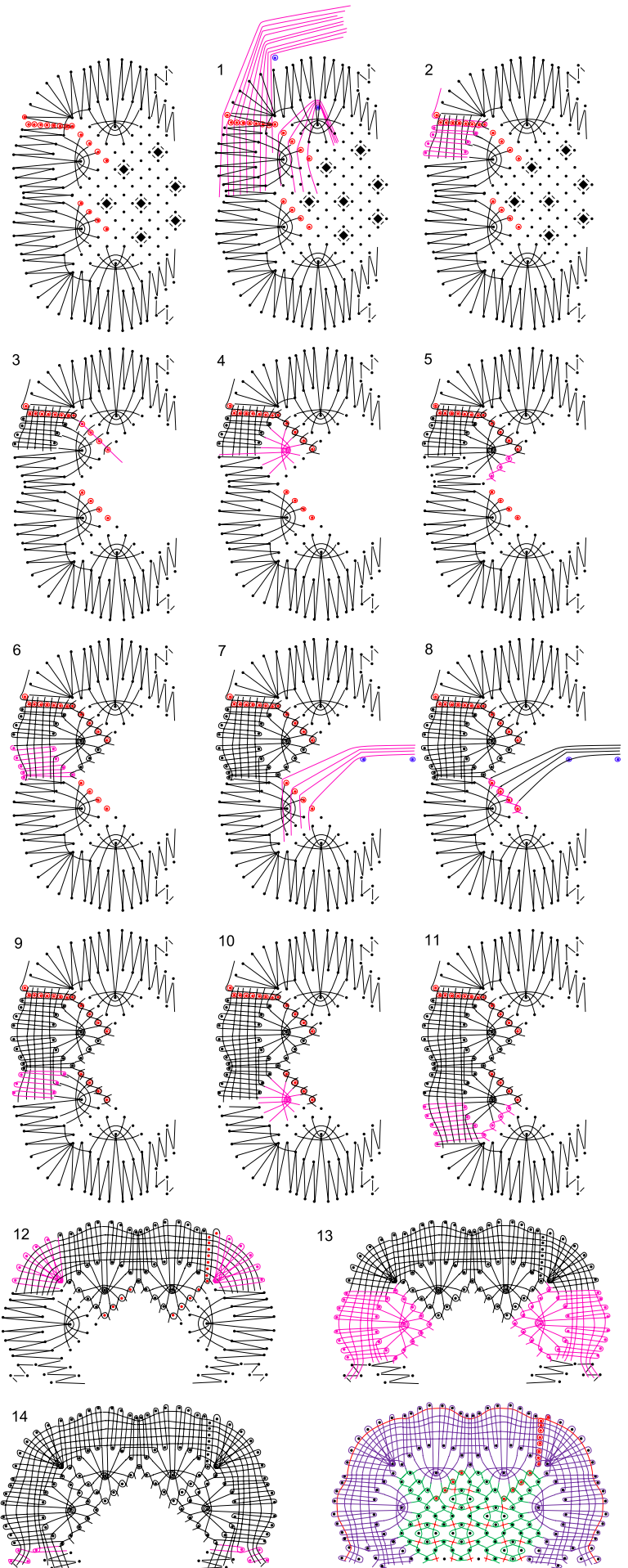
Sewing the ends back into the cloth stitch (CTC) is an option.

Starting across the top

I find it easier hang in the pairs on the pins and then to turn the pillow to 'work downhill' with this pattern.

Step by step

1. Starting at the inner corner of the spider and working outward, hang 2 pairs on each of the designated starting pins with the right bobbins being hung on a temporary pin to the side as shown in the working diagram.
2. Using the left pair from the outermost pin as the weaver pair,
 - a. Work cloth stitch (CTC) through the next 8 pairs towards the centre of the pattern.
 - b. Put up the pin
 - c. Close the pin with cloth stitch (CTC)
 - d. Lay the right pair aside (it will be used in step 3)
 - e. Cloth stitch (CTC) through the fan passives to the outer passive pair.
 - f. Work the outside pin with whole stitch, pin, whole stitch (CTCTpCTCT) to give a firm edge.
 - g. Cloth stitch (CTC) back to the next inner pin and work it as cloth stitch, pin, cloth stitch (CTCpCTC)
 - h. Add three twist to the right pair and lay it aside as it will become a spider leg in step 4.
 - i. Cloth stitch (CTC) through the passives of the fan trail to the outside passive pair.
 - j. Repeat steps f-h once.
 - k. Repeat steps e and f to the centre of the fan trail.
 - l. Lay the passives aside until you work the spider.
3. Return to the right pair from step 2d
 - a. Work down the corner row in half stitch, pin, half stitch (CTpCT) to the inner corner of the spider.
4. Work a standard cloth stitch (CTC) spider next
5. Close the spider with half stitch, pin, half stitch (CTpCT)
6. Return to the fan trail and work in cloth stitch (CTC) with whole stitch, pin, whole stitch (CTCTpCTCT) outer edge to inner joining pin of the fans. Finalise the spider by joining the fan trail weaver with the last of the spider edge in



cloth stitch, pin, cloth stitch (CTCpCTC)

7. Now we work the next spider edge with the remaining pairs.
8. Half stitch, pin, half stitch (CTpCT) each of the incoming spider pairs, then lay them aside.
9. Continue the fan trail to the centre.
10. Work the cloth stitch (CTC) spider.
11. Repeat steps 4 and 5

Turn your pillow ready to work down the bookmark as normal.

12. Both corner fans are worked as french or toads foot fans.

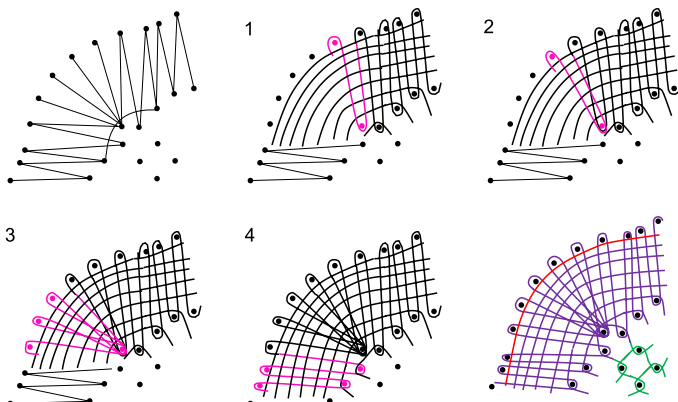
Corner french fan

After working to the corner row pin, cloth stitch (CTC) to the outside pin and work whole stitch, pin, whole stitch (CTCTpCTCT).

These instructions continue from there.

Step by step

1. Cloth stitch (CTC) to the French fan pivot pin
 - a. Add 3 twists to the pivot pair (the last pair worked)
 - b. Add 2 twists to the weaver pair to go around the pin
 - c. Put up the pin
 - d. Lift the pivot pair and cross the worker/weaver pair
 - e. Continue with the weaver/worker pair in cloth stitch (CTC) to the outer pair
 - f. Whole stitch, pin, whole stitch (CTCTpCTCT) the edge.
2. The inner workings of a french fan
 - a. Cloth stitch (CTC) to the pivot pair
 - b. Add 2 twists to the weaver/worker pair
 - c. Cross the weaver/worker pair over the pivot pair and around the pivot pin
 - d. Under the pivot pair
 - e. Cloth stitch (CTC) back to the outer edge
 - f. Whole stitch, pin, whole stitch (CTCTpCTCT)



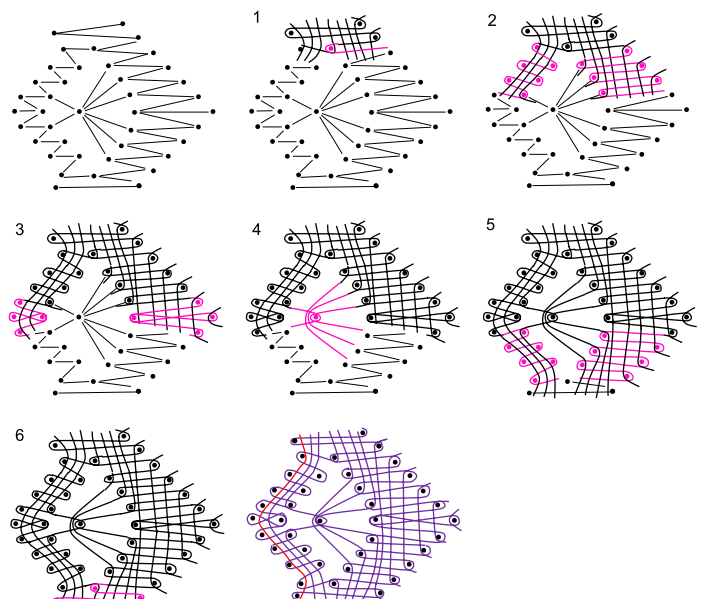
3. Repeat step 2 three times
4. Coming out of the fan and anchoring the pivot pair
5. Leave the pivot pin in until after this step.
 - a. Cloth stitch (CTC) to the corner row pin and back to the next outside pin
 - b. Whole stitch, pin, whole stitch (CTCTpCTCT)
 - c. Cloth stitch (CTC) to the next inner pin and lay aside the right pair after working it.
 - d. This pair is the pivot pair as well as the becoming the spider pair.
 - e. Cloth stitch (CTC) the weaver/worker pair to the outside edge
 - f. Whole stitch, pin, whole stitch (CTCTpCTCT)
 - g. Add 3 twists to outgoing pair from step 5c and apply tension as you remove the pivot pin from the french fan.
 - h. Tension the weaver pair and this pair to ease the french fan loops into place.

Starting from the top cont.

13. The downward headside is different in that it repeats the wide trail spider fan followed by a split trail surrounding an asymmetrical spider.
14. Note how the split trails get their weaver pairs as the centre join pin.

Broken trail and spider edge

This is the connection edge between the spider and cloth stitch (CTC) trail fans, rather than write more I suggest you take note of where the trail splits and rejoins as that is the technical bit. Oh, and the using the inner pin twice. You can replace that inner pin with 2 close together if you wish.



Adding Sequins to Torchon Ground

Video tutorial

<https://youtu.be/I9o0QWvUdW0>

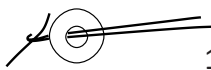
Requirements

fine crochet hook (0.75mm or finer)
or lazy susan
Sequins

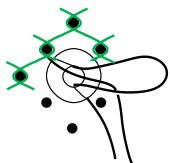
Notes

Worked over a 3x3 pin block, sequins are added within torchon ground by replacing a pin with the sequin.

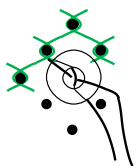
I add an extra twist coming in and out of the sequin, similar to adding the 2 twists when applying gimp. If using cupped sequins, have the convex side facing you as you work, that will mean that the concave, light reflecting side will be facing the right side. Be careful not to entangle the first pair when working the second (step 4)



1. Place the sequin onto the crochet hook and pick up the bottom thread from the left pair.



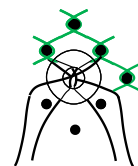
2. Draw the hook (and thread) back through the sequin to form a loop. Thread the 2nd bobbin from the left pair over the sequin and through the loop.



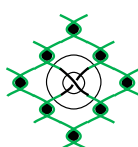
3. Tighten the loop and lay the pair to the right.



4. Slide the sequin back on the hook and draw the bottom thread from the right pair. Thread the 2nd bobbin from the right pair through the loop.
5. Tighten the loop and lay the pair to the left.



6. Add 2 twists to both pairs before working torchon ground to close the sequin area.



7. Wiggle both sequin pairs until the sequin sits flat without excess thread.

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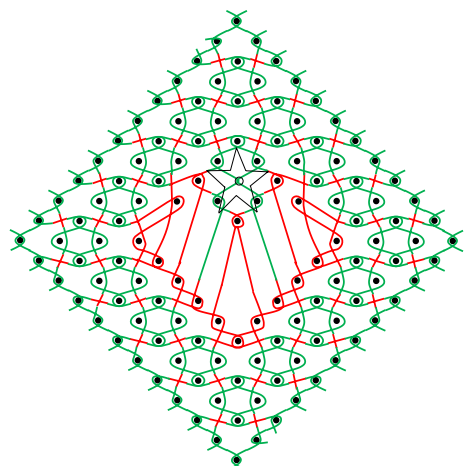
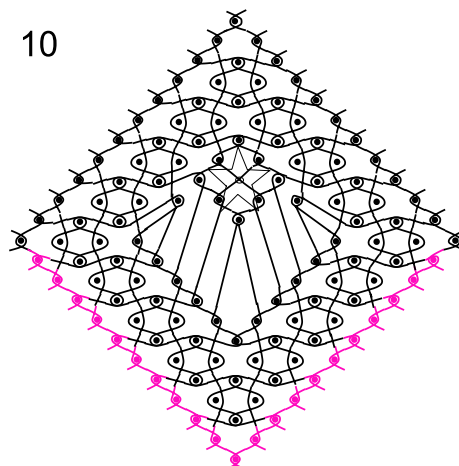
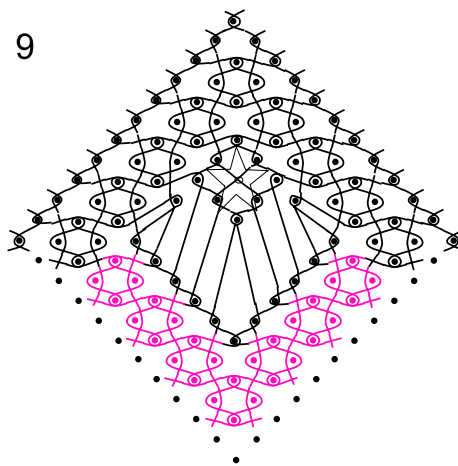
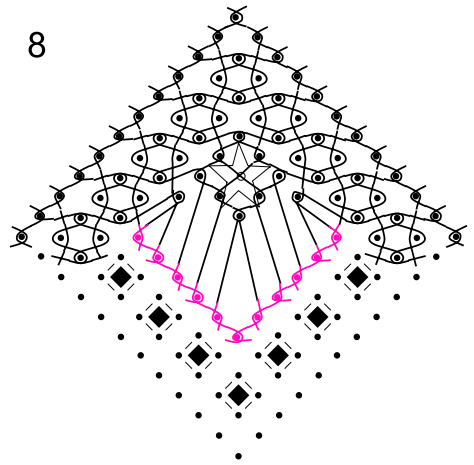
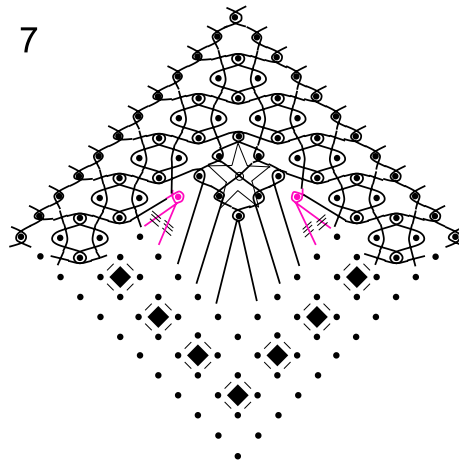
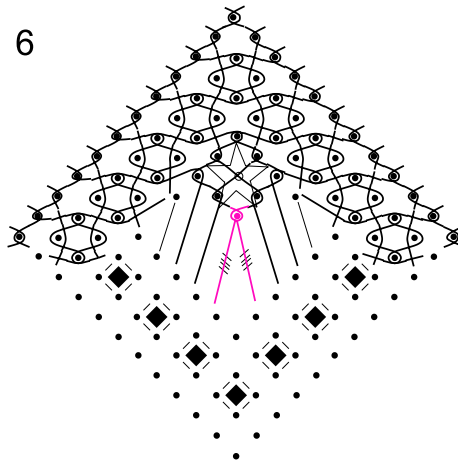
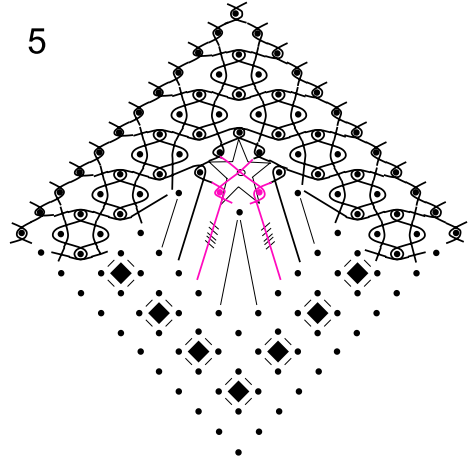
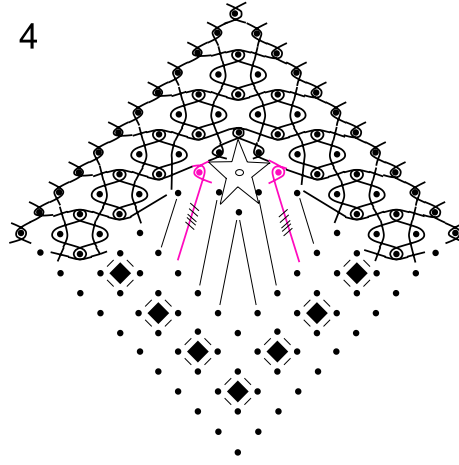
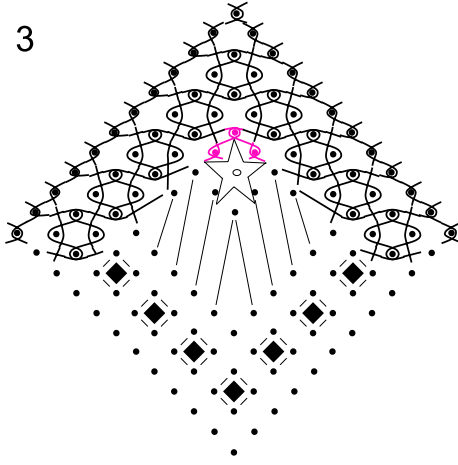
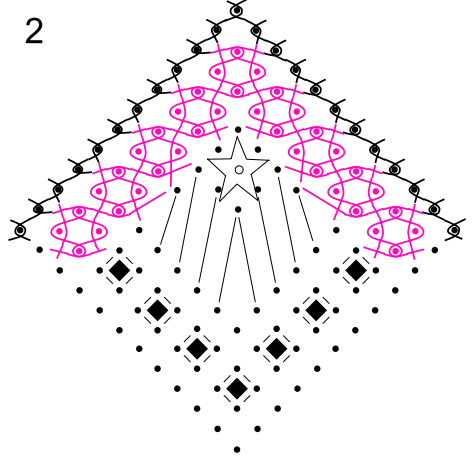
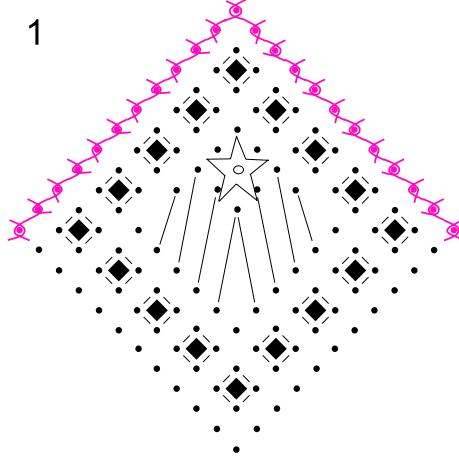
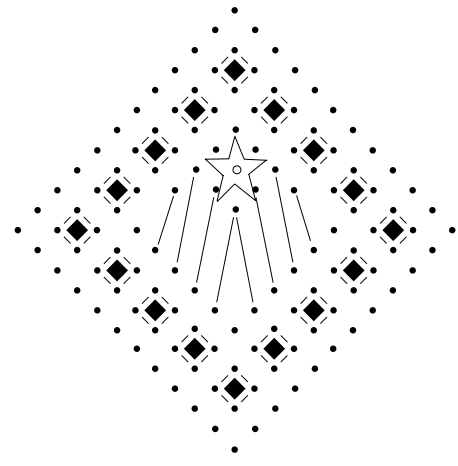
Star shine stitch

It works best with a star sequin but can also be worked with a round one or bead or even a square tally.

I have enclosed this stitch with both a roseground surround and a half stitch (CT) row.

Step by step

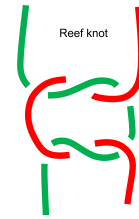
1. Do all the incoming pins in half stitch, pin, half stitch (CTpCT)
2. I have used the standard (to me) half stitch (CT) roseground with whole stitch (CTCT) ingress and egress although you could choose a different variety of roseground if you prefer.
3. The top 3 pins of the star area are worked in half stitch, pin, half stitch (CTpCT)
4. Work both the left and right 3rd pin on the star section in whole stitch, pin, whole stitch (CTCTpCTCT). The outer pair is a ray and has 5 twists added before laying them aside.
5. See, adding Sequins to Torchon Ground, just remember to get the star points where you want them before tensioning.
 - a. The outer pair is a ray and has 5 twists added before laying them aside.
6. The bottom star section pin is worked in whole stitch, pin, whole stitch (CTCTpCTCT) with both pairs having 4 twists added.
7. This next pin has the incoming pair crossing from the fourth roseground up to the pin.
 - a. Add 2 twist to the incoming pair from the fourth roseground
 - b. Using the outgoing pair from roseground 3 work whole stitch, pin, whole stitch (CTCTpCTCT).
 - c. Add 3 twist to both pairs
 - d. Lay the inside pair aside and use the outside pair in step 8.
8. Make sure all the ray pairs have the required number of twists and close the section with whole stitch, pin, whole stitch (CTCTpCTCT) on every outgoing pin.
9. Repeat step 2 to close the roseground surround
10. Repeat step 1 to close the entire element.



Ending Star Shine

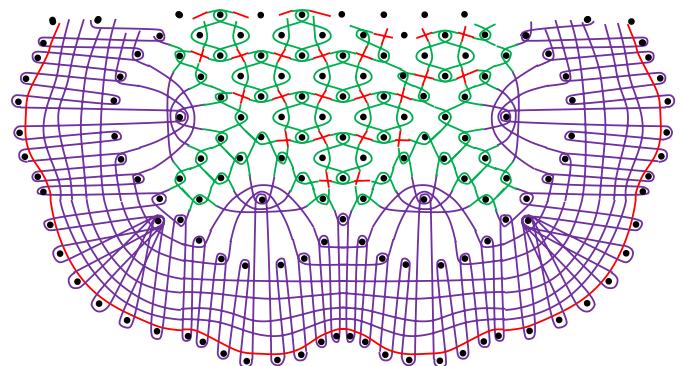
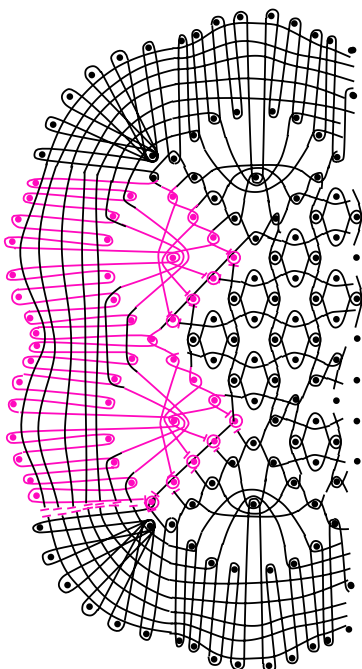
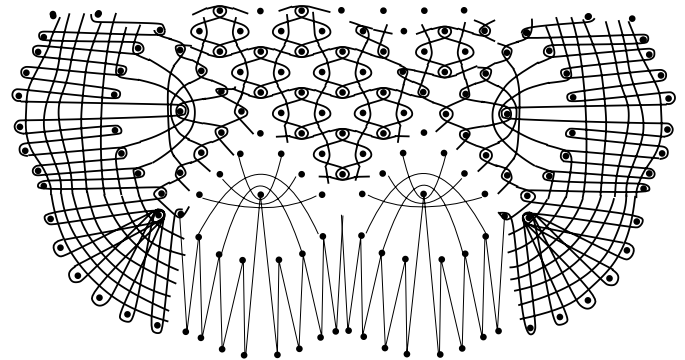
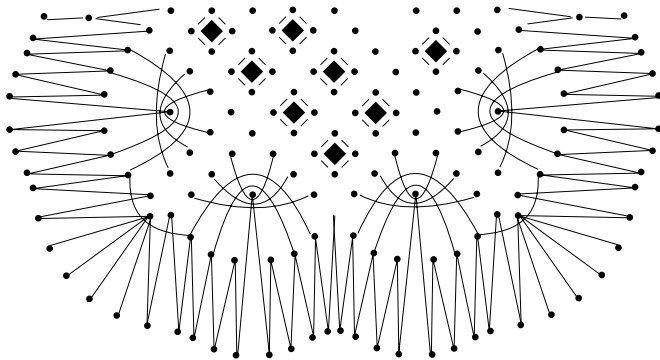
The ending is

1. Tying a reef knot with the pairs where the pattern is marked with the red circle at the spider edge and once off the pillow, trim close to the knot.
2. Using one bobbin from the top pair and the matching bobbin from the bottom pair, Tie a reef knot to join the passive threads together.



Suggestion

Use a sewing needle and weave the passive pairs into the fan cloth stitch (CTC) trail to hide the ends.



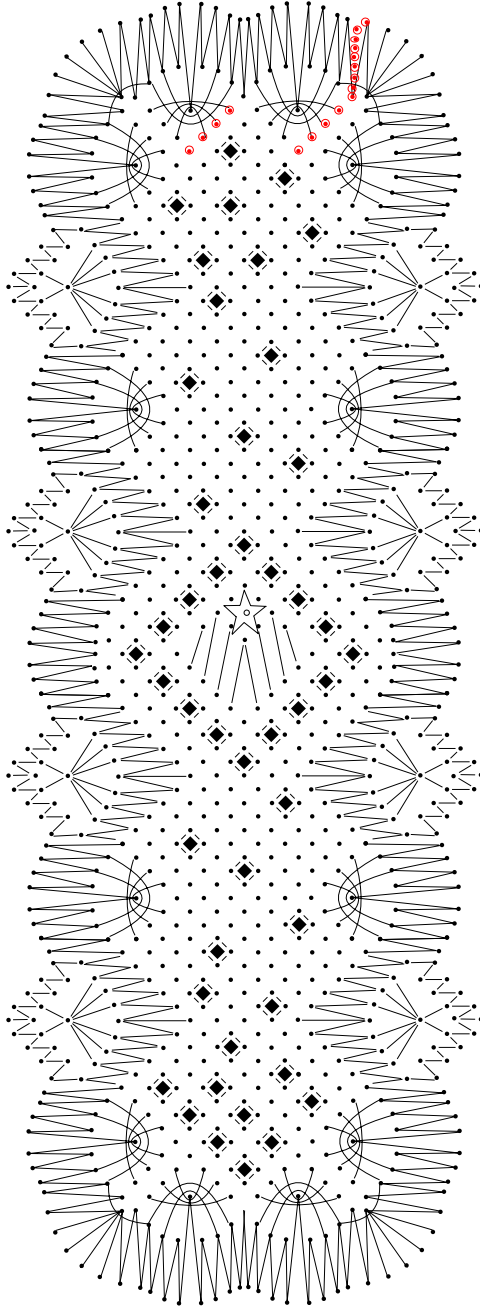
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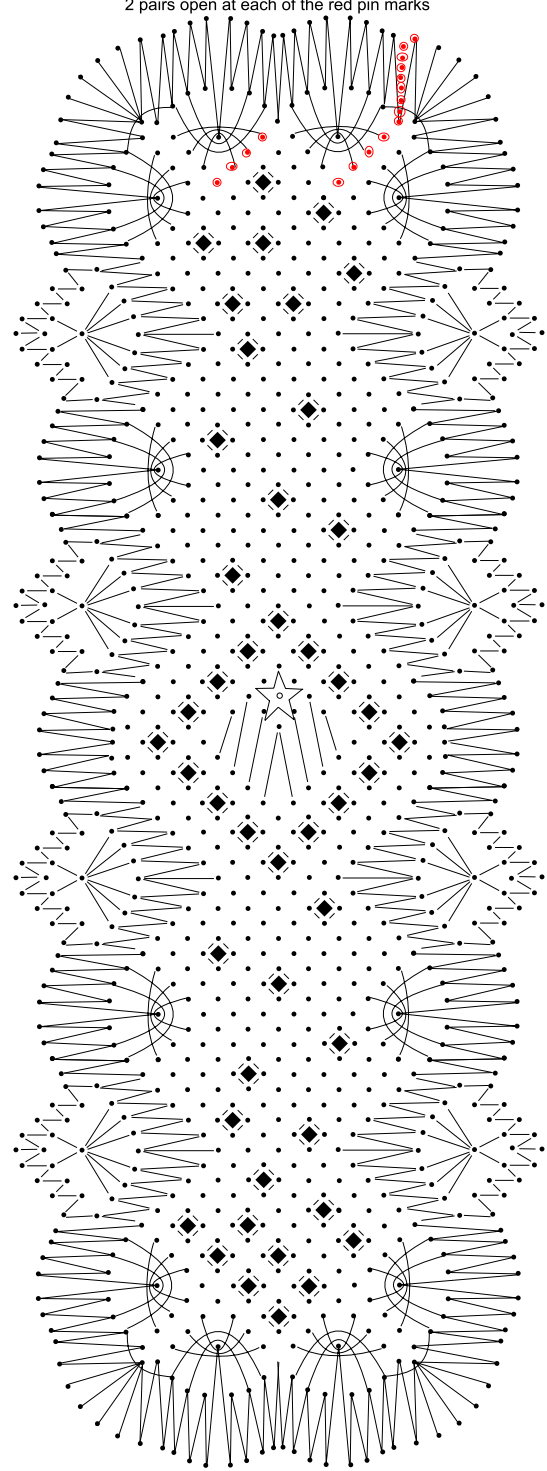
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Use this pricking with threads that have a Wrap Per Centimetre of between 28 and 40



Pricking page

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