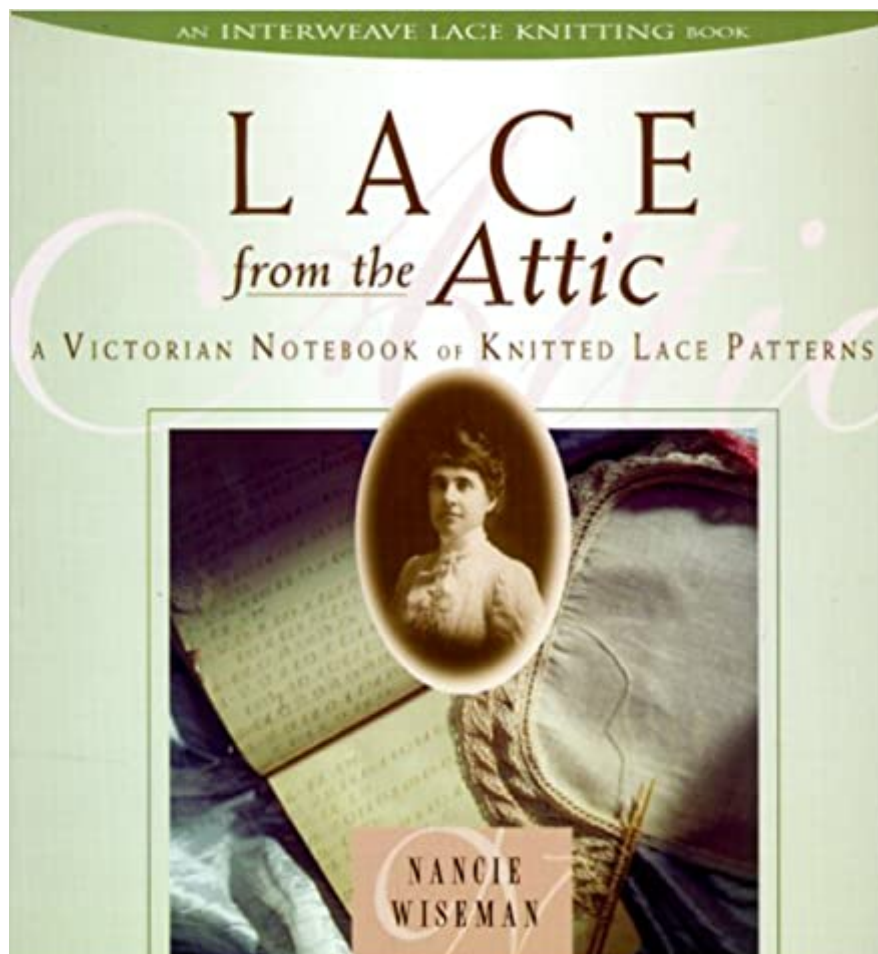




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Lace From The Attic: A Victorian Notebook Of Knitted Lace Patterns



Synopsis

Combining the story of one Victorian's knitting life with an astonishing collection of patterns, this book recalls the time when lace embellished everything from clothing to tea cozies. Taken from Blanche Beau's original book of swatches, the collection presents samples and written patterns updated with conventional abbreviations and terminology. It also offers ways to incorporate the patterns into projects.

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Customer Reviews

As fewer and fewer Americans have the opportunity to learn the exquisite needlework techniques that enriched life in past centuries, we are seeing in magazines like *PieceWork* and books like Wiseman's and Schurch's, reviewed above, attempts to preserve what remains of traditional textile craft techniques and patterns. For Wiseman, a 100-year-old leather notebook, filled with lace patterns and samples and belonging to a Miss Blanche Beau of Sacramento, CA, was the jumping-off place for adventures in deciphering, rewriting, and charting a marvelous collection of old lace edgings. Comprehensive information on the tools and techniques of lace knitting makes this book a good choice for beginners, while the more than 58 lace patterns included will appeal to the more experienced. Rounding out the book are 15 projects designed to use the edgings. A worthy acquisition for textile collections and public libraries. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Nancie Wiseman is the author of numerous craft books, including *Crochet with Wire* and *The Knitters Book of Finishing Techniques*.

This is an interesting little book. It contains lace patterns from a 100 yr. old notebook that was found in the attic of a house where Blanche Beau had lived. Nancie Wiseman translated the knitting patterns into modern knitting language. There are some beautiful lace patterns that can be used for edgings or even made into a scarf. There are a few projects in the back, but for experienced knitters with imagination, these lace patterns could be used for all kinds of things. I'm more of a beginner knitter, but did the vine lace pattern(p.43) in a class & did not find it difficult. It has charts as well as written instructions. The charts are easy to follow once you learn how to read them. I received this book promptly & in excellent condition from the seller. It was difficult to find, especially at the retail price of the book. I'm not sure why this was, but the seller had it for a good price, rather than an inflated one, like I saw on many sites for this book.

This book is modern interpretations of antique lace patterns. Some of the patterns are just the lace, or edging, but there are also complete patterns. Especially good for lace knitters, or those who knit authentic items for re-enactments.

I really enjoy this little book. And what an adventure. A leather-bound handwritten book was found in the attic of a victorian house in San Francisco. In this book were snippets of lace and knitting patterns for lace by the lady who had lived in the house all her life. We learn of her history, the history of the lady to whom the book was given and the history of her project of translating the patterns. The patterns are all provided with images. Great fun.

these patterns, mostly edgings, are easy to follow and very beautiful. If you like to add knitted edgings (perpendicular to your garment) to your pieces these are lovely. All the patterns are clearly articulated in written out form and perfectly charted. Nice piece of history in the story of the book and the timeless but still clearly Victorian flavor of the patterns. I am delighted with this book. Well worth the investment!

Lucky day when I found this book offered (new) from at a reasonable price. In the past, I had borrowed it from the library, but they took the lone copy out of circulation. This book is one of my essential resources, particularly since the patterns are charted.

I absolutely love this book! The history of knitting and patterns was very interesting and this is where

I started with my lace knitting

Great.

Granted, knitted lace is an esoteric art, *Lace From the Attic* is the compendium of lucid and beautiful patterns.

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