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"Antique" Satin and Lace Ornament



Fine lace knitted with unbleached linen and pearl seed beads against white satin suggests the look of an antique ornament.

Use this pattern as written to decorate a commercial ornament ball, or just as a jumping-off point using your favorite lace edging.

Makes a nice gift and remembrance for the holidays.

Materials and Supplies

Approximately 12 yards of 35/2 unbleached linen thread (as pictured) or equivalent fine thread such as size 20 crochet thread, and in your choice of color.

36 size 10/0 white pearl seed beads (as pictured) or your choice of color.

If you are using loose seed beads, some beeswax or paraffin will help in stringing the beads.

Size 1 US (2.25 - 2.5 mm) knitting needles.

1 ornament ball, 7.5" circumference. A white satin ball (thread-wrapped styrofoam) was used in the model pictured. If you have trouble finding a satin ornament, you may need to substitute a more readily available glass ball.

Small tapestry needle for joining and finishing ends.

3 or 4 fine gauge sewing pins (if using a satin ball) or clear craft glue (if using a glass ball).

Gauge: Lace edging depth = 1.5" and 12 of the 6 row repeats = 7.5" after blocking and lightly stretched.

Adjustments and substitutions

To adjust for other sizes of ornament balls, keep in mind that more thread may be needed, and that the total number of beads you will need depends on the number of 6-row repeats it takes to encircle the ornament — 3 beads are needed per 6-row repeat.

If you wish to substitute for other thread sizes, adjust as necessary for compatible sized beads and the size needles you need to produce an open lacy look. Your gauge may vary with the thread size substitution, so be careful to allow for an adequate amount of thread.