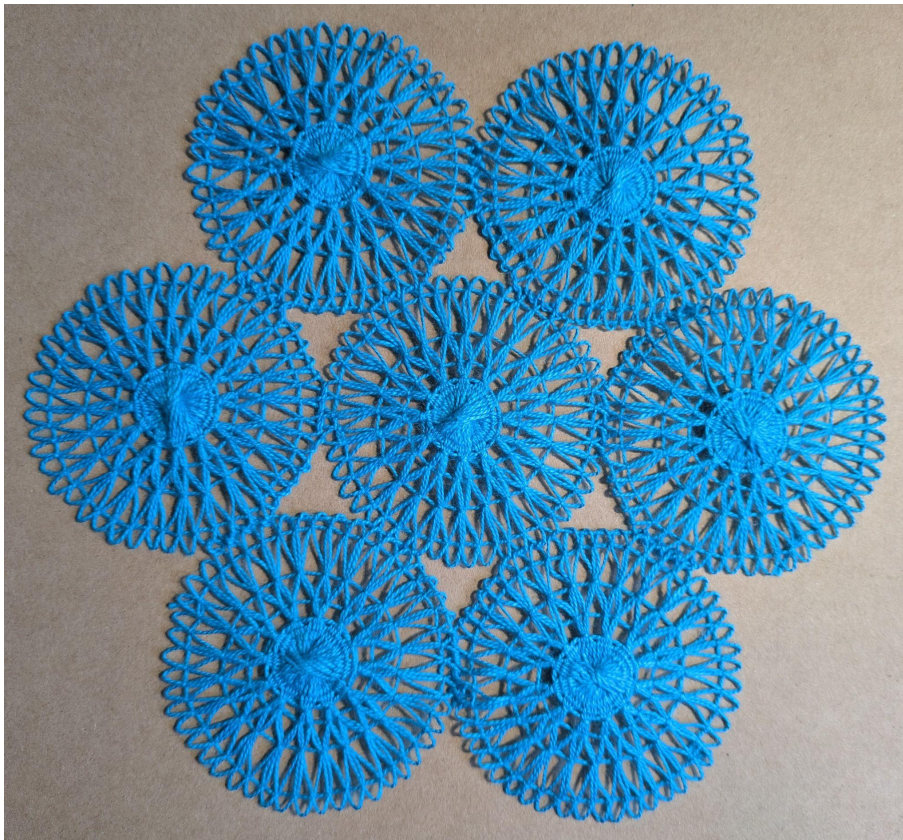


Joining Motifs



This exact joining method can be used with any 48 pin motif, and in future lessons I'll show you how to sew motifs of different shapes and sizes together.

You'll need

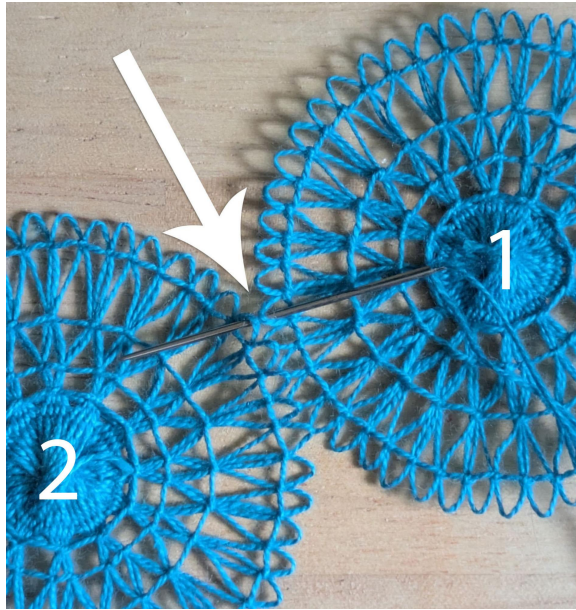
- 7 motifs made from the first lesson, in your choice of colours
- A blunt darning, or tapestry needle
- Scissors
- 1.2m or 1 ½ yards of the same size thread as you used to make your motifs

How to join the motifs together

There are several ways to sew your motifs together. In this lesson we'll learn the simplest method.

The only things you need to remember while sewing this size of motifs together are the number four, and to follow the arrows.

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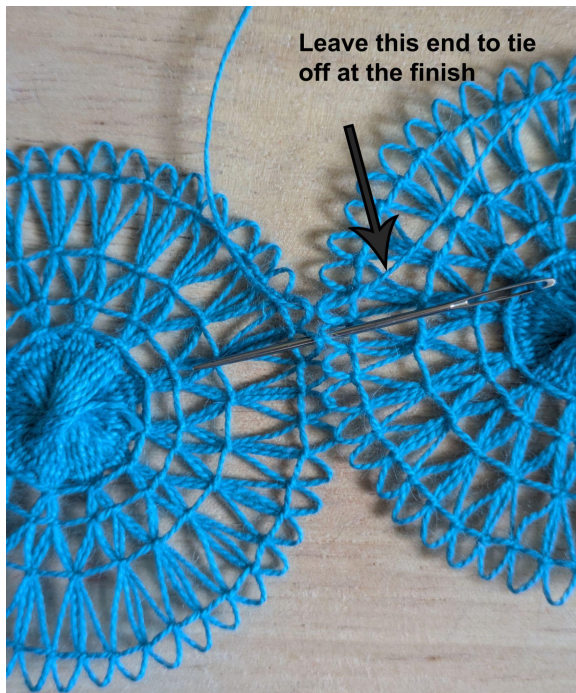
To begin, you'll sew two motifs together.

In the following diagrams these are numbered 1 (on the right), and 2 (on the left),

Cut 1.2m / 1 ½ yards of thread and thread into a blunt tapestry needle.

Place two motifs on a flat surface, with the wrong side, or back, facing you.

Pass your needle from right to left through one loop on each motif, as shown in the photo.



Leave the beginning end loose. You'll be tying the two ends of the thread together later.

Now put your needle, from right to left again, through the next pair of loops.

Repeat this, moving down one loop each time, until you have stitched a total of four sets of loops together.

Pull your thread just tight enough to make the loops sit neatly side by side.

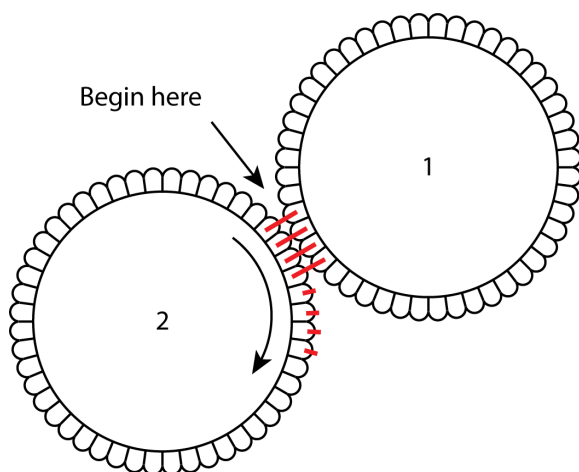
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Next, you will stitch through four single loops.

Always working from right to left, put your needle through the next loop on the left hand motif only (motif 2).

Stitch through a total of four loops this way. You are now in position to add the centre motif.

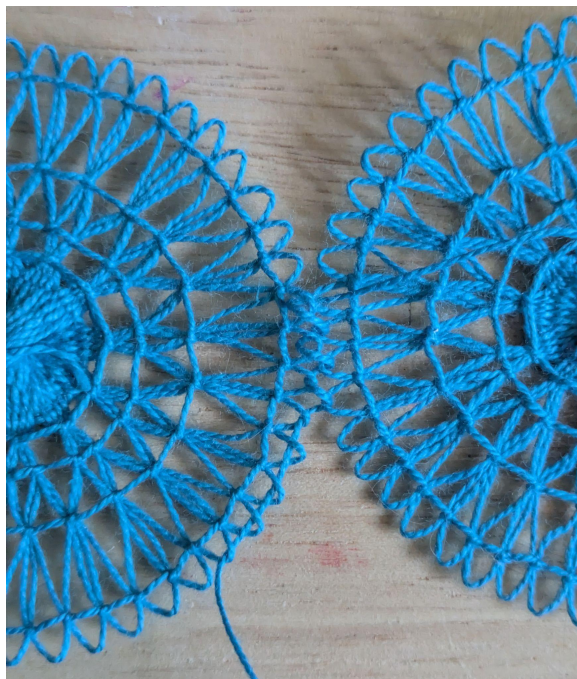


This diagram shows what you have just stitched.

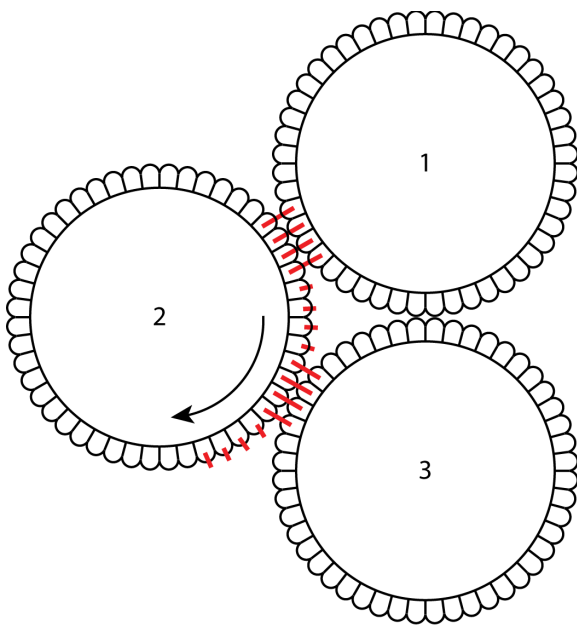
The long red lines show where you have stitched two motifs together.

The short lines show where you have stitched through single loops.

The curved arrow shows the direction you are stitching in.



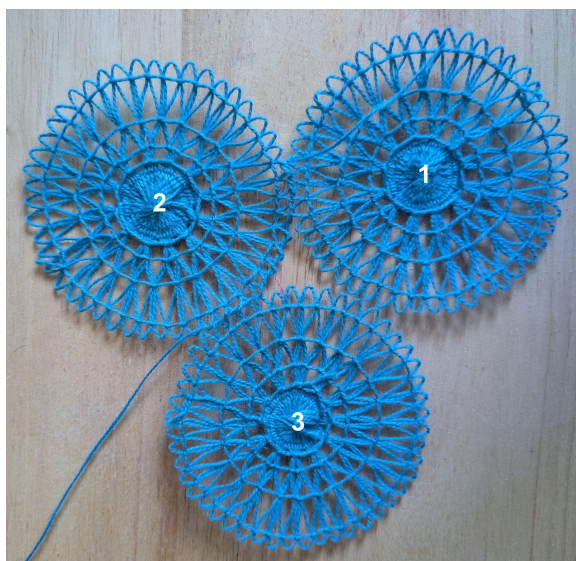
This is how your work should look so far.



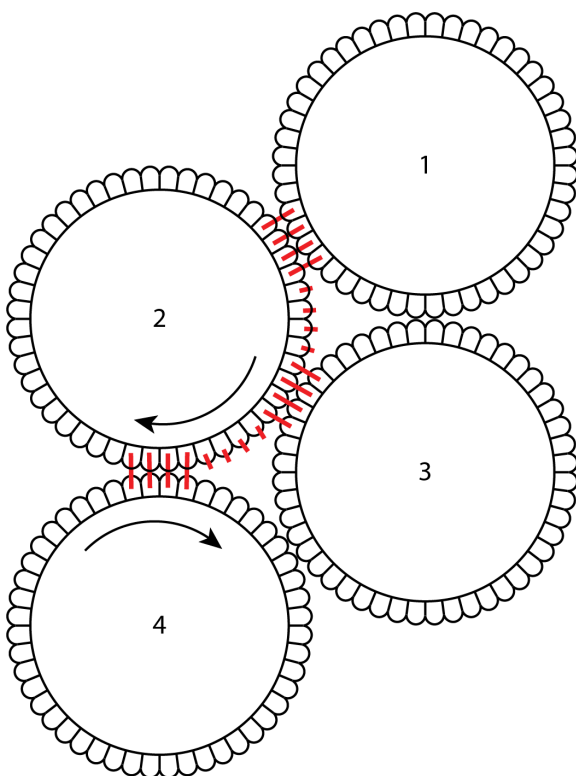
Follow the diagram to add the centre motif (motif 3) thus:

Sew motifs 2 and three together through four sets of loops.

Sew four single loops around motif 2.



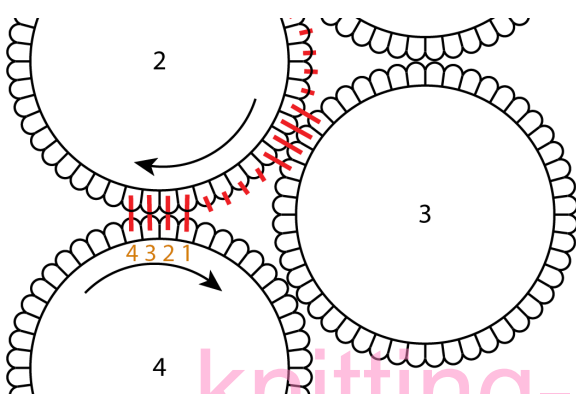
This is how your motifs should look after sewing motifs 2 and 3 together, but before sewing the next four loops on motif 2.



Next you will sew motif number 2 to number 4, through four sets of loops.

Notice there are two arrows pointing in different directions. This means you will stitch towards the outside of your doily, then return to the inside.

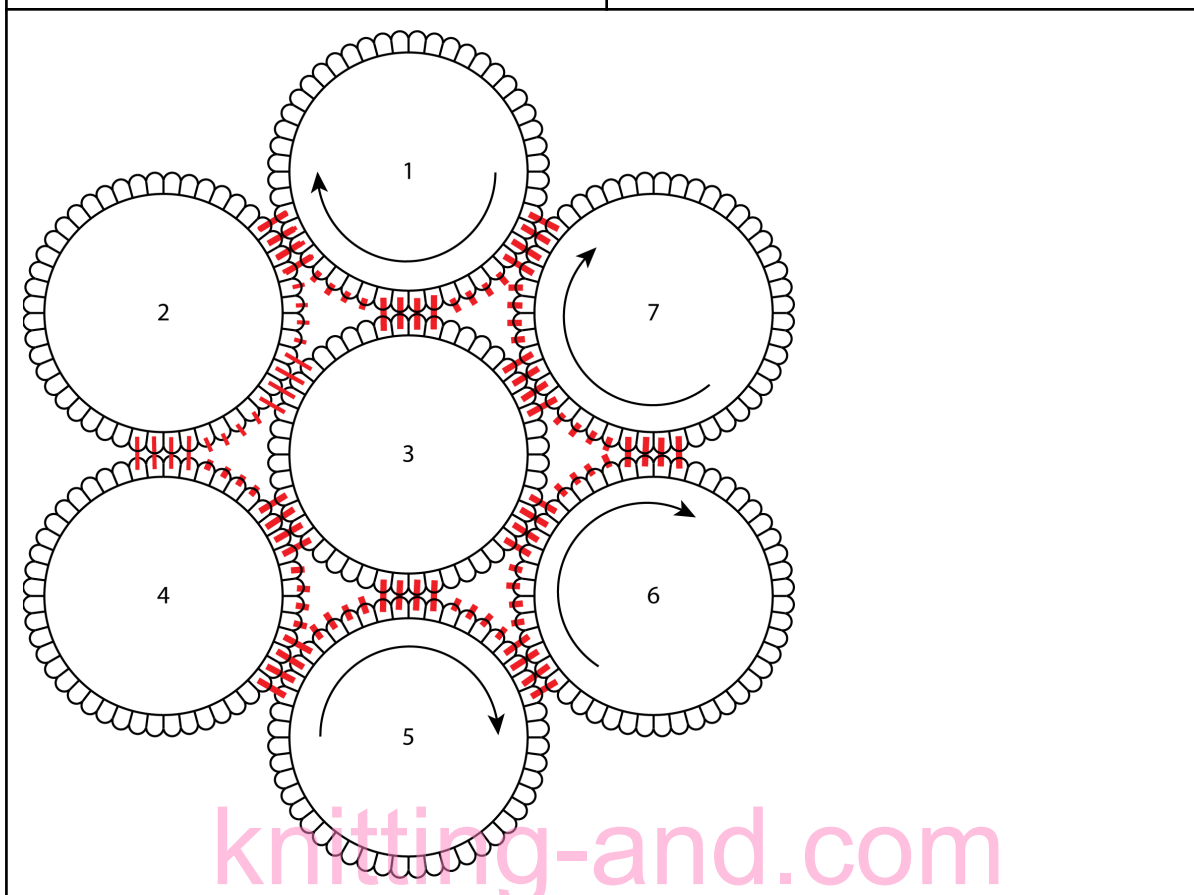
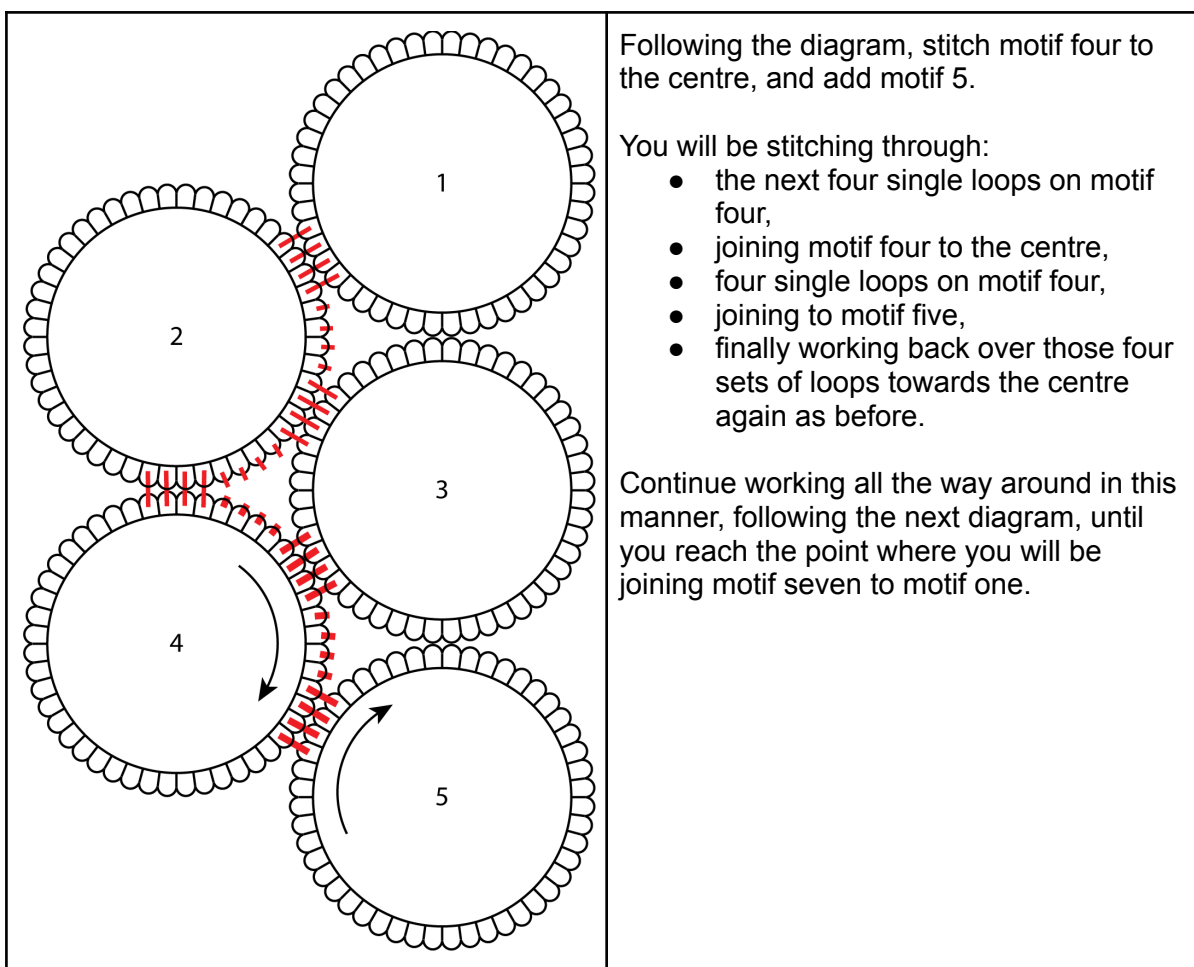
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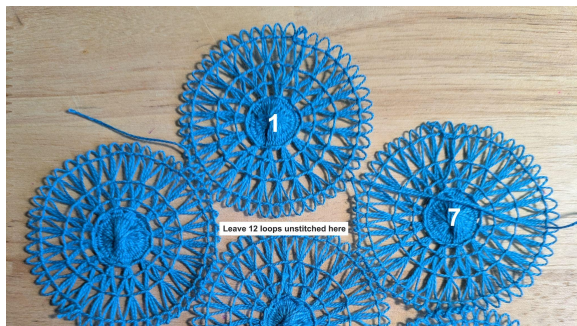


From right to left, stitch through the 1st pair of loops as before (labelled 1 in orange). Then the 2nd pair, 3rd pair, and 4th pair.

Now, working from left to right, sew through the 3rd pair, 2nd pair, 1st pair.

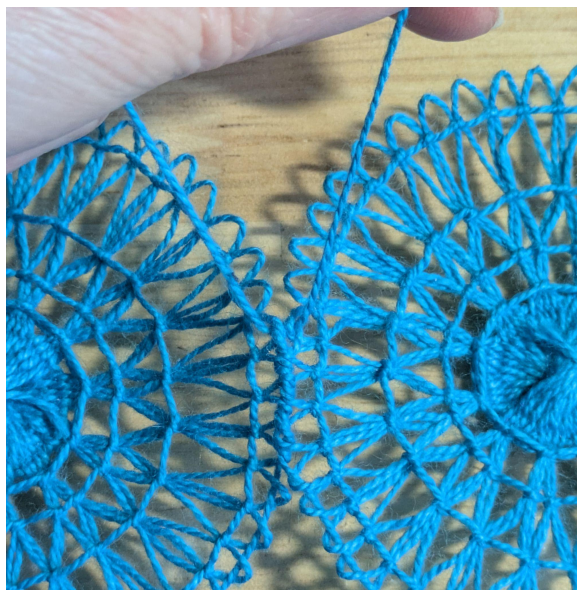
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Make sure to leave 12 loops at the bottom of motif one free, then join the next four sets of loops as normal.

Continue following the stitching diagram until you reach the point where you began stitching.



Trim your thread, and take the two loose ends.

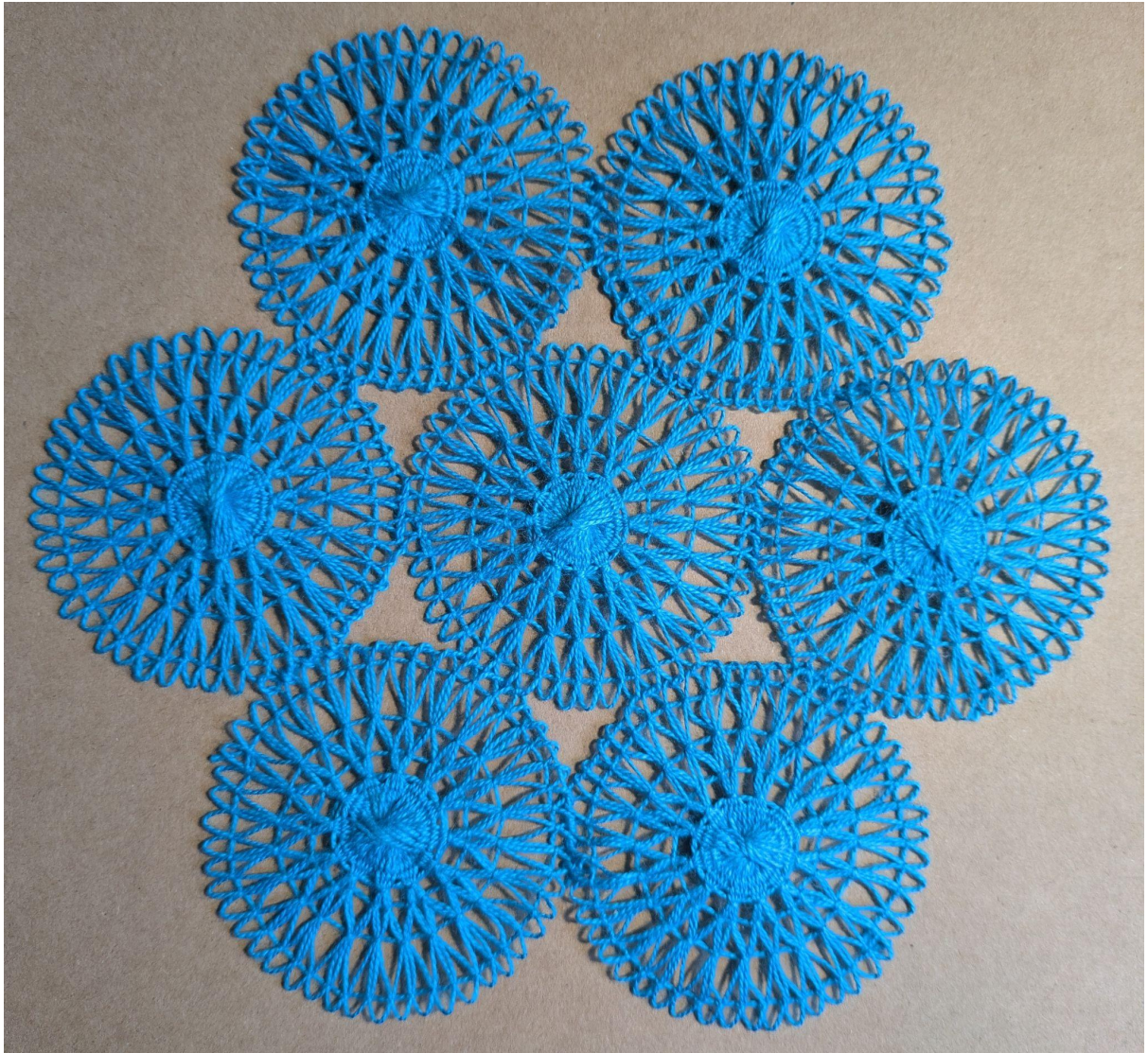


Tie them together firmly, and trim.

You have made your first Tenerife lace project!

Now turn your doily over and admire it.

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