



AUSTRALIAN LACE GUILD  
PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

HONITON LACE  
STAGE 1

1. Read the general guidelines.
2. Indicate clearly your choice of three (3) major finished assessment pieces.
3. Submit not less than six (6) pieces of work to show a sound working knowledge of techniques required.
4. Make a pattern and a sample from a photocopy that will be supplied by the Proficiency Coordinator, and chosen from the Guild pool.
5. Retain one (1) major finished piece to be resubmitted for Stages 2 and 3.
6. Submit a list of books consulted

**REQUIREMENTS FLAT HONITON**

**Beginning at a point**

**Leaves**

- Simple leaf – Whole stitch (cloth stitch)
- Simple leaf ~ Half stitch
- Leaf with vein (twisted vein)
- Leaf with ladder train (mittens)

**Divided leaf with sewings**

- Whole and half stitch

**Sewings**

- Edge sewings

**Braid with alternating whole and half stitch**

**Crossing the coarse threads**

**Crossing braids**

**Plain holes in braids or leaves**

**Finishing at a point**

**Sewing out into a braid**

**Leadworks**

**Purl edge**

**Rib (tenstick)**

- Stems
- Tendrils

**Simple half stitch flower**

with leadworks / cutwork centre



### **Simple fillings**

- Four pin
- Pin and a stitch
- Whole stitch block or any whole stitch block variation
- Purl pin bars

NOTE: The terms for these design features and techniques may vary from one source to another.

## **REFERENCES**

Suggested references may include, but are by no means limited to, the following books:

1. The Technique of Honiton Lace by Elsie Luxton. Published by Batsford 1979

This book is out of print but is readily available in libraries and is often available as a second-hand book at a reasonable price. It is the most comprehensive of all the books on Honiton lace.

2. Introduction to Honiton Lace by Susanne Thompson. Published by Batsford 1985

A good book for beginners with lots of good diagrams. Still readily available.

3. Honiton. Basic Technical Instruction Book by Joyce Dorsett. Published by The (English) Lace Guild 1996. Another good book for beginners. Readily available from the Lace Guild.