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LACE AND PATTERNS

The NGV has some delicate pieces of lace in its collection. Some of these pieces are hundreds of years old and come from Italy and France.

Lace is made with a needle and thread or by twisting and weaving threads around lots of pins on a frame or pillow. Like drawing a picture, spending time sewing can be a quiet and calming experience.

Take your time drawing lace and patterns on the next pages with your pencils.

Rich & powerful men and women wore lace trims on their outfits.

Sometimes it was the most expensive part of their garment.

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This border is inspired by a piece of lace from Venice, Italy, made hundreds of years ago.

Complete this page with drawings or your favourite pattern.

This drawing of a piece of lace is inspired by a border of lace made in Venice, Italy in the 16th century. Can you see things that are repeated in this lace pattern?



TAKE THE
CHALLENGE!

Continue the pattern or
design your own to finish this lace.



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Finish this outfit
with lace borders
and collars.

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