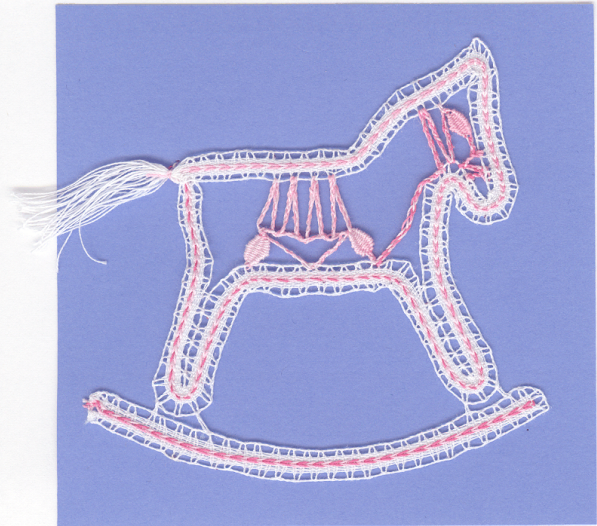


Rocking Horse

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3 pr white worker bobbins
4 pair white passives
2 pair blue or pink gimps

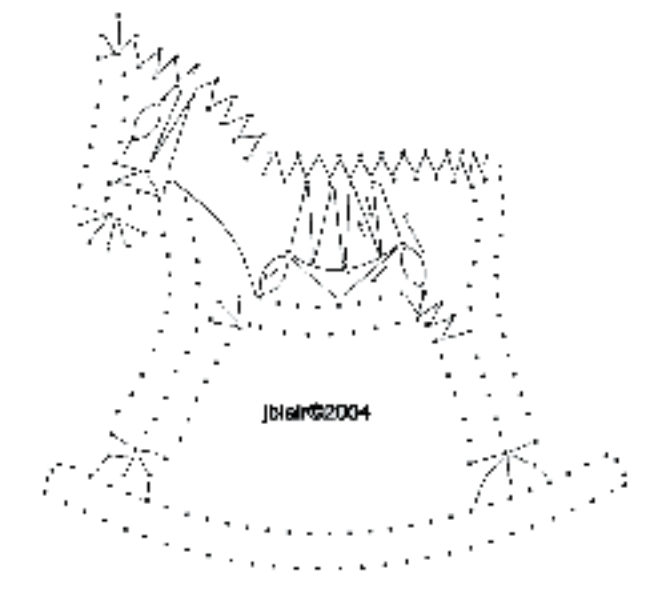
If you have a baby coming in the family, this design is ideal for using up scrap thread on bobbins as it starts and ends with the tail. I used DMC Machine Broder 50 or similar sized threads and variegated DMC 80 tatting thread for the gimps. If your thread is thicker or thinner than adjust the size of the pricking, or leave out two of the passive pairs either side of the gimp. I worked the fillings after working the outline.



It's a Girl!

Start with a bunch of threads knotted and held by a pin about 2 inches from the end of the body. Divide into appropriate pairs and start at the end of the body. You may have to hang on your gimps at this stage, rainbow fashion if you needed to wind them, these are worked chevron style. Work around the

outline, using pins more than once where shown and doing sewings on the legs. **Tip:** Leave your pins out after making a sewing; this will make a tighter join.



When you reach the beginning, sew into the original tape and gather the threads together making sure you sewed into any original loops you made (gimps). Knot your ends neatly in pairs and then using a gimp thread make half hitches around the bunch including the original tail threads. Tie with another gimp and cut off the tail at the length you want. Leave any gimp threads longer to pass through holes on your mounting card that you can tie together at the back.

The filling is made with 2 pair gimp threads and done continuously starting at the first leaf talley on the saddle. If you prefer not to do leaves then work a plait and replace the eye with a bead, and including the original tail threads.



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