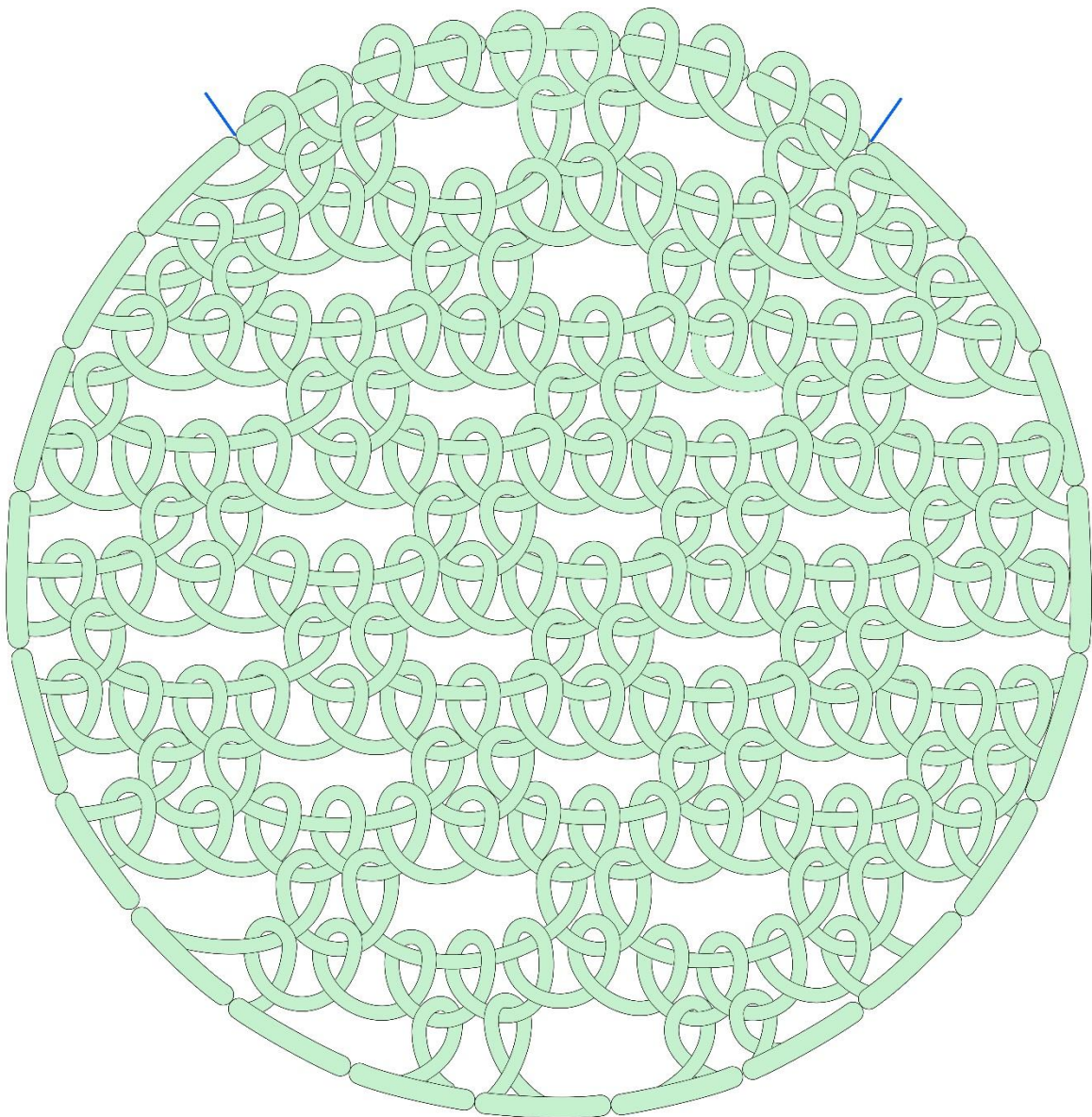




Needle Lace Stitch no. 8



In the video clip on the tuition page, the small sample was worked with perle no. 5 thread on a circle measuring 30 mm in diameter. If you wish to experiment with the stitch before you work it onto your project, the above diagram applies and you should work it with similar threads, following the directions below.

- *Work on a 30 mm diameter circle with perle no. 5 thread.*
- *Using the short blue lines in the diagram above to guide you, draw 2 lines or dots at approximately the point that you estimate the first line of detached buttonhole stitches will be. Use a heat erasable pen.*
- *Work backstitch around the entire circle, starting on the left adjacent to the small blue line that you have drawn. Your stitches should be 3-4 mm in length and try to fit 5 stitches between the area demarcated by the blue lines.*

Working the needle lace:

- *Working from left to right (LR), work 2 x detached buttonhole (DBH) into each backstitch (BS) that makes up the first row.*
- *When you reach the end of the row on the right, go into the fabric tucking your needle under the BS that is level with where you started on the left. Leaving the space you need to accommodate the second row, come up from under the BS. This is called the step down.*
- *Working from right to left (RL), [work 1 x DBH into next loop, 1 x DBH into next loop. Miss 2 loops]. Repeat [--] to end. Step down.*
- *#Working LR, [work 3 x DBH into each large loop and, 1 x DBH into each small loop that lies between the 2 x DBH worked in the previous row]. Repeat [--] to end. Step down.*
- *Working RL, [work 1 x DBH each into the two short loops that are in the middle of the group of three in the previous row]. Repeat [--] to end. Step down. #*
- *Keep working the rows from # to # until you have filled the required space trying to make sure that your last, but one row is a left to right row, the row that is a solid row of DBH with no longer loops in between.*
- *Working RL, attach the needle lace to the bottom of the circle by coming up from under the backstitch immediately below the short loop that runs between stitches 2 and 3 of the group of 3 in the previous row.*
- *Work 1 x DBH through this short loop and go back into the fabric, tucking the needle under the backstitch.*
- *Come up again immediately below the short loop that runs between stitches 1 and 2 of that same group of 3 in the previous row. Work 1 x DBH into that loop and go back into the fabric, coming up again below the next group of 3 to attach it in the same way.*
- *Repeat as many times as necessary.*