

GIGA LACE

1:19:05 Over 500 years old the mining town of Idrija has a long tradition of hand-made bobbin lace.

1:19:17 A school for bobbin lace was established in 1876. A group of women, bobbin-workers decided to make a giant lace.

1:19:29 This is how it starts. You have to attach a pattern to a pillow.

1:19:41 These wooden spools, on which the yarn is wound, are called bobbins.

1:19:47 The lace is created by intertwining and twisting the bobbins.

1:20:06 Girls and boys can start to learn the process of lace making from an early age. There's a lot of interest in this process; therefore there is no fear of this craft dieing out.

1:20:17 Of course, a lot of time and passion is needed for this type of work. For 14 skillful bobbin-workers, the making of the giant lace was a huge challenge. The most persistent one worked for even up to 14 hours a day!

1:20:44 Every floweret has to be made separately, and all the threads have to be cut individually.

1:21:10 The bobbin-workers made 46 pieces of lace. Now they have to assemble them in the correct order.

1:21:30 Stitching is difficult, as the seams have to be invisible.

1:22:00 And what we see here is a three metres long and a metre and 80 centimetres wide tablecloth, created after 6300 hours of diligent and persistent work!