

Managing a List of Lacemaker Resource Sites

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When a fellow I.O.L.I. / NELG chapter member, Mary Magnan, asked for help improving Wikipedia's lace pages, I gladly volunteered. That project made me realize just how outdated my own Excel spreadsheet of lace resources had become. I was sure there were some broken links in there that needed to be fixed.

Automating the Tedious Work: I do not think I am alone in saying my exposure to OpenAI's ChatGPT (a generative artificial intelligence chatbot) as an "assistant" is limited (but growing with some help from my daughter). She introduced me to it when I wanted touch up a photograph – the result was great, and process was easy. If you are unsure about 'AI', have someone show you how first, or you can learn more about the ChatGPT AI on [Wikipedia wikihow.com/Use-Chat-Gpt](https://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/how_to_use_chat_gpt).

I asked ChatGPT "How can I check the weblinks in my Excel file automatically?" One of the suggestions was to use a formula in Google Sheets, <https://workspace.google.com/products/docs/>. This approach combined two functions: ISERROR and IMPORTXML. I did not have to understand the coding—just copy and paste the formula into a cell to the right of the link, and change the formula's cell address to the link column, C2. See Figure 1.

Once the formula was in place, I copied it down the column, and now every time I open my Google Sheet file, the code checks all the links for me. The results show either OK or Broken or redirected, making it easy to keep the list current. Note: This method works only for public, non-password-protected links, and for batches of 50–100 links at a time. Also, be sure to include "https://" in the link address.

Keeping the List Alive: I know my list is only a starting point, but with this new file I am finally confident that I can keep it updated, organized, and useful for myself and others. Feel free to use my list and add any great sites you find to it!

Joans Lace Link Checker 2025 -Google Worksheet: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yPvwMH3jnneGAJlihs-CgoWRLJHAXkOrW2njljE4POO/edit?usp=sharing>

I have included a few notes about my main categories below. My list is naturally biased toward vendors I have used over the years, and leans more heavily toward tatting, as I have been a tatter much longer than a maker

of bobbin or Mediterranean knotted lace. For other lists, check out the items in *italics* for sites that also include link lists, especially the NELG website (nelg.us/Lacemaking-Resources).

Organizations & Learning Events: I track several local events, and often plan vacations or visits with family and friends around lace related events. Fiber fairs are now on my list as places to demonstrate lace. I met a small group of young tatters/fiber artists in my own town at this year's NELG demonstration at the CT Sheep, Wool, and Fiber event, <https://ctsheep.com>. They were looking for recommendations for fibers – and I certainly have tips to share with them! I recently started tatting with yarn – what fun!

Social Media – Virtual Groups and other places for "Eye Candy": There is plenty of inspiration in the pictures posted on the Internet on sites like Pinterest. Whenever I have spare time and want to see beautiful designs for Turkish Needle Lace (Oya), I will just type in "İğne Oyası Yapımı" and dream!

I think we can all agree that social media has good and bad points. I love meeting new people, interacting on blog sites, and being inspired by the work of others, but I do NOT like it when people do not respect designer copyrights. You can find me lurking on these and other lacing sites.

Vendors: While the Internet is the #1 place now to find resources for lace making materials, I especially like to support vendors who can haul products to lace events! For the international shops listed – most of the time I try to organize a group order with other guild and lacemaking friends to save on shipping.

Patterns, Printed, & Video Resources: As you can tell, I look for free patterns, sites with good deals and instructions. YouTube is so full of helpful videos for all types of lace – just type in YouTube tatting or YouTube bobbin lace, and let your journey begin!

I know my list is just a starting point for lace resources, but at least now I can be sure it will stay up to date!

Copy of Joans Lace Link Checker 2025 -Google Worksheet

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E2 =IF(ISERROR(IMPORTXML(C2,"//title")), "Broken or redirected", "OK")

	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Category	Site Name	Link	Notes	Link check	Link Check Notes
2	Vendors	A Twisted Picot	https://www.atwistedpicot.com/	Kelli not only sells, teaches great online classes	OK	
3	Patterns, Print+Video	Free Tatting Patterns	https://www.facebook.com/groups/34652551944861	Patterns uploaded in the Files area.	OK	
4	Vendors	Handy Hands	https://hhtatting.com	Great for Lizbeth threads!	Broken or redirected	5/23/2025 OK
5	Patterns, Print+Video	Hensel Productions	https://henselproductions.com/	Wide selection of instructional lacing videos.	OK	
6	Vendors	LACIS	https://www.lacis.com/	CA, lins, beads, buttons, tools, and books.	Broken or redirected	5/23/2025 OK
7	Patterns, Print+Video	Isaline West	https://www.isalinewest.com/	Robbin lace videos on Youtube	OK	

Figure 1. 2025 JMT LINK List tab has Joan's favorite lacing resources, and the link check formula in Column E.



Joan Thomas at NELG's demo table; 2025 CT Sheep, Wool, and Fiber event. Wearing a tatted scarf (yarn) she made based on a pattern from Molly Yoshikawa's new book, Beach Tatting.

Organizations & Learning Events		
Finger Lakes Tatting event	fingerlakestatting.com	In upstate NY in Apr.
I.O.L.I.	internationalorganizationoflace.org	Annual event (location varies); member area for virtual bulletins (print available but digital is great to zoom in!); book sales and lending library.
Jean Leader	jeanleader.net/index.html	Zoom teaching, books, videos
Jo Edkins' Bobbin Lace School	theedkins.co.uk/jo/lace/index.htm	Reference site, classes
Lace Embrace Event	lacemakersok.wixsite.com/lmgo	In Bartlesville OK, on the first Sat of Oct.
<i>New England Lace Group</i>	nelg.us/	My favorite from last year's calendar was to demonstrate at the Big E fair in West Springfield MA; including a great Lace-makers Resource list!
Palmetto Tatting Guild	palmettotatters.org/other-tatting-events	Maintains a list of other tatting events too.
The Lace Museum	thelacemuseum.org/	Zoom teaching, Etsy shop for books
Raleigh Lace Museum	ksclcfoundation.org/museum-IX.php	Display, beginner lessons
Social Media – Virtual Groups and other places for “Eye Candy”		
Beginner Bobbin Lacers	facebook.com/groups/282872223030657	Been lurking here – need time to participate!
Bobbin Lace Along	facebook.com/groups/309430601364746	
Oya Needle Lace (English)	facebook.com/groups/1663614983922033	Basic needle lace instruction file.
The Fringe Tatters	fringetatters@gmail.com	Email with tatting event news and tatting exchanges.
The Online Tatting Class	theonlinetattingclass.com/	Free beginner and designer tatting lessons.
Threads Tribe	youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=WMx-HIGrA_rA&feature=youtu.be	Needle lace intro videos.
Wanda's Knotty Thoughts	wandasknottythoughts.blogspot.com/p/my-patterns.html	Blog with patterns.
Patterns, Printed and Video Resources		
Antique Pattern Library	antiquepatternlibrary.org/html/warm/main.htm?fbclid=IwAR2y2FNI0VanfOXD18xw4Ub_jNsttPvFVBy3p89X6Aa4Y6etU4JnG2IGc	You can find the old Priscilla books and Workbasket magazines online for knit, crochet, tatting, and hairpin lace.
Cariad Tatting	cariad-tatting.com/?fbclid=IwAR3P1Fxe4YubJISCEah1svtcsdUvV4xUS2CMygciW-cp5_iFuvXXIjH783Q	Look no further for tatted ice drops!
Endrucks 1920 Facebook	facebook.com/groups/1235560633606162	This group makes old tatting new again!
Endrucks 1920 Project	docs.google.com/document/d/17LEVftXwez-BIOWh4sL4BB7bX65ssoOsOn4oXlgCepY/view?tab=t.0#heading=h.ngcma47fllj8	Eleonore Endrucks-Leichtenstern published a book in 1920 (in German) which Martha Ess scanned & made public in 2011/12.
Free Tatting Patterns	facebook.com/groups/346525519448614/files/files	Patterns uploaded in the Files area.
Hensel Productions	henselproductions.com/	Wide selection of instructional lacing videos.
<i>Jane Eborall</i>	janeeborall.blogspot.com/	A super page of additional tatting related Internet sites!
Karey Solomon's Tatting Times	tattingtimesonline.blogspot.com/	Online tatting blog ran 2007-2022.

Louise West	youtu.be/kWsNfh2hypI?si=0LEIIxu_qKnsRc-CW	Bobbin lace videos on Youtube.
muskaan's T*I*P*S	tipsaroundthehome.blogspot.com/p/patterns-designs.html?m=1	Tatting techniques and patterns
Tatting by the Bay	tattingbythebay.blogspot.com/p/blog-page.html	An all-in-one place for tatters who are looking to design tatting with Inkscape.
Tatting Free Pattern	facebook.com/groups/1375657739414922	A neat marketing idea. Give a free pattern and show others for sale on Etsy.
Tatting Unlimited	facebook.com/groups/415518732385291	Formerly only free tatting patterns.
Vendors		
AR Archers Lace Bobbins	ararcherltd.co.uk/	Fine bone bobbins.
A Twisted Picot	atwistedpicot.com/	Kelli not only sells, teaches great online classes.
<i>Be-Stitched</i>	be-stitched.com/	<i>Free and fee patterns, instructions for tatting and sewing; Internet link list.</i>
Biggins Lace	bigginslace.co.uk/	Torchon patterns and threads.
BobbinLace.Online	bobbinlace.org/shop	
Designs by Marguccio	designsbymarguccio.com/	Focus on Idrija.
Fine Threads	finethreads-vermontlace.com	
Handy Hands	hhtatting.com/	Great for Lizbeth threads!
Lacemaker USA	etsy.com/shop/LacemakerUSA	
The Tatting Corner	tattingcorner.com/	Lisa – vends at Tatting Group in NY.
Van Sciver Bobbin Lace	vansciverbobbinlace.com/	Holly – vends at NELG Retreat in CT.
Kloeppelshop	kloeppelshop.de/en/home/	Based in Germany. I spend hours looking at their printed catalog.
Lace Supplies Spotlight	facebook.com/groups/245066480255656	Site for lace suppliers to sell worldwide.
LACIS	lacis.com/	Linens, beads, buttons, books, tools in CA
Marion Jewels in Fiber	store.jewelsinfiber.com/news.html	Kumihimo and silk threads.
ProvoLaceShop	etsy.com/shop/ProvoLaceShop	
Roseground	roseground.com/	Bobbins, tatting & books in UK.
Snowgoose	snowgooselace.com/snowgoose-lace/homepage/	CO, books & threads.
Tatting & Design	tatting.co.uk/store/	Based in UK.
The Needlepoint Joint	needlepointjoint.com/	