Bruges Lace is one of the ‘non-continuous’ laces, ie it is made in pieces - leaves, flowers and scrolls - which are linked together with sewings, plaits and fillings. It is not made as a continuous whole. The lace is worked in a clockwise direction with the right side of the lace facing the pillow. A large flat pillow is preferable and whilst Continental (unspangled) bobbins are desirable, spangled bobbins may be used.

This book will take you through the techniques required to make a piece of three-dimensional effect Bruges lace, beginning with simple flowers and leaves working through to the final piece. Each chapter will include the techniques required for that piece of lace.
First Basic Flower

This flower has six petals, which may be worked in ws, hs or alternately in ws and hs. It has a centre plait with picot filling. The petals have a ds edging and you will need to backstitch. You will need 10 pairs of bobbins wound with a good metre of Bockens 60/2 or equivalent.
Chapter 4

Leaves

The flowers are the main part of Bruges lace and the techniques to work two different flowers have been introduced in Chapters 2 and 3. The individual flowers may be used on their own, under a paperweight, a coaster or in the lid of many of the products now available to the lacemaker, but their main use is as part of a more intricate design. Leaves are also an integral part of any design. Braids and scrolls form a framework for the flowers and leaves and are linked to them by filling stitches.

In this chapter the method of working two different types of leaves are explained; a single leaf and a three bladed trefoil leaf. A third type of leaf is shown in Chapter 6.

Working the leaves introduces several new techniques a straight edge and raised work. The leaves are worked in two halves, the first side being worked in ws, the second in hs. A ds (double stitch) edge is worked at the outer edge of the leaves whilst a straight edge is worked at the centre pinholes on the first half of the leaf and with sewings being made at the centre pinholes on the second half.