



Lace dress exposition

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Pattern: lily-of-the-valley on a leaf



Lace edge of Haapsalu shawl

Lace centre souvenirs

Opening hours:

from September to April Tue-Fri 11-16 and Sat 11-15,
from May to August Tue-Fri 11-18 and Sat 11-15.

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Haapsalu LACE CENTRE

Haapsalu and laces — these have belonged together for already two hundred years.



Permanent exhibition of the lace centre



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This is how long local women have knitted airy scarves and shawls that have made the knitters, the town as well as all Estonia well-known around the world. The given knitwork is perhaps best known for the fact that a true Haapsalu shawl can be pulled through a ring.

Haapsalu Lace Centre is a handicraft centre accommodating also a permanent exposition of Haapsalu laces and thus providing an overview of their patterns and also the uses of our lace on various objects. In knitting, the historic technology is still employed – the lace is knitted separately and then sewn to the middle section. It still hasn't been replaced with any quicker or more convenient solutions. A Haapsalu shawl with bobbles is definitely knitted by hand – until this day no machines have been invented for knitting the bobble (called nupp) for the shawl.

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pattern: lily-of-the-valley with a long stem

Shawl lace workshop