

# HALLOWEEN ROMANIAN POINT LACE GHOST PATTERN



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INK & LACE



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Working RPL you need high quality threads and hooks. I use Romanofir as you well know, a traditional thread for point lace and fine crochet and high quality tulip or vintage hooks. You can use fine hooks if you are ok with them. For this pattern you will need a bullion crochet hook. This hook has a longer shaft and is pointy. You see that in the bullion section.

Regards thread size you are welcome to use size 8 and 10. The finer that better. I used size 8 macaroons on the right. If you want to order those use the main website [www.balea-raitz.com](http://www.balea-raitz.com) Show me that you purchased this pattern and I give you a coupon for purchasing threads!



# THE GHOST

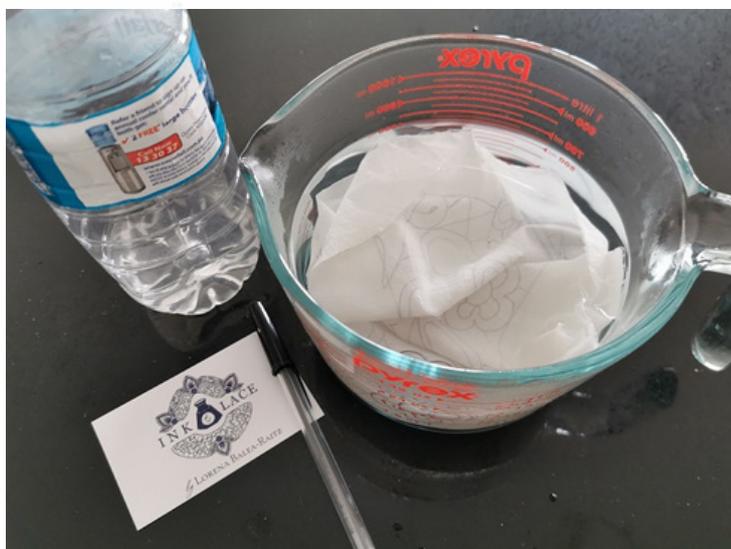


# PATTERN MAKING

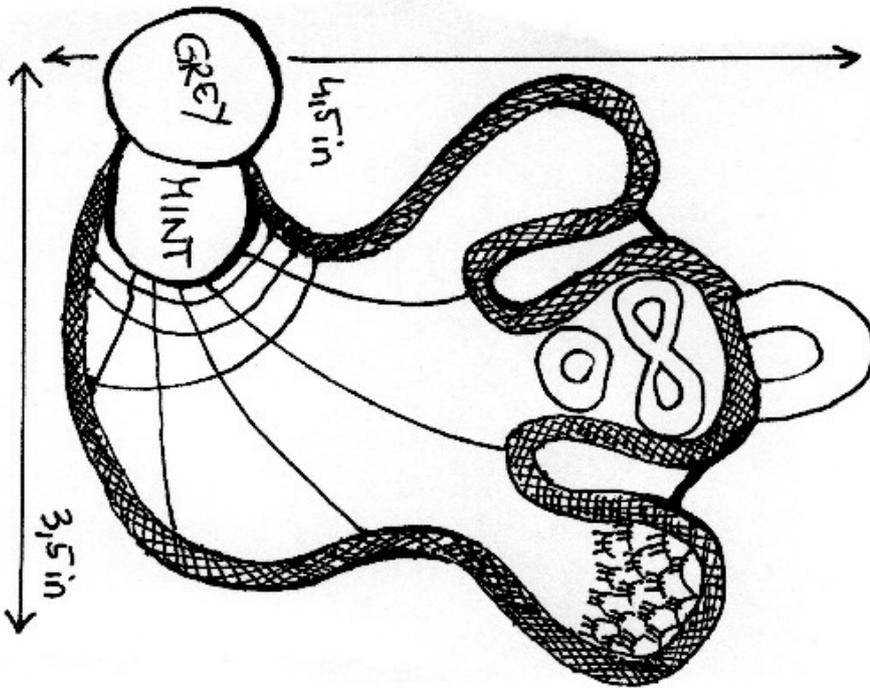
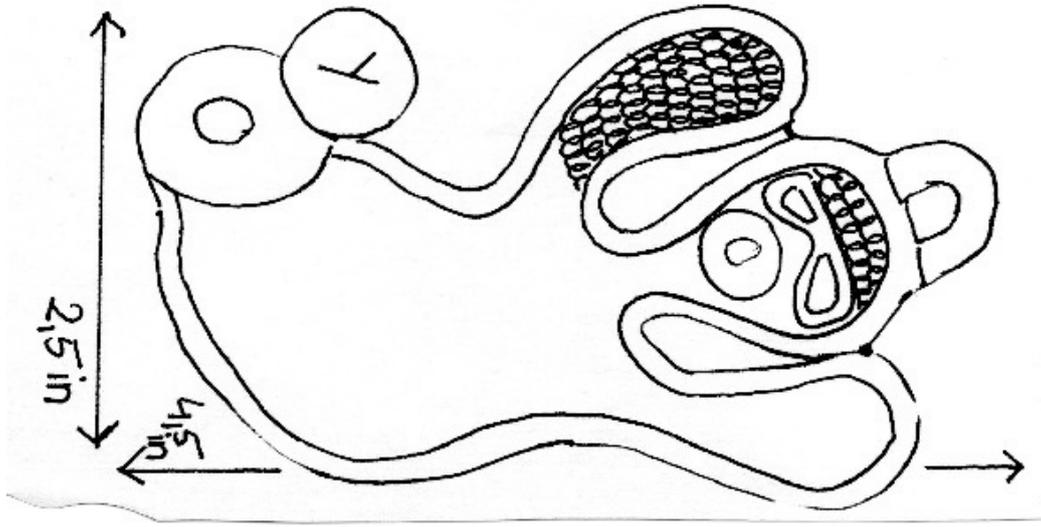
Prepare the calico for the pattern:

Mix 2parts water and 1part vinegar in a bowl. Place the calico piece in the hot water using tongs ( the design will not wash out). Wash it by hand and hang it to dry. Iron it later on.

Create the cord using a high quality crochet thread, a different color sewing thread, a blunt needle, a crochet hook....  
To keep the cord in a good condition roll it up and pin it with a safety pin.



# PRINT ME OUT...



# LET'S GHOST LACE...



Now you can pick any colour combo you like, all up to you! I love to put some colours together my little one picked!

With that said, let's start!

You need, grey, white a little red and mint, for the ghost pattern with the ghost pattern with the spider web design!

Threads combo for the white ghost and the orange pumpkins!

White, orange, yellow and a touch of red!

But first things first! CORD< CORD and CORD!

If you are familiar with my pattern you know I keep on saying make CORD! You will need it!

Start creating the cord to outline the ghost. Once done, create the other cords, mint and red. If you need a longer cord at the top to hang the ghost, feel free to make it longer.

# WHITE GHOST...



Once the white simple cord is created, you can create the grey cord and have it ready for the other ghost pattern! In this case you can actually work parallel and create both ghost pattern at the same time!

Remember you can use other colour combos! You can even try combos of white and beige or simply white, if you go for a bohemian look.

Attach the cord to the calico and sew the yellow cord on the top. Again you can extend if you need the loop to be longer. Once this is done, you can create the red cords for the eyes and mouth. Sew carefully the red cord in shape and place the red cord below leaving a little space for the netting to come along.

Now that your ghost shape is in front of you, start with the basic Romanian point Lace netting, or sew the grey cord on the other calico to create the base for the other ghost. But if you don't want to create the pattern double work one ghost first.

I started by creating the netting from the arms! Follow the images below and see the netting design. Sew carefully the netting design around the eye area and the mouth area.

Always remember that you need to take the pattern off the calico so, your little pattern will flop his arms around! To make him even and flat we need to create a connection between the arms and the head with simple bars.

# THE ART OF NETTING

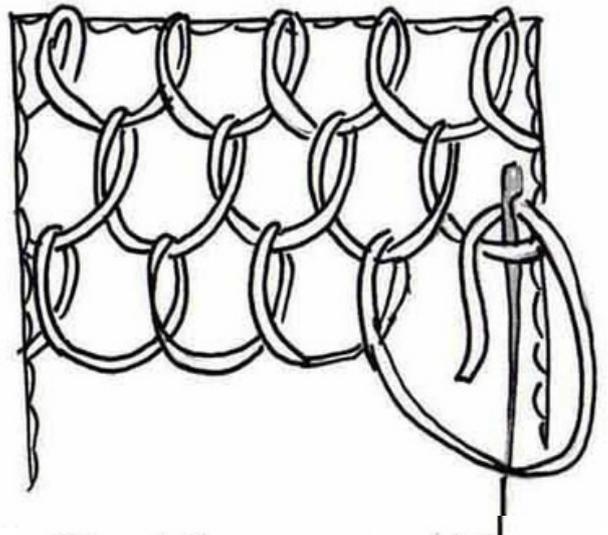
There are two ways to start this design! You start from the head or from the arms! I suggest you start from the arms, ! Reason: it's easy to see the pattern and easy to find your rhythm, into it. Follow the images below!

The simple net stitch on the right, is the netting for the white ghost! For the grey ghost, you will have as base a triple netting design. You simply add to each loop stich two more before moving on the the next loop. Repeat!

See below images!



## Simple Net Stitch



Start from one side and work a stitch into the cord and bring the needle into the loop that you just created. After you finish the row repeat the same process but insert the needle into the loop not the cord. Work the simple net stitch to fill up a space.

# GHOST DETAILS...

Follow the images below and see how to create the inside filling for the ghosts! Since the white ghost is the simple net stitching you see below the step by step images for the grey ghost! - Don't stress about the bullion atm!



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Like you can see all the cords need to be made before you start the netting stitch! In the last image you can see that I started the netting stitch from the arm! It's easy because you can practice the triple netting better on a larger surface, it's a bit tricky on the face around! Once you create the filling for one arm, go to the next arm netting hide the remaining thread in the cord and move on the face netting!

When you finish that, it's time to complete the body of the ghost and move on to the bullion design. The bullion stitch is the same for both ghost pattern, The difference is only in size and colour and different wraps sizes! See images below!



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# BULLIONS...

Once you finished the netting, you need to take a break! It's important, because the next steps are not easy and it takes a bit of a practice to get right! It's the crochet bullion, that gives so many headaches! For this step you will need a lace crochet hook, that has a long shaft and that is pointy at the tip.

Follow the images below and try not to get discouraged if it's not working out the first few times! Start with five crochet chains and create your circle. Crochet along as you would when creating a crochet circle. You need to have at least eight crochet stitches on. If you have more, it's ok, but ten should be the max! Crochet on top of it and create a second round of stitches. At this point you should have 12 or 14 stitches on. For a traditional RPL bullion two rounds are enough, but for modern RPL you can go as much as you want to make the bullion more round! You see in the images that the centre space, is getting smaller and smaller. Now you need to be careful if another round would fit or not.

At this point it's crucial that you turn your bullion! The flat part that is actually the bottom part becomes the top part of your bullion and the flat part will be part that the bullion sits on! Hold your crochet bullion between thumb and pointer. Have a starter loop on your lace hook. and start wrapping at least 10x on the hook. Now carefully hook with the crochet hook thread and pull it through the wraps. It has to go straight through the wraps to create the wrap baton! Once you made place it carefully on the crochet base and pull it tightly through the centre space. Crochet a slip stitch and repeat . In total you need at least 12 wrap batons. You can have up to 16 batons.

See images below and on the following page!



# WRAP IT UP...

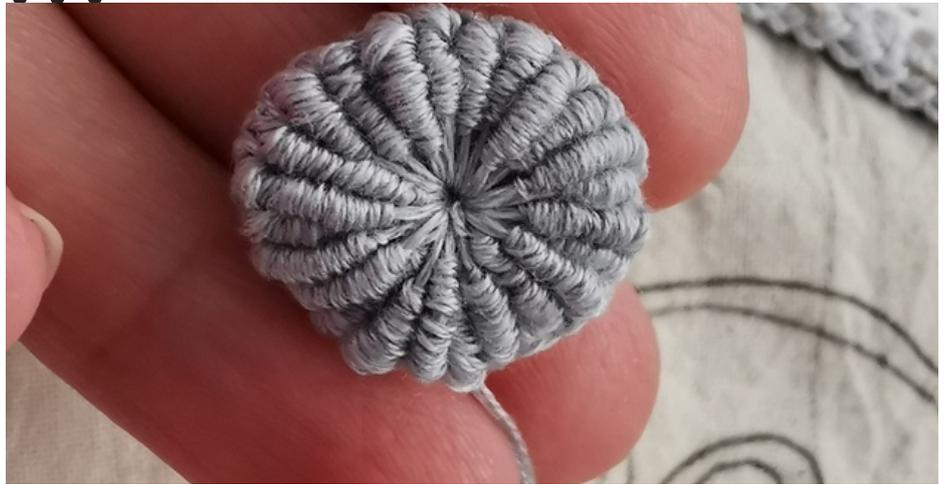
Once you finished the batons, make sure you have enough thread to pull your batons in place. See third image! Pull the thread tight and see how the batons shape up and create a great bullion. If you are happy with it sew the remaining thread inside the crochet base and attach it at the end of the ghost. You do the same with the other bullion.

Of course you can do other colour combos and you can start with the bullion you like mint or grey! Once done, sew carefully the grey bullion to the simple cord, If you find it easier sew the mint one first to the netting and the cords. The mint bullion sits on top of the cord and the grey one right at the end of the grey cord. When you do the bullions for the **white ghost**, keep in mind that the **bullions have different sizes**. The **yellow** one is small having at base **three slip stitches** and a **total of 13 batons**, with **each baton holding 8 wraps**, max 10! The **orange bullion is the largest** and has **five slip stitches** to start with and a **total of 18 batons**. **Each baton holds 15 wraps**. Once you have the bullions ready for the white ghost, you sew them together. The small one goes on top of the orange one. Scroll down and there is one page with bullion images.



# DETAILS...

Follow the images!



# BULLIONS DONE...

Now that your bullions are done, you can secure the arms standing up on both ghost, Anchor a thread in the cord and create a double base string between eye level and arm. Start wrapping the simple bars on both sides. That way your ghost has no flappy arms. You are done now with the white ghost and need to do the same for the grey one. If you did that your white ghost is done! The grey ghost, needs his spider web design on. So let's work on that!

## THE WEB...

The web is done in grey to match the simple cord, but you can do it in mint as well or any other colour. Start by securing a base grey thread into the cord and run along three double stings from cord to cord, Do not sew into your white netting. Once you placed your double threads across run five double threads across the body of the ghost. You can always start with longer strings, See images! To secure that the threads keep it's shape run your needle very careful into the first threads. You can have at base a light grey like I do, or stick with the same grey as the cord! Reason I used a light grey- I wanted to have a nice effect at the end. See images!

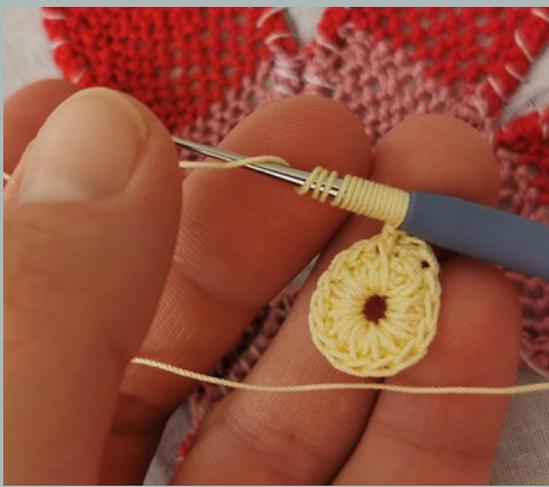


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# BULLION...

Just in case you still need to see images of the bullion!

PS: The pulling the thread apart second image above, it's tricky, so if the wraps are not nice next to each other the baton wrap will not look great. Keep that in mind when you pull. Deep breath- you can do it!



# THE SIMPLE CORD...

Since it's a simple pattern, I added the simple cord and the simple bars to it. See how to do the simple bars below!

PS: on the right you find the lace crochet hooks or bullion hooks for Romanian Point Lace.



## *Basic cord...*

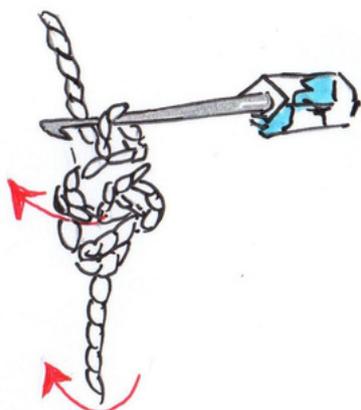
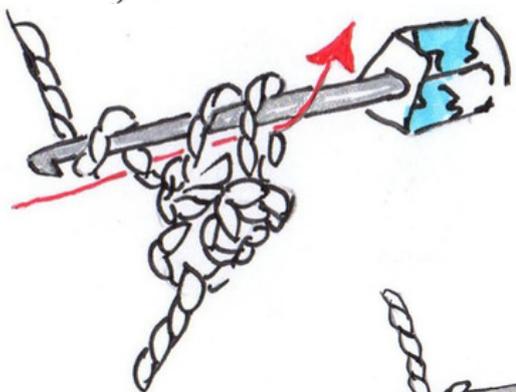
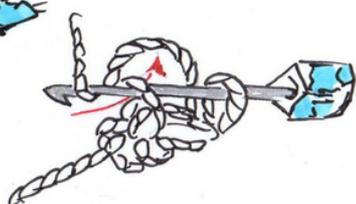
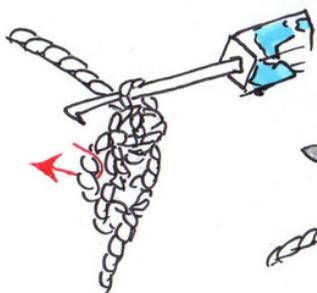
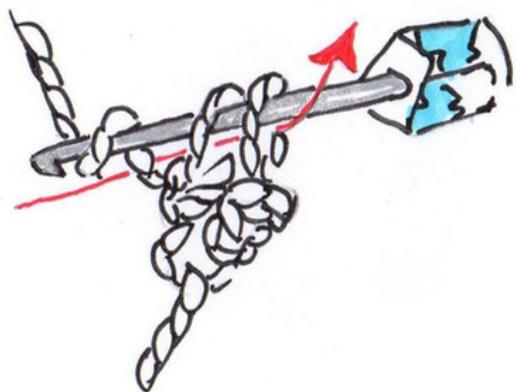
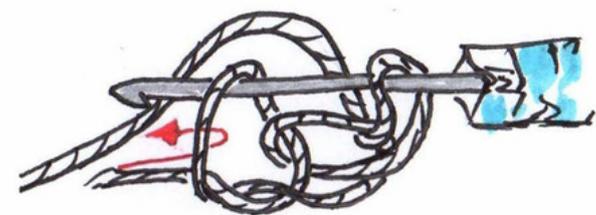
The basic cord is the key for creating RPL. (RPL=Romanian Point Lace)

The cord takes a lot of time and you will need a lot of patience.

Because it's such an intensive task, I advice you to take the cord with you. Have it ready in your purse and you can add good meters in short time.

Leave at least 20 cm of thread at the end of each cord, so that you can join the cords if needed. It helps if you are short on cord and need to add a few more stitches.

# THE SIMPLE CORD...



Create two chains. Insert the crochet hooks in the first chain, you just created. Note the loop from your second chain. You have two loops on your hook. Take the crochet thread over the hook and pull the hook through the two loops. You just finished the crochet stitch for the cord. ( second image) Turn your work to the left. and insert the crochet hook as shown in the images on the left.

The single loop is on the left. Insert the crochet hook in the top and pull the thread through with under the crochet hook. Do not work very tight, Your cord needs to be straight and well balanced. Image four.

You have two loops on your crochet hook, Take the thread over the hook and pull the thread through the two loops on the hook. The loops are on the right side. Turn the work clockwise again. Image five.

On the left side, you have two loops ( near the red arrow) Insert the crochet hook, under the two loops and pull the thread through the loops with the hook. Turn your work clockwise . See image six

Repeat the last step. Make sure that the two loops are always on the left side!

Continue to work the simple cord, until you have the right length for the project. You can do more and have cord ready for the next project.

If you feel that the bullion is still hard to do, skip it for now, and simply close the cord like in the image on the right. Or you can try one ghost with bullions and one without!



# THE DUO...

# *E voila!*

YOU DID IT!  
YOUR GHOST PUMPKINS  
ARE DONE!



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