

Contemporary Broomstick Lace August 22-23 2026 at the Raleigh Lace Museum

**Life is full of tough choices**

Should I buy a finished piece from The Unusual Favor between \$450 and \$1,200,

Should I buy the yarn, a basic pattern, and the special tools for around \$300 and 'give it my best shot,' or

Or... should I take the Workshop, which includes the yarn, pattern, and special tools for \$450 and learn and learn the pitfalls to avoid?

The Contemporary Broomstick Lace (BSL) workshop is designed with the intermediate crocheter in mind. Contemporary BSL is reasonably simple and progresses quickly, once you get the hang of it. Make your own couture using luxurious quality yarns. Amazing gifts in plenty of time for the holidays. It walks through trial and error, and how to spot and correct most mistakes with 10 hours of classroom time at the Raleigh Lace Museum, which includes a catered lunch on Saturday. Learn how to make beautiful heirloom wearable art!

Class size is from 6 to 12 students. Students will arrive with the following prerequisites: Acquired all supplies except the hairpin lace loom in hand, yarn wound in balls (with knots removed into separate balls), and the first block or ribbon of crochet of the selected is complete and ready to cast on the first row of loops.

Once students have registered and paid Raleigh Lace Museum the attendance fee, they can choose between two projects. Either a wrap following the pattern of "The Lulu" wrap (Project A) or the pattern of "Lush" stole (Project B).

Getting the Materials: If attending I.O.L.I Convention in Durham, NC advanced materials can be collected at the Convention during Vendor Hall hours. There is an additional cost to ship materials. Students must be proficient in making a slip knot, chaining up to 409 stitches, single, double and treble crochet stitches.

Students must acquire materials and tools except the custom loom, and have the first block for their selected project complete before class time on 22 Aug 2026.

Project A “The Wrap” – a lovely scarf of alternating 6” and 1” loops of exquisite Japanese silk lace weight yarn and a very soft Italian Laceweight cashmere dyed at Artyarns, Inc. This project requires 3 yarn skeins, uses a custom hairpin lace loom and will take approximately 50 hours to crochet from start to finish.



Project B “The Stole” – a soft and billowy scarf of exquisite Japanese silk and silk mohair in two rows of 5” loops and one row of 2” loops dyed at Artyarns, Inc. This project requires two to three yarn skeins, uses a custom hairpin loom, and will take approximately 35 – 50 hours from start to finish.

