Project Kosovel in Lace

Kalunca Cultural Association, Kosovel Library Sežana March 18, 2024 – May 29, 2026

Project Description

In 2024, on the 120th anniversary of the birth of **Srečko Kosovel**, Kalunca Cultural Association began developing a project dedicated to this Karst poet. As with our previous projects (Fabiani's chrysanthemums for Štanjel, smoketree leaves for the Sežana Botanical Garden, and horses for the Lipica Stud Farm), we envisioned this one as a **collective lace-making effort** involving as many lace makers as possible. The association acts as an intermediary in donating the lace to a public institution.

This time, the lace will be donated to the **Kosovel Library in Sežana**, which manages **Kosovel's homestead** in Tomaj and is one of the institutions that promotes Kosovel's poetry to the public.

As the project continues, we will announce a **competition** inviting young artists (aged 20 to 26). We will inform them of the number of lace pieces and invite them to create a concept (a sketch) for an **art installation** representing Kosovel's ideas. A professional jury will select and award the three best concepts, and the winning idea will be brought to life and unveiled in **spring 2026** at the Kosovel Library, where it will be permanently exhibited. One of the events (planned for May 16, 2026) will be dedicated to the participating lacemakers so they can admire their collaborative work.

Instructions

Choose the pattern(s) created by **Milena Jančar** and **Ula Horvat** that appeal to you and match your lace-making **skill level**. There are many options available. The easiest patterns are labeled **A**, and the most difficult are labeled **C**. You can also **design your own lace pattern** inspired by Kosovel's poetry. A blank frame is provided for this purpose, into which you can lace anything that arises from your reading of Kosovel's poems.

The lace pieces must be **monochromatic**, worked in one of the three colors: white or red or black. The recommended threads are Čipke Mojca, no. **201** (white), **19** (red) and **56** (black). The thread thickness is not important and may vary within a single lace piece. The **frame** of the lace should be finished with **internal pins on the outer edge** of the lace.

Before you start working, make sure that the pattern is printed in the **correct size** (width 6 cm, sides 12 and 18 cm).

You may make as many lace pieces as you wish. Send them to the following address: KD Kalunca, Veliki Dol 53, 6221 Dutovlje, or arrange a personal delivery with us.

The submission deadline is December 31, 2025.

Please include the completed declaration form below with your submitted lace.

Declaration

This is to confirm that I, the undersigned lace maker,

Kalunca Cultural Association guarantees that the art piece created from the lace will be permanently in public ownership and publicly accessible.

We reserve the right to change the location of the artwork and will announce any such change on the association's website and social media. Your personal data will be used by Kalunca Cultural Association exclusively for the purpose of sending information or providing services related to the Kosovel in Lace project. Your personal data will not be shared with third parties or organizations. Your name, surname and place of residence will be publicly stated with the final product and in project publications. Personal data will be stored and used by Kalunca Cultural Association only until the end of the project (31thDecember 2026).

President of the Cultural Association Kalunca: Franja Živec

Veliki Dol, May 18, 2025



