Laced Up

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These aren't your grandmother's doilies. Today's lacy creations are colorful and unexpected.



Roberto Cavalli Spring/Summer 2015



Diane von Furstenberg Spring/Summer 2015



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Spring simply wouldn't be spring without wearing your favorite lace dress. There's just something about the romantic aura and airy effect of this much-loved, delicate fabric that has us falling in love with it over and over again. The rich texture and sophisticated aesthetic have made it a staple in fashion and home furnishings.

But a piece doesn't have to be actual lace to look like openwork. Laser-cut metals mimic the pattern for a more modern interpretation of the filigree form—see the gold lace cuff by Aurélie Bidermann and the "Hedda" lamp in brass finish from Arteriors. Other materials—from silicone and wool to wood and laser-cut leather—make it possible to achieve a lacy look in necklaces, rugs, bookcases, and placemats.

Whether it's colorful, classic white, or constructed from something other than fabric, lovely lace is here to stay.

