



## Old Time Tools and Toys of Needlework

By Gertrude Whiting

Dover Publications Inc., United States, 2011. Paperback. Book Condition: New. New edition. 234 x 163 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. It was quite fashionable among the ladies of Marie Antoinette's court to employ stilettoes and punches for parfilage. They unpicked the gold and silver threads from the richly embroidered material of their gowns and cloaks. A set of bone bobbins was found in England with the Lord's Prayer spirally incised phrase by phrase along each bobbin's length. A clever French inventor designed a pair of scissors with eighteen different uses: screwdriver, nail file, cigar cutter, ruler, lid pryer, buttonholder adjuster to name just a few. These and many other artifacts and instruments of sewing, weaving, and spinning are considered from a historical, cultural, and antique collecting point of view. Gertrude Whiting, Honorary Fellow of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Fellow of the Institute Professional Neuchatelois de Dentelles, describes and illustrates nearly all the paraphernalia, accoutrements, appliances, accessories, and doodads associated with all yarn and thread handicrafts from knitting, embroidery, and dressmaking to warpweaving, batik making, and lace making. Examples of winders, scissors, thimbles, measures, knitting needles, crochet hooks, bodkins, punches, sewing needles, pins, pincushions, hoops,...



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