

# Mary's Velvet Rose

April 2020

ASSOCIATION OF LINCOLN PRESENTERS



## Conference News

By unanimous Board action, the Association of Lincoln Presenters Annual 2020 conference has been postponed. The Springfield conference will be in 2022.

Randy and Joy Duncan have agreed to host the conference again. We hope that members and friends will be able to journey to Springfield for that conference.

In the meantime, we continue to plan for the 2021 ALP Conference in Kansas.

Murray Cox, ALP Treasurer, has been developing the program activities and making the necessary arrangements. We encourage you to come to this event. At this conference we will conduct two-years of business.

All the 2020 Strawberry Luncheon materials will be used next year in Kansas.

The dates are:

April 15 – 18, 2021



## Mary Lincoln Shirts

Many members ordered Mary Lincoln polo shirts and t-shirts. I mailed all of them since the conference had been postponed. The embroidered design is lovely.



I have 3 extra shirts – pink, blue, and off white all size large.

The shirts are about a size 14.

The shirt costs \$30 and the postage is about \$7.

Email me if you would like to purchase one.

## Ribbon Choker – Shoe Cockades

LOCKETS, MEDALLIONS, ETC., are still very much worn around the neck, attached to narrow velvet ribbons. Black ribbon velvet is generally used for this purpose, as well as to tie the lace tucker, which may be worn with a low-necked dress. But frequently the velvet is selected to match the trimming of the dress—a white dress trimmed with scarlet, scarlet ribbon velvet, both for locket and tucker, would be used, and with a blue dress, blue velvet, etc. The tucker should be tied both at the front and back. By this means the lace will be drawn more evenly. Two yards of ribbon velvet will be sufficient to suspend the locket, as long ends are worn. Many ladies, especially in Paris, have latterly adopted the plan of mounting precious stones upon black velvet for the throat, a style which will be found advantageous round throats which are neither round nor fair. Necklaces of all descriptions are greatly in vogue; but many ladies still retain the simple locket and velvet, in preference to more costly necklets. Rosettes for the shoes made to correspond with the trimmings of the dress, likewise ribbon velvet for the locket, are now usually sent home

This article from Peterson, May 1864, covers a lot of accessories worn during the time period. This validates wearing lockets or crosses, etc., hung from velvet ribbons. Notice that it describes tucker ribbons as being matching colors (besides just black).

This article also mentions matching shoe rosettes. “Rosettes for the shoes made to correspond with the trimmings of the dress”.

If you wear flat shoes to balls and formal events – you might want to dress up your flats with a shoe cockade. I have many pairs of flat shoes that I wear when busy serving tea or giving tours in the historical mansion that I work at. They are practical and comfortable.

Certainly my flat shoes aren't period because they have rubber soles but I am upfront about that fact.  
(They mainly come from Wal-mart.)

Shoe cockades are fun to wear with these flat shoes and add some color to your shoes.



## Creative Cockades - <https://www.etsy.com/shop/creativecockades>

All my shoe cockades were created by Heather Sheen. She has an Etsy site – Creative Cockades. We ordered Mary and Abraham Lincoln Cockades a few years ago from Heather.

I didn't see shoe cockades on her website but most of mine are custom ordered. I sent her the ribbon and she made them. If you do contact her for some, please ask her to put pin backs on your rosettes and not shoe clips if you are wearing them on flat shoes.

You should sign up for her newsletters that come several times a month. Here's an article from one of her recent newsletters.



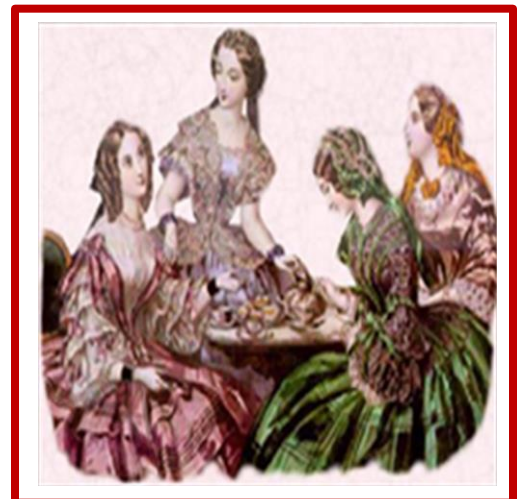
## Lady Spy

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The Pinkerton Agency was established in 1850. This private detective group became famous when they foiled a plot to assassinate President Lincoln in 1861.

Allan Pinkerton employed many people to be his secret agents in this operation. One of them was a lady named Kate Warne. There is no surviving picture of Mrs. Warne, but Pinkerton provided a wonderful word picture of her in his book about the plot.

*"Of a rather commanding person, with clear-cut, expressive features, and with an ease of manner that was quite captivating at times, she was calculated to make a favorable impression at once....She was a brilliant conversationalist when so disposed, and could be quite vivacious, but she also understood that rarer quality in womankind, the art of being silent."*





## Projects

In my accessories collection there is a braided hair band with a hair net from Etsy and a hand fan carrier from an ALP Silent Auction – thanks to Dianne Broski!

The weaving pattern on the two items is the same and I recognized it from my Girl Scout camp days. It is called a braided ribbon and there are several tutorials on the internet. It is a very simple slip knot.

So, stuck at home I began to create a new set from the ribbon that I have.

Use 3/8" ribbon that is the same on both sides.

For the hairband – 7 yards of each color or 14 yards if you are using the same color ribbon.

For the fan carrier – 5 yards of each color or 10 yards of the same color.



Watch this video – it is much easier than creating a step by step document. You'll find others.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5leL2u87pN0>



Here's my new ensemble. I used pink and lavender ribbon. It is also embellished with flowers. I already had the shoe cockades to match. Would you like to make these accessories at our next conference in Kansas?



Thank you Nancy Peck for sending this example of Victorian Social Distancing!  
Please protect yourself from the Corona Virus Pandemic by maintaining a safe distance from people.

The “Stay at Home Order” has another benefit besides keeping the virus from spreading.

Who’s doing extra projects?  
New sewing project?  
Organized closets?

I have washed all my Victorian under ware!

Send me your pictures!



# Make a Period Strawberry Pin Cushion

Eliza Leslie, *The American Girl's Book* (1831). On Internet Archive

<https://archive.org/details/americangirlsboo00lesl/page/236>



A STRAWBERRY.

This pincushion is made of a piece of coarse linen, about half a quarter square, cut into two triangular or three-cornered halves, stuffed with bran and covered with scarlet cloth; which cover must be sewed neatly on the wrong side, and then turned. The top or broad part must be gathered so as to meet all round, and concealed by sewing on a small round piece of green velvet, scalloped in imitation of the cap of green leaves that surround the stem where it joins the strawberry. The stem must be imitated by sewing on a small green silk cord. To represent the seeds, the strawberry must be dotted over with small stitches, made at regular distances with a needle-full of yel-

low silk, and close to each yellow stitch must be a stitch of black.

Emery bags are often made in this manner, but of course much smaller; not exceeding the size of a large real strawberry.



A BASKET PINCUSHION.

Get a very small round basket, with or without a handle. It must be closely woven, so that nothing can be seen through its sides. Make of coarse linen stuffed with wool or bran, a round pincushion exactly to fit the basket. Cover the top of it with velvet or silk, and put it into the basket, sewing it firmly to the inside of the rim. This is for a toilet-table.

## Strawberry Pin Cushion

Sew seam on berry with double thread, then back-stitch to fill, then stitch over to reinforce.

Sew gathering line with single thread.

Fill with ½ inch squares of quilt bat.

Pin points of felt top, then sewed with single thread.

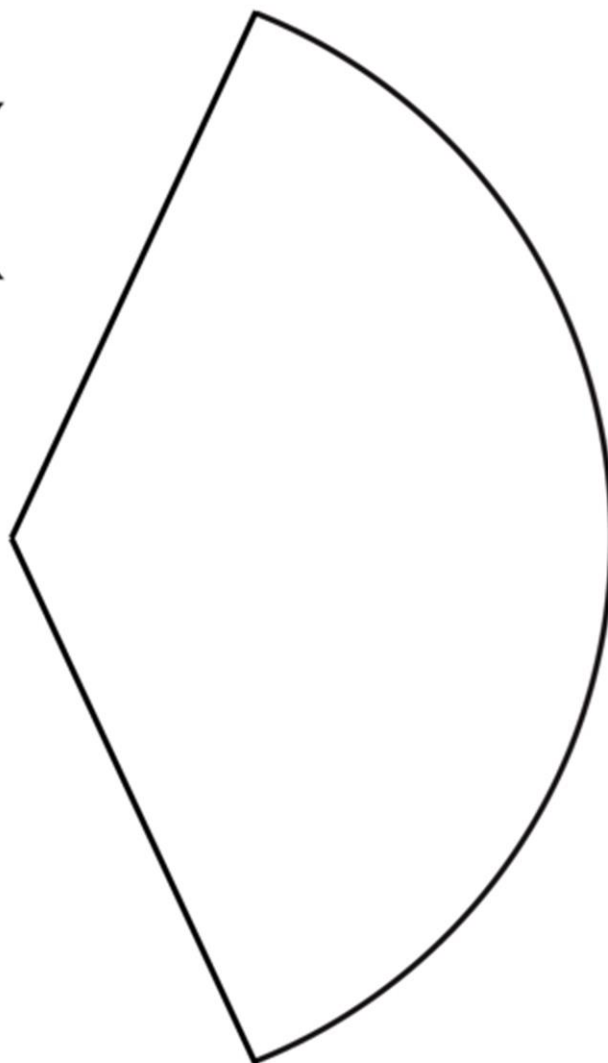
Tack ribbon to top, then stitch on felt leaves and secure with red-headed pin dipped in white glue.





# *Strawberry Pincushion*

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