



LACE FROM AGAVA LEAVES

Island Hvar



**AGAVE AMERICANA
OR AMERICAN ALOE**



The nuns in the Benedictine convent make lace from agave leaves. It is made since the 19th century.





The green agave leaves must be picked at a certain time of year and specially processed to produce a delicate white thread of consistent strength and length. By custom, the thread is not worked during a bura, as the cold dry air makes it brittle. It's much more suitable when a jugo blows from the south, bringing warmer, humid air!



Agava Lace

Three variations of tenerifa in their designs

TENERIFA

MREŠKANJE NA OKVIRU
Filet embroidering

TENERIFA S MREŠKANJEM
Tenerifa with netting

Hvar - UNESCO island



Hvar lace, as part of the lacemaking in Croatia, was inscribed in the UNESCO List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2009.



Literature

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