

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.









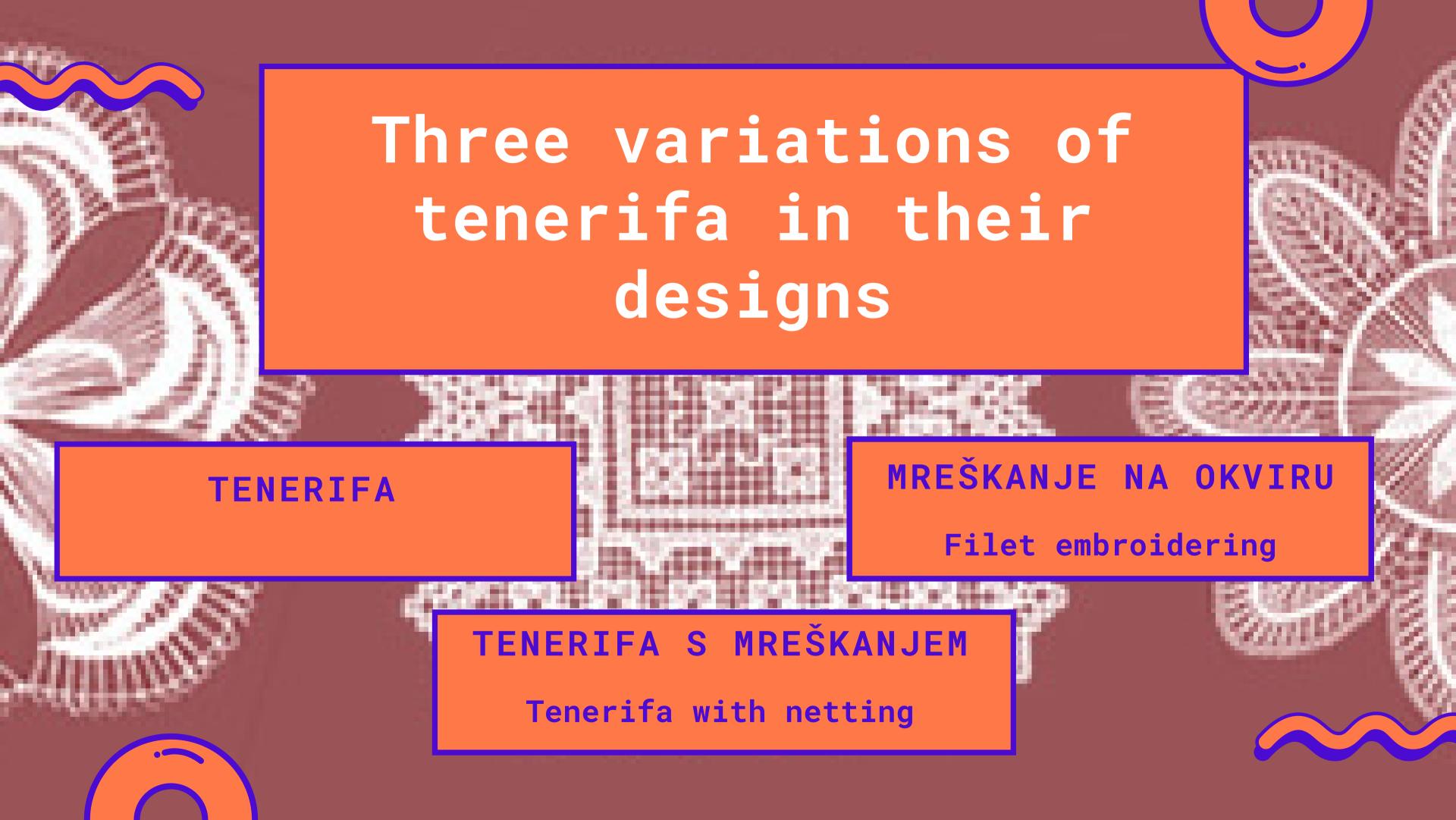


The green agave leaves must be picked at a certain time of year and specially processed to produce a delicate white thread of consistent strength and length. By custom, the thread is not worked during a bura, as the cold dry air makes it brittle. It's much more suitable when a jugo blows from the south,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





Agava lace





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.





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