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1 About this career

A Hand Crochet Lace Maker (Furnishing) hand-crochets fine lace into home-furnishing products — doilies, table linen, cushion covers, runners and decorative lace. Following a given design and measurements, they use different yarns and stitches (chain, double crochet, picot and more) to make fabrics, accessories and furnishing items. Rooted in the GI-tagged Narsapur crochet-lace tradition of Andhra Pradesh, it is an artistic, low-capital craft often done from home or with a self-help group, and is accessible to women and persons with disabilities too.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Class 8 pass + age 15 (NSQF Level 3)
Course duration	About 2–6 months
Starting salary	₹6,000–12,000/month
Work mode	Handmade work from home/artisan unit (often self-employed)

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Enjoy making artistic, handmade things
- Creativity in home décor and furnishing products
- Interest in yarn, colours and design patterns

ABILITIES

- Good hand-eye coordination
- Ability to follow instructions and patterns
- Patience and attention to detail

KEY SKILLS

- Crocheting with various yarns (chain, double crochet, picot and other stitches)
- Making doilies, table linen, cushion covers and decorative lace

- Reading patterns and keeping to design measurements
- Colour combination and finishing (washing, starching, packing)
- Selling products on social media/e-commerce (for self-employment)
- Identifying raw materials (cotton/wool yarn, hooks) and checking quality
- Producing to order and managing time

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete Class 8 and reach the minimum age of 15.
- 2 Enrol in the NSQF Level 3 'Hand Crochet Lace Maker (Furnishing)' course at a Handicrafts & Carpet Sector Skill Council (HCSSC)/NSDC centre.
- 3 Practise basic stitches, patterns and finishing to build a sample portfolio.
- 4 Gain practical experience with a self-help group (SHG), craft agency or exporter.
- 5 With experience, start your own unit/brand or sell online; use schemes like PM Vishwakarma for a toolkit and credit.
- 6 In Rajasthan, free training is also available through RSLDC/Jan Shikshan Sansthan.

MAIN EXAMS

- HCSSC/NSDC trade assessment and certification

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- राजस्थान कौशल एवं आजीविका विकास निगम (RSLDC) — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://livelihoods.rajasthan.gov.in/rsldc/>)
- हैंडलूम एवं हस्तशिल्प विभाग, राजस्थान — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://rising.rajasthan.gov.in/handlooms-and-handicrafts>)
- हस्तशिल्प एवं कालीन सेक्टर स्किल काउंसिल (HCSSC) — All-India (<https://hcssc.in/>)
- राष्ट्रीय कौशल विकास निगम (NSDC) — All-India network (<https://www.nsdcindia.org/find-nsdc-training-centre>)
- जन शिक्षण संस्थान (JSS) — Various districts of Rajasthan (<https://nsdcindia.org/find-nsdc-training-centre-jss/>)
- एनआईओएस व्यावसायिक प्रशिक्षण केंद्र — Online / locate nearest centre (<https://voc.nios.ac.in/registration/locate-study-centre>)

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- इंटरनेशनल लेस ट्रेड सेंटर (ILTC), नरसापुर — Narsapur, Andhra Pradesh (<https://iltcnarsapur.wordpress.com/>)
- ARCH कॉलेज ऑफ डिज़ाइन एंड बिज़नेस — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://www.archedu.org/>)

ONLINE

- स्किल इंडिया डिजिटल हब — Online (<https://www.skillindiadigital.gov.in/>)
- एनएसडीसी - प्रशिक्षण केंद्र खोजें — Online (<https://www.nsdcindia.org/find-nsdc-training-centre>)

FEES

Under most government schemes (NSDC, JSS, RSLDC, PMKVY) the course is free or very low-cost. The PM Vishwakarma scheme gives a ₹500/day stipend during training, ₹15,000 toolkit support and subsidised credit. Private craft classes may cost roughly ₹2,000–15,000.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- पीएम विश्वकर्मा योजना (कारीगर हेतु टूलकिट व ऋण) (<https://pmvishwakarma.gov.in/>)
- राष्ट्रीय छात्रवृत्ति पोर्टल (NSP) (<https://scholarships.gov.in/fresh/onlineInstituteSearchIndex>)
- Buddy4Study – ITI/Vocational Scholarships (<https://www.buddy4study.com/article/iti-scholarships>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Crochet craft agencies, furnishing and home-décor exporters, handicraft shops, self-help groups and NGOs, and self-employment from home.

WORK CULTURE

Typically 5–6 days a week, 8–9 hours a day; much of the work is done seated at home or in a small unit, making it flexible and accessible for women and persons with disabilities. Orders rise during festivals and peak seasons.

WHO HIRES

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| • Furnishing and home-décor exporters (EPCH member companies) | • Craft agencies in Narsapur and other crochet-lace clusters |
| • Self-help groups (SHGs) and women producer organisations | • Handicraft and home-décor retail brands and shops |
| • Self-employment on e-commerce platforms (Amazon Karigar, Okhai, Etsy) | • NGOs and government craft-development bodies |

DEMAND (2026)

Narsapur crochet lace receiving a GI tag in 2024 has boosted recognition and demand for this traditional craft. Handmade, durable 'handmade-in-India' products enjoy steady demand at home and abroad, and e-commerce lets artisans reach customers directly. It is largely a piece-rate/self-employment field, yet skilled, design-savvy artisans have good opportunities in exports and branding.

7 Career growth

- 1 Helper
- 2 Crochet Lace Maker – Furnishing
- 3 Crochet Lace Maker – Accessories
- 4 Process Supervisor / Master Artisan
- 5 Independent Entrepreneur / Exporter (own brand)

EARNINGS

Starting	₹6,000–12,000/माह
Mid level	₹12,000–20,000/माह
Senior level	₹25,000–45,000+/माह

Per the National Career Service (NCS), fresher crochet lace makers earn about ₹8,000–20,200/month; many artisans work on piece rates that often fall below minimum wage (the handicraft-sector average is around ₹270/day). Artisans who build their own brand and sell via e-commerce/exports (e.g. Srinagar's Nazar Nasir at ₹20,000–30,000/month) can earn considerably more. Figures are indicative and subject to change.

8 The good parts · The challenges**The good parts**

- Can work flexibly from home; accessible to women and persons with disabilities
- Low start-up cost; direct market access through e-commerce
- Pride in a GI-tagged traditional craft, with export opportunities

The challenges

- Piece-rate income can be low and irregular
- Prolonged, fine seated work can strain the eyes and shoulders
- Market competition from cheap machine-made lace

9 Real-life journeys

Padma Parikh

Crochet entrepreneur and founder of 'PB Handmades', Ahmedabad

Padma Parikh of Ahmedabad learned crochet as a hobby at age 12. During the 2020 lockdown her granddaughters launched 'PB Handmades' (Padma Baa Handmades) on Instagram for her handmade goods. At 89, and despite losing sight in one eye, she spends three hours a day crocheting birds, blankets, doilies, coasters and purses priced from ₹400 to ₹5,000, and her products have reached 10 countries including the USA, Australia, Japan and Canada. Her story shows how crochet skill can break the barrier of age to bring self-reliance and recognition.

The Better India · <https://thebetterindia.com/335040/gujarat-padma-pareekh-runs-pb-handmades-crochet-handicraft-small-business-senior-citizen/>

Nazar Nasir

Kashmir's only male crochet artist and founder of 'Knotty Crafts', Srinagar

Nazar Nasir of Lal Bazar, Srinagar learned crochet in 2016 by watching his sister. Though people told him it was 'women's work', he persisted and built the brand 'Knotty Crafts'. He makes toys, sweaters, bags, plant hangers and home-décor lace items (₹500–₹7,000), earning ₹20,000–30,000 a month from about 30 monthly orders, with exports as far as Canada. While pursuing an MA in English, he also teaches crochet online to around 20 students across India. His journey breaks gender stereotypes.

Rising Kashmir · <https://risingkashmir.com/nazar-nasir-kashmirs-only-male-crochet-artist>

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