

Breakdown of the various types of linework

There are several different names for arrangements of linework however the most common in the United Kingdom are 'Stacked linework'; 'Dropped side linework' and 'Top linework', the breakdown of these are detailed below:

Please note that the nozzle sizes used here are PME 3, 2, 1 however the Wilton 3, 2, 1 nozzles are the same for this linework.

Stacked linework

This type of line work is traditionally piped onto the top of piped scroll work. Firstly a no. 3 line of piping would be overlaid onto the top of the piped scroll followed by a no. 2 line on top of the number three and finally a no. 1 line of icing on top of the number two piped line. This is the basic formation of stacked linework onto a scroll.

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| No. 1 |
| No. 2 |
| No. 3 |
| Top of piped scroll work |

Dropped side linework

This type of line work is traditionally piped onto the side of a cake underneath piped scroll work or barrels and is sometimes called draped linework. Firstly a no. 3 piped line is piped beneath the scroll or barrel, once in place a no. 2 line is piped both below the number three line and on top of it, finally a no. 1 line of icing is piped below the number two line, also on top of the numbers two and three.

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| On the side of a cake underneath piped scroll work or barrels | No. 3 | No. 2 | No. 1 |
| | No. 2 | No. 1 | |
| | No. 1 | | |

Top linework

This type of line work is traditionally piped onto the top of a cake inside the piped scroll work or border. Firstly a no. 3 piped line is piped inside the scroll onto the top surface of the cake, once in place a no. 2 line is piped both inside the number three line and on top of it, finally a no. 1 line of icing is piped inside the number two line, also on top of the numbers two and three. The no. 1 line of piping should be the inner most line.

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| Inside edge of the piped scroll work or border on top of cake | No. 1 | | |
| | No. 2 | No. 1 | |
| | No. 3 | No. 2 | No. 1 |