Alice in Wonderland Owl Forest Keyhole

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.6 × 4.9 in (9.1 × 12.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: black cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of black cotton or linen.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

20 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

How to read it

Floss has six strands: cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number named one at a time, and lay them together.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Couching**, 6 strands, colors 6, 7, 10, 16
   Keyhole rim
2. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands, colors 1, 20
   Fern stems
3. **Fern stitch**, 1 strand, color 7
   Moth feelers
4. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19
   Night sky, moon, bare branches, trunks, mist, forest floor, path, near trunks, mushroom stems, mushroom gills, mushroom caps, tail, branch, breast, wings, flight feathers, small wing feathers, legs, head, face rim, face, bill bristles, lantern glow, frock, hair, moth wings, moth body
5. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20
   Far trunks, mushroom spots, mushroom skirts, breast streaks, toes, eye rims, eyes, pupils, bill, stockings, shoes, petticoat, arms, sleeves, apron bow, hands, lantern, lantern frame, fern leaves, moth spots
6. **Straight stitch**, colors 1, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18
   2 strands: grass, eye highlights, lantern rays
   4 strands: claws
   1 strand: edges of the lantern frame, edges of the moth body
7. **Fly stitch**, 1 strand, color 10
   Edges of the breast streaks
8. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, colors 1, 11, 17
   Feather edges, bill edge, moth bands
9. **Back stitch**, 2 strands, color 16
   Edges of the lantern frame
10. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps, colors 17, 18
    Knots of the apron bow, knots of the moth spots

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green	8	DMC 310 Black	15	DMC 712 Cream
2	DMC 311 Medium Navy Blue	9	DMC 3817 Light Celadon Green	16	DMC 680 Dark Old Gold
3	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	10	DMC 433 Medium Brown	17	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown
4	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise	11	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	18	DMC 3865 Winter White
5	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	12	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red	19	DMC 919 Red Copper
6	DMC 729 Medium Old Gold	13	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	20	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green
7	DMC 3855 Light Autumn Gold	14	DMC 921 Copper		

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6 inch hoop

Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.
On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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