Cheeky alien peeking out of a pocket

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.8 × 4.7 in (9.7 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: blush pink cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

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

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

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 12
   Arm and hands, neck, head, open eye



2. **Woven filling stitch**
   3 strands, color 1
   Pocket



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16
   Inside of the pocket, antennae, lights, freckles, wink, brows, cheeks, mouth, tongue, hem, saucer dome, saucer, needle



4. **Split stitch**, colors 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10
   3 strands: alien outline, edges of the antenna bulbs, eye rim, edges of the tongue, edges of the saucer
   2 strands: edges of the freckles, edges of the wink, edges of the brows, edges of the cheeks
   4 strands: pocket edges (color 1)

5. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands, colors 5, 10
   Lashes, nose



6. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 7, 8, 10, 13
   3 strands: pocket edges (color 1), smile
   2 strands: edges of the mouth, lines of the tongue, edges of the saucer dome, needle eye
   4 strands: thread

7. **Running stitch**, colors 7, 15
   3 strands: topstitching
   6 strands: flight path

8. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 7, 9, 15
   Antenna bulbs, lights, rivets



9. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, color 15
   Saucer lamps



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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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 823 Dark Navy Blue	7	DMC 351 Coral	13	DMC 814 Dark Garnet
2	DMC 907 Light Parrot Green	8	DMC 350 Medium Coral	14	DMC 334 Medium Baby Blue
3	DMC 703 Chartreuse	9	DMC BLANC White	15	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
4	DMC 704 Bright Chartreuse	10	DMC 310 Black	16	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
5	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	11	DMC 550 Very Dark Violet		
6	DMC 701 Light Green	12	DMC 553 Violet		

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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; a dashed line is running stitch; a finer one inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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