Aloe vera in a terracotta pot

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.7 in (12.2 × 11.9 cm)



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

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 4 strands
   Flower stalk

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Saucer, pot, rim, leaves, leaf undersides, baby aloe



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Saucer lip, rim edge, soil, flower bells, leaf tips



4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Pot edge, leaf margins, edges of the leaf undersides

5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Bell tips, teeth



6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Knots of the soil



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

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.

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.

Buy: 17 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of navy cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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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 355 Dark Terra Cotta	7	DMC 838 Very Dark Beige Brown	13	DMC 3815 Dark Celadon Green
2	DMC 3830 Terra Cotta	8	DMC 3816 Celadon Green	14	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green
3	DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta	9	DMC 351 Coral	15	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green
4	DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany	10	DMC 352 Light Coral	16	DMC 3817 Light Celadon Green
5	DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta	11	DMC 349 Dark Coral	17	DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green
6	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	12	DMC 772 Very Light Yellow Green		

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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 broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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