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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4 × 4.3 in (10.2 × 10.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: sage green cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 4 strands
   Leaf stalks, branches

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, back tassels ground, stem, tassels ground, main tassel ground



3. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: leaf veins
   2 strands: leaf ribs, stem lines

4. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: back tassels, tassels, main tassel
   1 strand: young tassels



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

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

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 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.

Buy: 12 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 sage green cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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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 3721 Dark Shell Pink	**5**	DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green	**9**	DMC 814 Dark Garnet
2	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	**6**	DMC 934 Black Avocado Green	**10**	DMC 498 Dark Red
3	DMC 470 Light Avocado Green	**7**	DMC 469 Avocado Green	**11**	DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry
4	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	**8**	DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink	**12**	DMC 3833 Light Raspberry

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



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