Anime school pals under cherry blossom

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.5 in (11.4 × 11.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

23 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. **Stem stitch**, 4 strands
   Lines of the satchel straps
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Grass, trousers, bench legs, bench seat, shirt sleeves, blouse, necks, sailor collar, knit vest, chestnut hair, braid (color 10), dark hair, bough, blossom petals (colors 6 and 23)
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Legs, loafers, socks, bench edge, satchels, satchel straps, skirt folds, skirt, waistband, hands, cuffs, vest ribs, shirt collar, ears, braid (colors 4 and 10), bow, buds, blossom petals (colors 20 and 23), falling petals
4. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Lines of the knit vest
5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: loafer edges, earphone cord
   3 strands: vest stripes
   1 strand: hair strands (colors 5 and 21), bud stalks
6. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: grass blades, lines of the satchels, hair strands (color 13), sepals
   1 strand: stamens
7. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: edges of the socks, trouser hems, satchel edges, cuff lines, shirt folds, shirt collar edge
   1 strand: finger lines, trouser seam, edges of the vest ribs, lines of the ears, hair strands (colors 5 and 21), braid lines, petal edges
   3 strands: collar lines
8. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: buckles, earbuds
   1 strand: flower centers

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 3364 Pine Green	9	DMC 317 Pewter Gray	17	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold
2	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	10	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	18	DMC 422 Light Hazelnut Brown
3	DMC 950 Light Desert Sand	11	DMC 437 Light Tan	19	DMC 3832 Medium Raspberry
4	DMC 433 Medium Brown	12	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	20	DMC 3326 Light Rose
5	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	13	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue	21	DMC 310 Black
6	DMC BLANC White	14	DMC 336 Navy Blue	22	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown
7	DMC 3743 Very Light Antique Violet	15	DMC 3064 Desert Sand	23	DMC 963 Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose
8	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray	16	DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue		

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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

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