Apple half

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 2.6 × 3.1 in (6.6 × 7.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark teal cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 7, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

6 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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

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. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 5, 6
   Core, pip, stem, leaf



2. **Chain stitch**, colors 1, 2, 3
   6 strands: skin
   3 strands: flesh rings (colors 2 and 3)



3. **Stem stitch**, colors 2, 3, 4, 6
   4 strands: flesh rings (colors 2, 3 and 4)
   3 strands: leaf edge

4. **Back stitch**, 2 strands, color 4
   Core edge

5. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands, color 2
   Pip light



6. **Running stitch**
   2 strands, color 6
   Leaf vein

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 350 Medium Coral
2 DMC 712 Cream
3 DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow
4 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green
5 DMC 400 Dark Mahogany
6 DMC 733 Medium Olive 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 dashed line is running stitch.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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