Aquarius zodiac sign

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.8 in (11.7 × 12.2 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of sage green cotton or linen.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 or 5 strands.

24 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**, 3 strands
   Whiplash tendrils

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Outer leaves, bud sheaths, iris leaves



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Iris buds, gown, ewer, arms, sleeves, hands, iris petals, hair, waves



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Whiplash stems, sash, ewer handle, ewer band, ewer mouth, water ribbons, midnight ribbon, sleeve lining, sleeve hems, iris beards, circlet, stars, wave crests, wave lines, frame, foot drops



5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Iris edges, gown edge, ewer edge, skin edge, hair lines

6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Iris veins



7. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Star lines

8. **Stem stitch**
   5 strands: iris stems
   2 strands: ewer band edge
   3 strands: ewer rim, edges of the wave crests, gold line

9. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Circlet stones



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 3347 Medium Yellow Green	9	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	17	DMC 3865 Winter White
2	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	10	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	18	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue
3	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet	11	DMC 433 Medium Brown	19	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
4	DMC 333 Very Dark Blue Violet	12	DMC 3822 Light Straw	20	DMC 435 Very Light Brown
5	DMC 341 Light Blue Violet	13	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	21	DMC 437 Light Tan
6	DMC 3835 Medium Grape	14	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	22	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany
7	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	15	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	23	DMC 301 Medium Mahogany
8	DMC 3836 Light Grape	16	DMC 598 Light Turquoise	24	DMC 3776 Light Mahogany

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



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