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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.2 × 4.5 in (10.7 × 11.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: wine red cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of wine red cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

22 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.

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
   Vine

2. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Stamens



3. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Star lines

4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves



5. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Face, ear, inner ear, honeysuckle flowers



6. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Horn rings, eye, pupil, eyelid, nostril, honeysuckle buds, stars



7. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Horn ridges, horn edge, eye rim, face lines

8. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Eye highlight



9. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: face edge
   1 strand: flower edges

10. **French knot**, two wraps
    3 strands: fleece
    2 strands: forelock, stamen tips, honeysuckle hearts



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.

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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 3864 Light Mocha Beige	9	DMC 3865 Winter White	17	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown
2	DMC 838 Very Dark Beige Brown	10	DMC 3830 Terra Cotta	18	DMC 3371 Black Brown
3	DMC 3862 Dark Mocha Beige	11	DMC 355 Dark Terra Cotta	19	DMC 3346 Hunter Green
4	DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige	12	DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta	20	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green
5	DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown	13	DMC 676 Light Old Gold	21	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green
6	DMC 3032 Medium Mocha Brown	14	DMC 869 Very Dark Hazelnut Brown	22	DMC 353 Peach
7	DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown	15	DMC 680 Dark Old Gold		
8	DMC 746 Off White	16	DMC 729 Medium Old Gold		

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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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