Avocado outline, small and simple

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.9 × 3.9 in (9.9 × 9.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

7 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 with a small knot on the back; end under a few 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. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand, color 4
   Lines of the flowers



2. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 2, 3, 7
   3 strands: twig, stone
   2 strands: flower stalks, leaf midribs, leaf edges, flesh rings (colors 2 and 3), hollow, stone shading

3. **Back stitch**, colors 2, 3, 4
   1 strand: leaf veins, hollow shading
   2 strands: flesh rings (color 4)

4. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands, color 6
   Back half skin, front half skin



5. **Lazy daisy stitch**
   2 strands, color 4
   Loops of the flowers



6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, color 5
   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.



1 DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany
2 DMC 3346 Hunter Green
3 DMC 470 Light Avocado Green
4 DMC 166 Medium Light Moss Green
5 DMC 3820 Dark Straw
6 DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green
7 DMC 400 Dark 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 loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point.



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