Banana tree in the rain

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 4.6 in (11.4 × 11.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Mist leaves, young plant leaves, young stalk, leaves, stalk, banana shadows, stone, frog, frog throat
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Midribs, rolled leaf, fruit stalk, bananas, bud flowers, bud, grass, frog eye stripe, frog legs, frog eye, drops
3. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bud
4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Rain, stalk edges, rolled leaf edge, frog lines, ripples
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Midrib shadows, sheath edges, ground
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Banana tips, bud flowers, frog toes, frog eye light, splashes

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Blue** Rain (light), drops
- **2 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Rain (middle), stone (light), ripples and splashes
- **3 DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue**
  Rain and ground (dark), stone (middle)
- **4 DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green**
  Mist leaves (lighter), midribs (light), leaves (shade 9 of 9) and 2 more parts
- **5 DMC 502 Blue Green** Leaves (shade 6 of 9), midribs (dark)
- **6 DMC 503 Medium Blue Green**
  Leaves (shade 7 of 9), midribs (middle), mist leaves (darker)
- **7 DMC 368 Light Pistachio Green**
  Leaves (shade 8 of 9), young plant leaves and rolled leaf (light)
- **8 DMC 320 Medium Pistachio Green**
  Leaves (shade 5 of 9), young plant leaves (middle), rolled leaf (dark)
- **9 DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green**
  Leaves (shade 1 of 9), midrib shadows (middle)
- **10 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Stalk and young stalk (darkest), stone (dark), stalk edges (darker) and 6 more parts
- **11 DMC 3787 Dark Brown Gray**
  Stalk and young stalk (dark), ground (middle)
- **12 DMC 3032 Medium Mocha Brown**
  Stalk, young stalk and ground (light), stalk edges (lighter)
- **13 DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown**
  Stalk and young stalk (lightest)
- **14 DMC 367 Dark Pistachio Green**
  Leaves (shade 4 of 9), young plant leaves (dark), rolled leaf (darkest), grass (middle)
- **15 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green**
  Leaves (shade 3 of 9), midrib shadows (light)
- **16 DMC 319 Very Dark Pistachio Green**
  Leaves (shade 2 of 9), grass (dark), rolled leaf edge
- **17 DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green**
  Frog and fruit stalk (dark), banana shadows (darker)
- **18 DMC 470 Light Avocado Green**
  Bananas, frog and fruit stalk (middle), grass (light), frog legs and frog toes
- **19 DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green**
  Bananas, frog and fruit stalk (light)
- **20 DMC 937 Medium Avocado Green**
  Bananas (dark), banana shadows (lighter)
- **21 DMC 712 Cream**
  Frog throat and bud flowers (lighter), frog eye light
- **22 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Frog eye (lighter), bud flowers (darker)
- **23 DMC 902 Very Dark Garnet** Bud (darker)
- **24 DMC 3803 Dark Mauve** Bud (lighter)

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

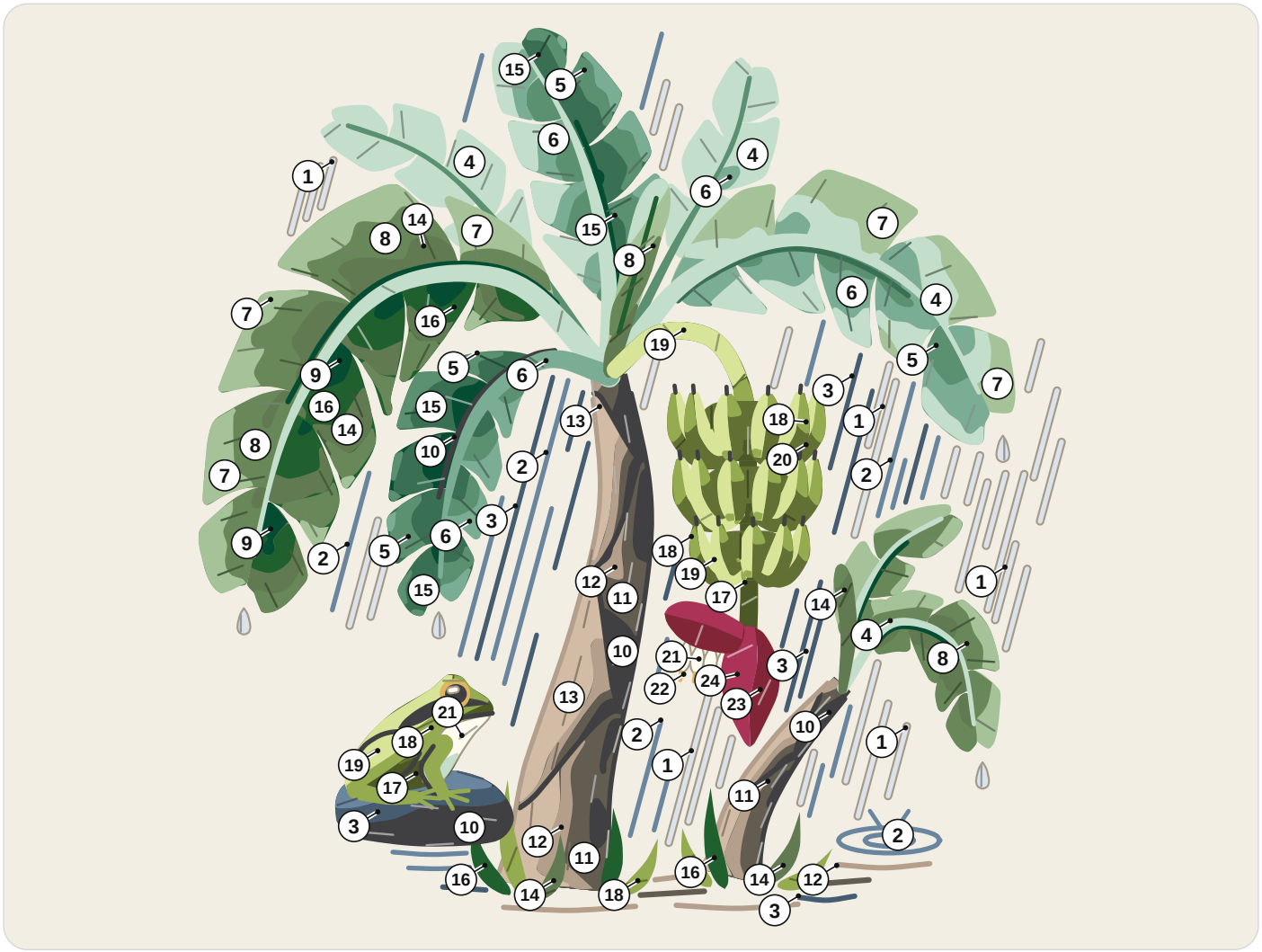
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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How many strands

Stem stitch. 1 or 2 strands: ground; 1 strand: midrib shadows, sheath edges.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: frog toes; 2 strands: banana tips, frog eye light; 1 strand: bud flowers, splashes.

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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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