Beaded portrait of a woman in profile

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.8 × 4.9 in (9.7 × 12.4 cm)



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

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Neck and shoulders, face, ear, brow, hair ground, gown
2. **Satin stitch**, 1 strand
   Lips
3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Neck and shoulders, face, ear, lid, nostril, lips
4. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: sequin rose, pearl drop
   1 strand: lashes
5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Lid
6. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Hair waves, hair knot, dark beads between, loose curls, lace edge, necklace, gown, sequin beads, rose center, earring, oval frame, inner oval

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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.

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.

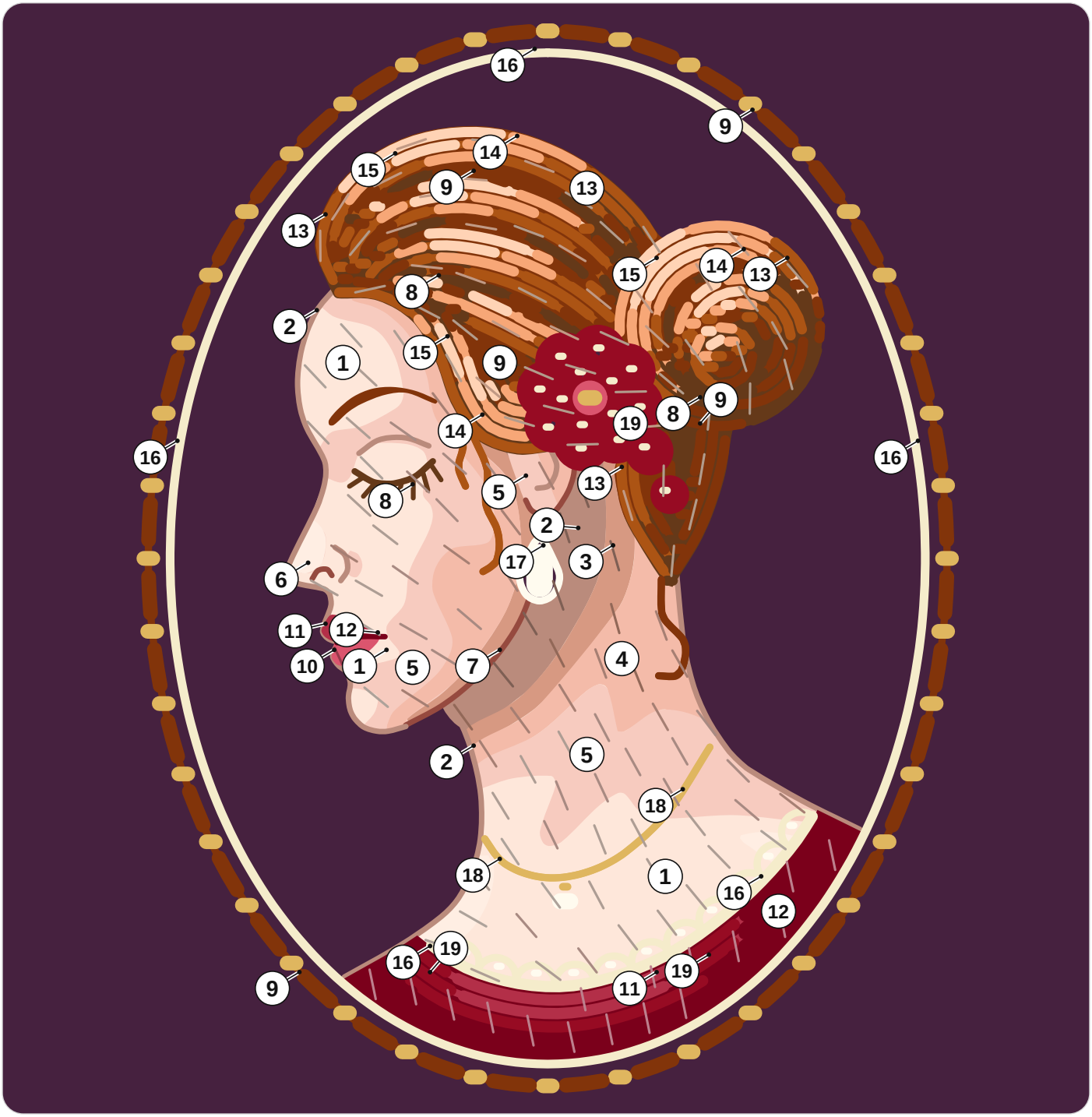
Buy: 19 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of wine red cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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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 948 Very Light Peach	8	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	15	DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany
2	DMC 3859 Light Rosewood	9	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper	16	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold
3	DMC 21 Light Alizarin	10	DMC 3832 Medium Raspberry	17	DMC 712 Cream
4	DMC 3771 Ultra Very Light Terra Cotta	11	DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry	18	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
5	DMC 754 Light Peach	12	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	19	DMC 816 Garnet
6	DMC 3770 Very Light Tawny	13	DMC 920 Medium Copper		
7	DMC 3858 Medium Rosewood	14	DMC 402 Very 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 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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