Man with wildflowers in his beard

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.4 in (11.2 × 11.2 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.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

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. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Shirt (color 2)

2. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: shirt (color 1)
   3 strands: shirt edge
   1 strand: stems

3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand: neck, face, eyelid, eyebrow, hair, ear, poppy petals, mustache
   2 strands: beard



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



5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Collar, lips, cornflower petals, poppy center, bee wings, bee body, bee head



6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Face lines, poppy edges, beard lines (color 14), beard outline (color 14), bee outline

7. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: edges of the collar, contour, beard lines (color 11), beard outline (color 14)
   3 strands: closed eye
   1 strand: lines of the fern

8. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: nostril, lines of the cornflower centers
   1 strand: eyelashes, edges of the cornflower petals, lines of the poppy center, bee legs



9. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 1 strand
   Loops of the fern



10. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: knots of the hair, yarrow, knots of the cornflower centers, bee fur
    1 strand: stamens



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots and the shortest lazy daisy loops 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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6 inch hoop

A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 792 Dark Cornflower Blue	9	DMC 3371 Black Brown	17	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green
2	DMC 793 Medium Cornflower Blue	10	DMC 3865 Winter White	18	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow
3	DMC 791 Very Dark Cornflower Blue	11	DMC 415 Pearl Gray	19	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
4	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	12	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	20	DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet
5	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	13	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray	21	DMC 351 Coral
6	DMC 433 Medium Brown	14	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	22	DMC 352 Light Coral
7	DMC 434 Light Brown	15	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	23	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red
8	DMC 632 Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand	16	DMC 3364 Pine Green	24	DMC 349 Dark Coral

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6 inch hoop

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; 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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