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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

21 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. **Couching**, 4 strands
   Running thread



2. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Dorset wheels



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Wooden buttons



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Shirt buttons, button faces, button rims, dotted buttons, holes, heart button, Dorset rims, flower buttons, needle, bow



5. **Woven wheel stitch**, 3 strands
   Dorset centers

6. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: sewing thread, needle eye
   2 strands: lines of the bow



7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Button edges, wood grain, edges of the needle, edges of the bow

8. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: button edges
   4 strands: words

9. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: knots of the holes
   2 strands: dots



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

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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 321 Red	8	DMC 3053 Green Gray	15	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown
2	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	9	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green	16	DMC 437 Light Tan
3	DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta	10	DMC 712 Cream	17	DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige
4	DMC 3830 Terra Cotta	11	DMC 3046 Medium Yellow Beige	18	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown
5	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	12	DMC 829 Very Dark Golden Olive	19	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
6	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	13	DMC 832 Golden Olive	20	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray
7	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	14	DMC 434 Light Brown	21	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue

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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

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