Birthday cake

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.6 in (11.2 × 11.7 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.

24 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 3865 and 2 of DMC 3325; one of each other 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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24
   Linen, plate, plate rim, crust, cream, crumb, cream filling, jam, candlelight, strawberries, and 5 more



2. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 17, 18
   Mint leaves



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 5, 17, 18, 22
   Strawberry leaves, candles, flame hearts, rose centers



4. **Back stitch**
   1 to 2 strands, color 4
   Linen stripe

5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 2, 4, 16
   Linen edge, plate lines, cream edge

6. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand, colors 18, 24
   Mint leaves, rose centers

7. **Straight stitch**, colors 1, 8, 11
   2 strands: candle stripes
   1 strand: seeds, wicks



8. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, color 7
   Crumbs



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 3865 Winter White	9	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	17	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green
2	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	10	DMC 712 Cream	18	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green
3	DMC 415 Pearl Gray	11	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	19	DMC 3706 Medium Melon
4	DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue	12	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	20	DMC 742 Light Tangerine
5	DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue	13	DMC 321 Red	21	DMC 819 Light Baby Pink
6	DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue	14	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	22	DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose
7	DMC 437 Light Tan	15	DMC 666 Bright Red	23	DMC 3733 Dusty Rose
8	DMC 434 Light Brown	16	DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown	24	DMC 151 Very Light Dusty Rose

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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 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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6 inch hoop

For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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