Black and white piano with peonies

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4 × 4.4 in (10.2 × 11.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: black cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Casters, pedals, lid, case, white keys, rim, prop
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Stems, leaves, opening buds, sepals, buds, peony petals, peony heart
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Legs, pedal lyre, lid, rim, lid bevel, fallboard, key bed, case, leaves
4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges
5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Stamens
6. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Stamens

Floss

- **1 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Rim, key bed and lid bevel, case and lid (dark), fallboard, legs and pedal lyre (darker)
- **2 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Case and lid (middle), prop, fallboard, pedal lyre and legs (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **3 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Petal edges (darker), white keys, lid (light) and 4 more parts
- **4 DMC 522 Fern Green**
  Leaves and sepals (dark), stems (lighter)
- **5 DMC 520 Dark Fern Green**
  Leaves (darkest), stems (darker)
- **6 DMC 523 Light Fern Green**
  Leaves (light), sepals (middle)
- **7 DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green**
  Leaves (lightest), sepals (light)
- **8 DMC 3860 Cocoa**
  Peony petals and opening buds (shade 1 of 7)
- **9 DMC 451 Dark Shell Gray**
  Peony petals and opening buds (shade 2 of 7)
- **10 DMC 3770 Very Light Tawny**
  Peony petals and opening buds (shade 5 of 7), buds (middle)
- **11 DMC 452 Medium Shell Gray**
  Peony petals and opening buds (shade 3 of 7), buds (darkest)
- **12 DMC 453 Light Shell Gray**
  Peony petals and opening buds (shade 4 of 7), buds (dark)
- **13 DMC 712 Cream**
  Peony petals and opening buds (shade 7 of 7), buds (lightest), petal edges (lighter)
- **14 DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow**
  Peony heart (light), stamens (lighter)
- **15 DMC 676 Light Old Gold**
  Stamens (darker), peony heart (dark)
- **16 DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold**
  Peony heart (middle)

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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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.

Each small ring is one French knot. 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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3	DMC 3865 Winter White	**9**	DMC 451 Dark Shell Gray	**15**	DMC 676 Light Old Gold
4	DMC 522 Fern Green	**10**	DMC 3770 Very Light Tawny	**16**	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold
5	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green	**11**	DMC 452 Medium Shell Gray		
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How many strands

Stem stitch. 1 to 3 strands: pedal lyre, fallboard; 2 strands: legs, lid, key bed, case; 1 or 2 strands: rim; 1 strand: lid bevel, leaves.

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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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