Black French bulldog with poppies

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.5 in (11.4 × 11.4 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.

20 colors of floss (page 2): 3 skeins of DMC 310; 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. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the leaves

2. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: leaf stems, lines of the leaves
   3 strands: stems

3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Chest and shoulders, ears, ear linings, head, chin, muzzle, nose, poppies (colors 16, 19 and 20), fallen petal



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Nostrils, eye rims, eyes, pupils, eye highlights, buds, poppies (color 16), seed pods, sepals, poppy centers



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



6. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: mouth line, edges of the seed pods
   1 strand: brow folds

7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges

8. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Whiskers, nose highlight, edges of the eye highlights, lines of the stamens, lines of the seed pods, lines of the fallen petal



9. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Knots of the stamens



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

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots 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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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 310 Black	8	DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink	15	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green
2	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	9	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	16	DMC 349 Dark Coral
3	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray	10	DMC 3865 Winter White	17	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green
4	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue	11	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	18	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red
5	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	12	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	19	DMC 351 Coral
6	DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink	13	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	20	DMC 352 Light Coral
7	DMC 223 Light Shell Pink	14	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green		

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



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