Boss lady

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 4.5 in (10.9 × 11.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: mustard yellow cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of mustard yellow cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

16 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. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 6, 7, 10
   Plum jacket, neck, face, cheek shadow, hair



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16
   Jade buttons, high collar, eye, lips, pencil wood, pencil point, pencil, pencil band, eraser, ear, jade earring, earring center, letter sides, letters, pencil stroke, starbursts, starburst hearts



3. **Split stitch**, colors 3, 4, 6
   2 strands: jacket seams
   1 strand: fine features (colors 4 and 6)

4. **Stem stitch**, colors 3, 4, 8, 9
   2 strands: fine outline, collar fold, collar piping, eyelid, earring wire
   1 strand: fine features (color 4), starburst rays
   3 strands: eyebrow

5. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 4
   Letter edges

6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 1, 9, 10, 11, 12
   Curls, starburst knots



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 3834 Dark Grape	**7**	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	**13**	DMC 350 Medium Coral
2	DMC 3835 Medium Grape	**8**	DMC 712 Cream	**14**	DMC 562 Medium Jade
3	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	**9**	DMC 415 Pearl Gray	**15**	DMC 433 Medium Brown
4	DMC 3371 Black Brown	**10**	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray	**16**	DMC 561 Very Dark Jade
5	DMC 563 Light Jade	**11**	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray		
6	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	**12**	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray		

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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

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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