Bowling numbers and letters with stripes

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.7 in (11.7 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

15 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

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 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
   Bowling ball



Stitch in this order, continued

2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15
   Letters, numbers, starbursts, finger holes, pins, pin stripes, lane stripes



Take out lines that still show, press face down on soft cloth.

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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 745 Light Pale Yellow	6	DMC 3844 Dark Bright Turquoise	11	DMC 352 Light Coral
2	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine	7	DMC 350 Medium Coral	12	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue
3	DMC 666 Bright Red	8	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red	13	DMC 3865 Winter White
4	DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue	9	DMC 349 Dark Coral	14	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
5	DMC 3846 Light Bright Turquoise	10	DMC 351 Coral	15	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 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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