Boy cutting a girl’s pigtails

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4 × 4.2 in (10.2 × 10.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

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.

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.

Buy: 24 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing’s lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Cut ends
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Apple bough, apples, bird, grass, stump, dress, sleeves, braids (color 1), faces, girl's hair, shorts, vest, boy's hair
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bird tail, bird wing, bird beak, legs, socks, shoes, shoe straps, neck, arms, sleeve cuffs, book pages, book, hands, book spine, collar, braids (colors 1 and 20), bows, ears, cheeks, sleeves with stripes, blades, scissor handles, screw, vest hem, eyes, cuffs
5. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Book frame
6. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: hand lines (color 17), collar edge, braid edges, bow edges (color 9), face edges, brows, noses, leg edges, blade edges, cuff edges
   2 strands: parting, lines of the eyes, mouths, shorts seam
7. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: apple highlights, grass blades
   1 strand: bird legs, hand lines (color 17), bow edges (color 9), lashes, blade light
8. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Apple stalks, daisy stems
9. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Daisies
10. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: bird eye, dress dots, daisy centers
    1 strand: eye highlight, freckles

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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 433 Medium Brown	9	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	17	DMC 3772 Very Dark Desert Sand
2	DMC 841 Light Beige Brown	10	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz	18	DMC 336 Navy Blue
3	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	11	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	19	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
4	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	12	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	20	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown
5	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	13	DMC 3371 Black Brown	21	DMC 3712 Medium Salmon
6	DMC 321 Red	14	DMC 951 Light Tawny	22	DMC 921 Copper
7	DMC 498 Dark Red	15	DMC 945 Tawny	23	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper
8	DMC 3865 Winter White	16	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	24	DMC 922 Light Copper

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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 loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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