Bubbles and goldfish bookmark

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 2.1 × 4.7 in (5.3 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: indigo 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
   Water weed, back fin, eye rings, eyes, mouth, small bubbles, lights
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Tail, side fins, body
3. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Outer border
4. **Running stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Inner border, stippling rings
5. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Waves, scales, bubbles
6. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Water weed
7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Fin rays, fin edges, body edge, gill plates

Floss

- **1 DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Fin rays and outer border, tail and side fins (dark), body (middle dark)
- **2 DMC 712 Cream**
  Inner border and smallest bubbles, bubbles (lighter)
- **3 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue** Waves
- **4 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Water weed (darker)
- **5 DMC 3364 Pine Green** Water weed (lighter)
- **6 DMC 352 Light Coral**
  Tail and side fins (middle), body (middle light)
- **7 DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red**
  Body, tail and side fins (darkest), body edge
- **8 DMC 754 Light Peach**
  Tail, side fins and body (light), fin edges
- **9 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Side fins, tail and body (lightest), small bubbles (lighter), eye lights
- **10 DMC 349 Dark Coral** Body (dark)
- **11 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Scales, eye rings and gill plates
- **12 DMC 816 Garnet** Back fin, mouth (darker)
- **13 DMC 310 Black** Eyes
- **14 DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta**
  Mouth (lighter)
- **15 DMC 3811 Very Light Turquoise**
  Stippling rings, small bubbles, bubbles and lights (darker)
- **16 DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow** Lights (lighter)

Stitches, continued

8. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Eye lights, lights
9. **French knot**, 1 to 2 strands, two wraps
   Smallest bubbles

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 dashed line is running stitch. 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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How many strands

Running stitch. 2 strands: inner border; 1 strand: stippling rings.
Back stitch. 2 or 3 strands: bubbles; 1 or 2 strands: waves; 1 strand: scales.
Straight stitch. 1 or 2 strands: lights; 1 strand: eye lights.

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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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