Cake under a glass dome

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 4.6 in (10.9 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark teal cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 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.

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. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the window light

2. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands: linen, glass stand, cream icing, strawberry glaze (colors 12, 15 and 17)
   1 strand: golden sponge, strawberries (color 15), leaves, strawberry hearts (color 15), glass knob (color 7), mouse



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cream layers, jam, strawberry glaze (colors 12 and 15), piped shells, piped cream, strawberries (color 4), strawberry hearts (color 1), blossom petals, window light, glass knob (color 8), mouse tail, mouse paws, mouse ears, strawberry leaves



4. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: linen stripes, glass edges, dome rim
   1 strand: linen hem, cut edge, glaze edge, glaze light, shell edges, ear edges, petal edges

5. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: strawberry seeds, whiskers
   2 strands: knob light, edges of the mouse paws



6. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the leaves

7. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Crumbs, blossom centers



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the 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 BLANC White	9	DMC 676 Light Old Gold	17	DMC 761 Light Salmon
2	DMC 640 Very Dark Beige Gray	10	DMC 436 Tan	18	DMC 407 Dark Desert Sand
3	DMC 712 Cream	11	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold	19	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green
4	DMC 321 Red	12	DMC 760 Salmon	20	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green
5	DMC 598 Light Turquoise	13	DMC 950 Light Desert Sand	21	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown
6	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise	14	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	22	DMC 838 Very Dark Beige Brown
7	DMC 597 Turquoise	15	DMC 351 Coral	23	DMC 841 Light Beige Brown
8	DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue	16	DMC 3774 Very Light Desert Sand		

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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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