Caribbean cottages by the bay

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



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines, loops and knots.

1. **Long and short stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Sky, far hills, blue hills, bay, beach, grass, lane, shadows, garden path, lemon cottage walls, lemon cottage roof, mint cottage walls, and 6 more
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Sloop sails, sloop hull, palm trunks, windows, lemon shutters, fretwork, mint shutters, doors, coral shutters, door, window sill, and 2 more
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Palm fronds, big leaves
4. **Fern stitch**, 2 strands
   Flame tree leaves
5. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Sloop mast, sloop hull, palm trunks, lemon cottage boards, lemon cottage roof seams, mint cottage boards, mint cottage roof seams, and 3 more
6. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Sloop reflection
7. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Rim
8. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Fretwork
9. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Hibiscus flowers, bushes, garden flowers, fallen blossom, flame tree blossom

In a 6 inch hoop the shortest lazy daisy loops 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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 827 Very Light Blue** Sky (darker)
- **2 DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow**
  Sky, beach and lemon cottage walls (lighter), lane (light)
- **3 DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet**
  Far hills and coral cottage roof, tree trunk (lighter) and 4 more parts
- **4 DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue** Blue hills (darker)
- **5 DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue** Blue hills (lighter)
- **6 DMC 964 Light Seagreen**
  Bay (light), mint cottage walls (lighter), sloop reflection
- **7 DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise**
  Bay (dark), door, coral shutters and doors (darker)
- **8 DMC 959 Medium Seagreen**
  Bay (middle), mint cottage walls (darker), mint cottage boards, coral shutters (lighter)
- **9 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Fretwork, window frames, sloop sails and window sill, sloop hull (lighter)
- **10 DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet**
  Tree trunk (darker), rim, windows and coral cottage roof seams and 4 more parts
- **11 DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red**
  Flame tree blossom and fallen blossom (dark), sloop hull (darker)
- **12 DMC 738 Very Light Tan** Beach (darker), lane (middle), garden path
- **13 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Grass, bushes and palm fronds (middle), flame tree leaves (darker) and 2 more parts
- **14 DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green**
  Grass, bushes, palm fronds and big leaves (dark), shadows
- **15 DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Grass, big leaves and palm fronds (light), flame tree leaves (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **16 DMC 726 Light Topaz**
  Lemon cottage walls (darker), garden flowers, lemon cottage boards and flower pot
- **17 DMC 351 Coral**
  Coral cottage walls (darker), coral cottage boards and mint shutters, doors (lighter)
- **18 DMC 352 Light Coral** Coral cottage walls (lighter)
- **19 DMC 606 Bright Orange-Red**
  Flame tree blossom and fallen blossom (middle), hibiscus flowers
- **20 DMC 608 Bright Orange** Flame tree blossom and fallen blossom (light)

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them 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. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point. 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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4	DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue	**11**	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red	**18**	DMC 352 Light Coral
5	DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue	**12**	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	**19**	DMC 606 Bright Orange-Red
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7	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise	**14**	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green		

How many strands

Long and short stitch. 2 strands: sky, lane, shadows, garden path, fallen blossom, flame tree blossom; 1 strand: far hills, blue hills, bay, beach, grass, lemon cottage walls, lemon cottage roof, mint cottage walls, mint cottage roof, coral cottage walls, coral cottage roof, tree trunk.
Back stitch. 1 or 2 strands: window frames; 1 strand: sloop mast, sloop hull, palm trunks, lemon cottage boards, lemon cottage roof seams, mint cottage boards, mint cottage roof seams, coral cottage boards, coral cottage roof seams.
French knot. 3 strands: hibiscus flowers; 2 strands: bushes, garden flowers, fallen blossom, flame tree blossom.

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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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