Cavalier spaniel at a garden gate

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.2 × 3.8 in (10.7 × 9.7 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

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

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

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.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
   Gate posts, black coat, white bib, pickets, white paws, ears, white blaze, tan markings, black mask, chin, white muzzle, foxglove leaves, foxglove bells



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19
   Post shade, post caps, picket tips, picket shade, nose, nose highlight, eye rims, eyes, pupils, eye highlights, grass, foxglove buds, green cup, bell throats, bee wings, bee, bee stripes, bee head



3. **Stem stitch**
   colors 4, 5, 13, 14, 15
   2 strands: gate outline, mouth
   1 strand: lines of the foxglove leaves, daisy stems
   3 strands: foxglove stems

4. **Split stitch**, colors 4, 7, 8, 9, 18
   2 strands: paw edges
   1 strand: toe lines, jaw line, eye rim highlight, eye glow, corner whites, throat edges, bee wing edges

5. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand, colors 4, 5
   Nostrils, bee feelers



6. **Lazy daisy stitch**
   2 strands, color 7
   Daisies



7. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 4, 8, 18, 19
   1 strand: nails, whisker dots, throat spots
   2 strands: daisy centers, bee fur



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots and 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.

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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 712 Cream	8	DMC 317 Pewter Gray	15	DMC 3364 Pine Green
2	DMC 415 Pearl Gray	9	DMC 301 Medium Mahogany	16	DMC 3688 Medium Mauve
3	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	10	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany	17	DMC 3687 Mauve
4	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	11	DMC 3776 Light Mahogany	18	DMC 3834 Dark Grape
5	DMC 310 Black	12	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink	19	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
6	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	13	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green		
7	DMC 3865 Winter White	14	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green		

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6 inch hoop

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

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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