Celebrate

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.6 in (11.9 × 11.7 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

16 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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12
   Cake stand (colors 1 and 4), lower tier, icing tops, upper tier



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16
   Cake stand (color 1), icing drips, cake stars, starburst diamonds, starburst hearts, small stars, lettering



3. **Stem stitch**, colors 4, 5, 8, 14
   2 strands: lines of the cake stand, icing edges
   3 strands: sparklers

4. **Back stitch**, 2 strands, color 15
   Starburst rays

5. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 5, 10, 12, 13
   Hobnail rim, piping, icing rosettes, starburst knots, knots of the starburst hearts



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 964 Light Seagreen	7	DMC 712 Cream	13	DMC 3822 Light Straw
2	DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green	8	DMC 761 Light Salmon	14	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
3	DMC 3849 Light Teal Green	9	DMC 760 Salmon	15	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
4	DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue	10	DMC 352 Light Coral	16	DMC 349 Dark Coral
5	DMC 3865 Winter White	11	DMC 350 Medium Coral		
6	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	12	DMC 351 Coral		

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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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