Child on a swing at sunset

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 or 5 strands.

23 colors of floss (page 2): 3 skeins of DMC 743 and 2 of DMC 3726; one of each other 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**
   colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23
   2 strands: sky, sun, far hills, near hills, meadow
   1 strand: bough, legs, dress, arms, sleeves, hair
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands, colors 12, 13, 14
   Leaves
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands, colors 6, 9, 11, 15, 18, 19
   Socks, shoes, seat, rope knots, hands, neck, collar, ears, hair ties, bow, border
4. **Straight stitch**, colors 6, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19
   3 strands: grass, edges of the rope knots
   1 strand: fingers
   2 strands: bow folds
5. **Whipped back stitch**, 4 strands, colors 15, 19
   Ropes
6. **Back stitch**, 2 strands, color 18
   Lines of the socks
7. **Split stitch**, colors 15, 22
   2 strands: dress folds, edges of the sleeves
   1 strand: hair part
8. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 14, 16, 19, 20
   3 strands: sun edge, light on the hills, birds, shoe soles
   2 strands: flower stems, seat edge
   4 strands: rope wraps
   5 strands: border edge
9. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 3 strands, color 1
   Flowers
10. **French knot**
    2 strands, two wraps, colors 16, 17, 18
    Flower centers, hair puffs

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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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 743 Medium Yellow	9	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow	17	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown
2	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	10	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	18	DMC 350 Medium Coral
3	DMC 3835 Medium Grape	11	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	19	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
4	DMC 3726 Dark Antique Mauve	12	DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green	20	DMC 435 Very Light Brown
5	DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink	13	DMC 934 Black Avocado Green	21	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise
6	DMC 3712 Medium Salmon	14	DMC 470 Light Avocado Green	22	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise
7	DMC 3341 Apricot	15	DMC 433 Medium Brown	23	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise
8	DMC 3825 Pale Pumpkin	16	DMC 3371 Black Brown		

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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 loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a dashed line is whipped back stitch; a finer one inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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25.4 mm

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