Child on a swing with blossom

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.3 in (11.4 × 10.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: sage green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of sage green 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 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, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
   Mound, tree, arms, legs, dress, neck, puffs, face, hair, blossom
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands, colors 2, 7, 8, 10, 11, 15, 16
   Hands, socks, shoes, petticoat, seat, sash, hair ties, face, rosy cheek, smile and eye, ropes, dress cuff, collar, rope turns, buds, and 2 more
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands, colors 1, 2
   Leaves
4. **Split stitch**, colors 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15
   1 or 2 strands: hair
   1 strand: bark, tree, arms, hands, fingers, legs, socks, shoes, petticoat, dress folds, dress, seat, neck, sash, face, smile and eye, ropes, collar, rope turns, buds, blossom, falling petals
5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, colors 2, 5, 10
   Twigs, socks, smile and eye, daisy stems
6. **Whipped back stitch**, 3 strands, colors 6, 7
   Ropes
7. **Straight stitch**, colors 1, 2, 5, 7, 11
   2 or 3 strands: grass
   2 strands: shoe straps
   1 or 2 strands: smile and eye
   1 strand: blossom throats, daisies
8. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands, color 7
   Daisies
9. **French knot**, two wraps, colors 5, 7, 12, 14
   2 strands: puffs, rope knots, daisy centers
   1 or 2 strands: blossom centers

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

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.

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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 3347 Medium Yellow Green	7	DMC 3865 Winter White	13	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
2	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	8	DMC 3772 Very Dark Desert Sand	14	DMC 3821 Straw
3	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	9	DMC 407 Dark Desert Sand	15	DMC 3326 Light Rose
4	DMC 632 Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand	10	DMC 352 Light Coral	16	DMC 818 Baby Pink
5	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	11	DMC 350 Medium Coral		
6	DMC 3862 Dark Mocha Beige	12	DMC 783 Medium Topaz		

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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 dashed line is whipped back stitch; a finer one 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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