Chinese children playing with a dragon

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.4 in (11.9 × 11.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

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.

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.

Buy: 24 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ground, pine trunk, tail plume, dragon fin, dragon scales, dragon belly, dragon mane, dragon horns, dragon ear, dragon mouth, dragon tongue, dragon jaw, dragon teeth, dragon head, dragon eye, dragon pupil, dragon brow, dragon beard, pearl flames, pearl, clouds, trousers, boots, poles, pole caps, hands, coral sleeves, coral jacket, sashes, faces, hair (color 5), hair ties, cheeks, eyes, mouths, collars, indigo sleeves, indigo jacket, peony leaves, peony petals, grass



2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Hair (color 5)



3. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Pine twigs

4. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: pine needles, eye highlights
   1 strand: hand lines (color 22)



5. **Couching**
   3 strands: ground line, gold outline, gold lip, whiskers, gold pearl edge, cloud edges, boot tops, cuffs, gold hems
   2 strands: gold plume veins, gold nostril, gold eye ring, gold brow, gold cheek curl, gold flame edge, cloud scrolls, gold sleeve edges
   4 strands: boot soles



6. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: bark lines, hand lines (color 22), face lines (color 22), peony veins
   2 strands: pearl curl

7. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Brows, face lines (color 22)

8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Pine buds, buttons, peony centers



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 3363 Medium Pine Green	9	DMC 350 Medium Coral	17	DMC 3845 Medium Bright Turquoise
2	DMC 3364 Pine Green	10	DMC 3855 Light Autumn Gold	18	DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue
3	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	11	DMC 3849 Light Teal Green	19	DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue
4	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	12	DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green	20	DMC 797 Royal Blue
5	DMC 3371 Black Brown	13	DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green	21	DMC 951 Light Tawny
6	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	14	DMC 964 Light Seagreen	22	DMC 3859 Light Rosewood
7	DMC 352 Light Coral	15	DMC 3844 Dark Bright Turquoise	23	DMC 336 Navy Blue
8	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red	16	DMC BLANC White	24	DMC 761 Light Salmon

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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.



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25.4 mm

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