Congrats

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



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

13 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. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: stems
   2 strands: agapanthus stalks

2. **Whipped back stitch**, 3 strands
   Lines of the letters



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands: strap leaves, agapanthus trumpets, turquoise petals, bud, letters
   1 strand: rose petals



4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, bud caps



5. **Fly stitch**, 1 strand
   Ivory sparks (color 4)



6. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: ivory rays, ivory sparks (color 4), allium stalks, petal lines
   2 strands: allium florets



7. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Bud seams

8. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: ivory knots, agapanthus hearts, rose centers, turquoise heart
   1 strand: allium hearts



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

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots 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 503 Medium Blue Green	**6**	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	**11**	DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose
2	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	**7**	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**12**	DMC 3733 Dusty Rose
3	DMC 3364 Pine Green	**8**	DMC 350 Medium Coral	**13**	DMC 3845 Medium Bright Turquoise
4	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow	**9**	DMC 351 Coral		
5	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**10**	DMC 353 Peach		

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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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