Cornish pixie, small and easy

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.6 × 3.9 in (9.1 × 9.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: blush pink cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 7, and size 5 for 4 strands.

7 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. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Coat (color 1)
2. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Snail, coat (color 2), face, cap (color 2)
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Snail eyes, cheeks, snail shell, stockings, boots, boot cuffs, hair, ears, eye, cap brim, bell, flower cups
4. **Running stitch**, 3 strands
   Snail foot
5. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Snail smile, lines of the snail shell, edges of the stockings, edges of the boots, edges of the boot cuffs, sleeve (color 2), hands, lines of the ears, smile, edges of the cap brim, edges of the bell
6. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Ground, sleeve (color 1), flower stalk
7. **Chain stitch**, 4 strands
   Lines of the snail shell, cap (color 3)
8. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Lines of the grass, lines of the sea thrift
9. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 3 strands
   Loops of the grass, loops of the sea thrift

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 987 Dark Forest Green
2 DMC 3371 Black Brown
3 DMC 349 Dark Coral
4 DMC 3687 Mauve
5 DMC 921 Copper
6 DMC 3821 Straw
7 DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise

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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 loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a dashed line is running stitch.



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