The cow jumped over the moon

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



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: wine red cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

12 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. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 11
   Moon, far legs, cow, head, dog, flower bank
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands, color 12
   Leaves
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands, colors 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11
   Craters, hooves, tail, udder, bands, rosette petals, rosette center, horns, muzzle, collar, ears, inner ears, eye, nostril, bell, tail tuft, gold discs, dog tail, dog ears, dog collar, tulips, folk flowers, flower centers
4. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, colors 1, 4
   Crater rims, eyelid, dog lines
5. **Straight stitch**, 6 strands, color 1
   Udder teats
6. **Feather stitch**, 2 strands, color 10
   Feather band
7. **Chain stitch**, colors 3, 8, 9, 12
   2 strands: moon rim, leg rings, chain rows, rosette rings
   3 strands: bank edge
8. **Herringbone stitch**, 2 strands, color 4
   Herringbone band
9. **Back stitch**, 2 strands, color 10
   Mouth
10. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands, colors 8, 9
    Daisy band, daisy leaves, rosette leaves, face flower, dog daisy
11. **French knot**, two wraps, colors 3, 4, 7, 8
    2 strands: daisy centers, collar knots, knots of the bell, disc beads
    1 strand: eye highlight, dog eye

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 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany	5	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	9	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green
2	DMC 3854 Medium Autumn Gold	6	DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown	10	DMC 350 Medium Coral
3	DMC 746 Off White	7	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	11	DMC 3371 Black Brown
4	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	8	DMC 352 Light Coral	12	DMC 3053 Green Gray

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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 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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