Crawfish boil pot

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



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

21 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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

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
   Antennae

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Pot, greens, potatoes, tail fan, tail, arms, claws, back



3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Scroll leaves, bay leaves



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Pot handles, scrolls, scroll ends, corn, corn kernels, lemon rind, lemon pith, lemon segments, pot rim, legs, eyes



5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: pot edges, corn edge, potato edges, lemon edge, back grooves
   1 strand: lines of the bay leaves

6. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Potato eyes, eye highlights



7. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Shell edges

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 820 Very Dark Royal Blue	8	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	15	DMC 307 Lemon
2	DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue	9	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	16	DMC 498 Dark Red
3	DMC BLANC White	10	DMC 727 Very Light Topaz	17	DMC 349 Dark Coral
4	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	11	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz	18	DMC 351 Coral
5	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...	12	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	19	DMC 814 Dark Garnet
6	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	13	DMC 434 Light Brown	20	DMC 3341 Apricot
7	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	14	DMC 436 Tan	21	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue

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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 broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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