Crickets singing under the moon

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 4.9 in (11.9 × 12.4 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: indigo cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines, loops and knots.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Moon, mushroom stems, mushroom caps, gills, far thigh, abdomen, near wing, head, pronotum, hind thigh, moss
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Grass blades, gills, cap spots, legs, eye ring, eye, small wings, small cricket, small thigh, stars
3. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cap spots
4. **Trellis stitch**, 1 strand
   Far wing
5. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Moon edge, abdomen bands, pronotum edge, mouth, small thigh edge, small thigh
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Gill lines, thigh bars, leg spurs, eye light
7. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Far legs, far wing edge, tail feelers, wing veins, wing edge, feet, collar, thigh edge, mouth feelers, small legs, small wing edge, small antennae
8. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Antennae
9. **Running stitch**, 2 strands
   Song
10. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
    Small flowers
11. **French knot**
    strands by part on page 2, two wraps
    Small eye, stars, flower centers

Floss

- **1 DMC 712 Cream**
  Moon and mushroom stems (light), cap spots, song and small flowers and 2 more parts
- **2 DMC 3046 Medium Yellow Beige** Moon (darkest)
- **3 DMC 3047 Light Yellow Beige** Moon (dark), moon edge
- **4 DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow** Moon (lightest)
- **5 DMC 926 Medium Gray Green** Moss (lightest), grass blades (light)
- **6 DMC 522 Fern Green** Grass blades (dark), moss (light)
- **7 DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green** Moss (dark), grass blades (darkest)
- **8 DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet** Gills and mushroom stems (dark)
- **9 DMC 3836 Light Grape**
  Mushroom caps (lightest), mushroom stems (middle), gills (light)
- **10 DMC 3835 Medium Grape** Gills (middle), mushroom caps (light)
- **11 DMC 154 Very Dark Grape** Mushroom caps (darkest), gill lines
- **12 DMC 3834 Dark Grape** Mushroom caps (dark)
- **13 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Legs, wing edge, small legs and thigh edge, small wing edge (darker) and 5 more parts
- **14 DMC 927 Light Gray Green**
  Far wing and far wing edge, grass blades (lightest), small wings (lighter)
- **15 DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown**
  Far thigh (darker), near wing and abdomen (darkest), pronotum edge and 9 more parts
- **16 DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany**
  Near wing, abdomen and small cricket (dark), far thigh (lighter) and 3 more parts
- **17 DMC 301 Medium Mahogany**
  Abdomen, pronotum and hind thigh (middle), near wing (light) and 3 more parts
- **18 DMC 3776 Light Mahogany**
  Pronotum, head, abdomen and hind thigh (light), near wing (lightest) and 2 more parts
- **19 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Hind thigh and abdomen (lightest), wing veins, antennae and eye ring and 8 more parts
- **20 DMC 520 Dark Fern Green** Moss (darkest)

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point. A dashed line is running stitch. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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6	DMC 522 Fern Green	**13**	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	**20**	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green
7	DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green	**14**	DMC 927 Light Gray Green		

How many strands

Split stitch. 2 strands: moon edge, abdomen bands, mouth; 1 strand: pronotum edge, small thigh edge, small thigh.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: eye light; 2 strands: thigh bars, leg spurs; 1 strand: gill lines.
Stem stitch. 2 strands: far legs, far wing edge, tail feelers, wing edge, feet, collar, thigh edge, mouth feelers; 1 or 2 strands: small legs; 1 strand: wing veins, small wing edge, small antennae.
French knot. 2 strands: stars, flower centers; 1 strand: small eye.

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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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