Dare to be different

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.6 in (12.2 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

6 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. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Fish tails, fish fins, odd fish tail, odd fish fins, odd fish, eyes, words, odd word



2. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, colors 1, 3
   Fish patterns, fish outlines (color 1), odd fish edge (color 3)

3. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, colors 1, 3
   Fish outlines (color 1), odd fish edge (color 3)

4. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands, color 1
   Lines of the fish tails



5. **Split stitch**, 2 strands, colors 3, 6
   Odd fish scales

6. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, color 1
   Fish eyes



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

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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 310 Black	**3**	DMC 349 Dark Coral	**5**	DMC 352 Light Coral
2	DMC 350 Medium Coral	**4**	DMC 351 Coral	**6**	DMC 3865 Winter White

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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

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



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