Drive-in hamburger, 1950s

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



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: teal cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

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.

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. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11
   Arrow, starburst, checked paper, bottom bun, patty, mustard, tomato, lettuce



2. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands, colors 5, 6, 7
   Top bun



3. **Whipped back stitch**
   3 strands, color 1
   Lines of the neon tube

4. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands, colors 3, 12
   Arrow edge, lettuce edge

5. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 3
   Starburst rays, twinkles



6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, color 10
   Tomato edges

7. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 3, 4
   Bulbs, starburst heart, sesame seeds



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 1, 3, 4
   Knots of the neon tube, knots of the bulbs, starburst knots



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 3811 Very Light Turquoise	**5**	DMC 976 Medium Golden Brown	**9**	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz
2	DMC 321 Red	**6**	DMC 975 Dark Golden Brown	**10**	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
3	DMC 746 Off White	**7**	DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown	**11**	DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green
4	DMC 744 Pale Yellow	**8**	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	**12**	DMC 470 Light Avocado Green

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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

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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