Easy kitten in a tire swing

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.8 × 4.1 in (9.7 × 10.4 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.

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

7 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. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands: branch
   6 strands: tire, tire shine

2. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Feelers

3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves



4. **Satin stitch**, 3 strands
   Cut end, rope, tread, inside of tire, tail, body, stripes, legs, paws, haunch, ears, inner ears, head, muzzle, nose, butterfly, butterfly body, rope knot



5. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands: ground
   3 strands: flower stems
   6 strands: lines of the tread
   5 strands: closed eyes

6. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: grass
   2 strands: rope twist, toes, lines of the rope knot
   1 strand: whiskers



7. **Back stitch**
   3 strands: edges of the cut end
   1 strand: rope edge, edges of the rope knot
   2 strands: outline, mouth

8. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 4 strands
   Daisies



9. **French knot**
   3 strands, two wraps
   Daisy centers



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 3346 Hunter Green
2 DMC 975 Dark Golden Brown
3 DMC 712 Cream
4 DMC 3853 Dark Autumn Gold
5 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray
6 DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray
7 DMC 351 Coral

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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.



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

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



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