Eat cake with a crown and peonies

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.8 × 4.8 in (12.2 × 12.2 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ribbon, buds, sepals, peony petals, far points, crown, stones, peony throats, turned rims, words
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
3. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Crown band, stones
4. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Ribbon edges, petal edges, crown edge, words
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Stems, filler stems, crown edge
6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Filler stems, stone lights
7. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Filler flowers, peony hearts, crown beads, pearls

Floss

- **1 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue** Ribbon (lighter)
- **2 DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue**
  Ribbon edges, stones (darker)
- **3 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue** Ribbon (darker)
- **4 DMC 520 Dark Fern Green**
  Leaves (darkest), stems, sepals (darker)
- **5 DMC 522 Fern Green** Leaves (dark), filler stems
- **6 DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green**
  Leaves (lightest)
- **7 DMC 523 Light Fern Green**
  Leaves (light), sepals (lighter)
- **8 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Pearls, filler flowers and stone lights, peony petals (shade 7 of 7)
- **9 DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose**
  Peony petals (shade 3 of 7), petal edges and buds (light)
- **10 DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose**
  Peony petals (shade 2 of 7), petal edges and buds (dark), stones (lighter)
- **11 DMC 3733 Dusty Rose**
  Peony petals (shade 4 of 7), petal edges and buds (lightest), turned rims (darker)
- **12 DMC 814 Dark Garnet**
  Words, peony petals (shade 1 of 7), petal edges (darkest) and 3 more parts
- **13 DMC 151 Very Light Dusty Rose**
  Peony petals (shade 5 of 7), turned rims (lighter)
- **14 DMC 818 Baby Pink** Peony petals (shade 6 of 7)
- **15 DMC 782 Dark Topaz**
  Crown band, peony hearts and crown (dark), crown beads
- **16 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Crown (light), crown band and peony hearts (middle)
- **17 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Crown band and peony hearts (light), crown (lightest)
- **18 DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz**
  Crown edge (lighter), crown (darkest), far points

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them 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. 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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How many strands

Split stitch. 2 strands: words; 1 strand: ribbon edges, petal edges, crown edge.
Stem stitch. 2 strands: stems; 1 or 2 strands: crown edge; 1 strand: filler stems.
French knot. 3 or 4 strands: pearls; 2 strands: filler flowers, crown beads; 1 or 2 strands: peony hearts.

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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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