Family reunion

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.9 in (11.7 × 12.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order, continued

10. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, color 7
    Lavender stalks
11. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands, colors 10, 16
    Loops of the hair flower, daisies
12. **French knot**
    two wraps, colors 8, 10, 19, 20, 22, 23
    2 strands: big curls, knots of the hair flower, short curls, pearls, dog eye, knots of the hair bow, dress dots, hair puffs, lavender, poppy centers, gold buds
    1 strand: melon seeds, daisy centers

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Couching**, 4 strands, colors 10, 12
   Bunting cord
2. **Long and short stitch**
   colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24
   1 strand: tree trunks, white blouse, denim overalls, yellow dress, heads (color 2), lilac cardigan, gingham shirt (color 10), red dress, coral dress, blue shirt, meadow
   2 strands: red hair, gray hair, white hair, dog (colors 10 and 14), black bob, dark hair, fair hair, pennants
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands, colors 4, 5, 6, 7
   Oak leaves
4. **Woven filling stitch**, 3 strands, color 1
   Picnic basket
5. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22
   Acorns, acorn caps, necks, denim straps, ears, braid, braid tie, straw hat, hat ribbon, dress collar, striped shirt, shirt collar, gray bun, suspenders, heads (color 9), hands, gingham shirt (color 10), dog collar, dog (color 15), dog nose, hair bow, hair bobbles, basket handles, melon rind, watermelon, picnic cloth, grass blades, poppies, letters, pennants (color 21)
6. **Chain stitch**, 1 strand, color 23
   Cardigan knit
7. **Trellis stitch**, 2 strands, colors 18, 24
   Lines of the gingham shirt
8. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand, color 12
   Edges of the white hair, lines of the black bob
9. **Split stitch**
   colors 1, 2, 3, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24
   2 strands: edges of the white blouse, edges of the straw hat, edges of the yellow dress, edges of the striped shirt, edges of the lilac cardigan, edges of the gray bun, edges of the gingham shirt, edges of the red dress, edges of the coral dress, edges of the blue shirt, edges of the picnic basket, edges of the pennants
   1 strand: edges of the ears, edges of the dress collar, edges of the shirt collar, edges of the gray hair, edges of the white hair, edges of the heads, edges of the hands, edges of the dog, lines of the dark hair, edges of the fair hair, edges of the picnic cloth

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 5 for 4 strands.

24 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.

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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.

A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 632 Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand	9	DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany	17	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
2	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	10	DMC 3865 Winter White	18	DMC 321 Red
3	DMC 3064 Desert Sand	11	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	19	DMC 3371 Black Brown
4	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	12	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray	20	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown
5	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	13	DMC 311 Medium Navy Blue	21	DMC 3765 Very Dark Peacock Blue
6	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	14	DMC 920 Medium Copper	22	DMC 209 Dark Lavender
7	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	15	DMC 400 Dark Mahogany	23	DMC 208 Very Dark Lavender
8	DMC 3821 Straw	16	DMC 351 Coral	24	DMC 498 Dark Red

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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; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

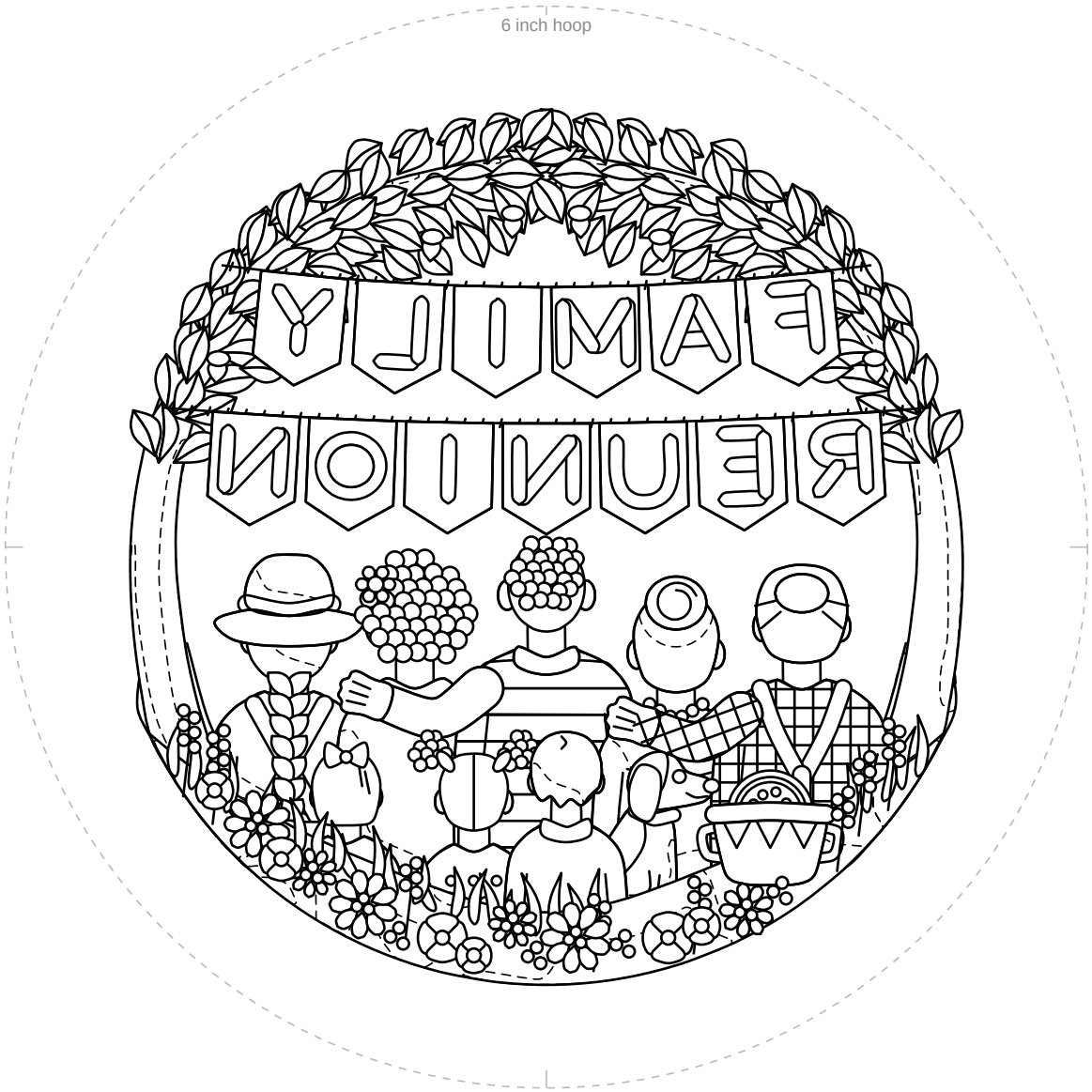
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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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