# Favorite aunt

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.2 in (11.2 × 10.7 cm)




Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: blush pink cotton or linen.

## What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

22 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**
   2 strands: berry sprigs
   3 strands: stems



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



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Lining, tulips, lollipop, dahlia, anemone, peony, purse



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Sticks, lollipop swirl, pinwheel, daisies, gold frame, words



5. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Pinwheel edges



6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges, dahlia edges



7. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: lollipop edge
   3 strands: purse edge



8. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries, pinwheel pin, flower centers, clasp, hinges



9. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Blue spikes, knots of the flower centers



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

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.



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




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| **1** | DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve | **9** | DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red | **17** | DMC 3820 Dark Straw |
| **2** | DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green | **10** | DMC 349 Dark Coral | **18** | DMC 3688 Medium Mauve |
| **3** | DMC 3687 Mauve | **11** | DMC 353 Peach | **19** | DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green |
| **4** | DMC 792 Dark Cornflower Blue | **12** | DMC 922 Light Copper | **20** | DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green |
| **5** | DMC 793 Medium Cornflower Blue | **13** | DMC 920 Medium Copper | **21** | DMC 3849 Light Teal Green |
| **6** | DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green | **14** | DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany | **22** | DMC 3822 Light Straw |
| **7** | DMC 3346 Hunter Green | **15** | DMC 3865 Winter White | | |
| **8** | DMC 351 Coral | **16** | DMC 3829 Very Dark Old Gold | | |



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**6 inch hoop**

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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