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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 4.7 in (10.9 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: wine red cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of wine red 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.

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, color 5
   Flower threads

2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10
   Leaves, spathes, inner cups, outer petals, snow



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 5, 9, 11, 12
   Stalks, green marks, ovaries, letters



4. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 2, 6, 7
   Leaf edges, petal edges, snow edge

5. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands, color 6
   Snowflakes



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

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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 502 Blue Green	**5**	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	**9**	DMC 3346 Hunter Green
2	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	**6**	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...	**10**	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue
3	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green	**7**	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	**11**	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green
4	DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green	**8**	DMC 3865 Winter White	**12**	DMC 760 Salmon

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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 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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