Five-tier pagoda

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.8 in (11.4 × 12.2 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.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 22
   Far hill, far cedars, mist, eave shadow, roof snow, snow bank, pine boughs, pine trunk, pine snow, snow hollow, camellia



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19
   Stone base, plaster, wall shade, shutters, posts, spire, spire rings, spire flame, spire jewel, camellia center



3. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 6, 20
   Camellia leaves



4. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands, color 12
   Eave boards

5. **Back stitch**
   2 strands, colors 13, 16
   Rails (colors 13 and 16)

6. **Straight stitch**
   colors 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 19, 20, 21
   1 strand: base joints, shutter lines, rafters
   2 strands: rails (color 13), pine needles
   3 strands: lines of the spire jewel



7. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, color 23
   Knots of the camellia center



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 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	9	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray	17	DMC 3011 Dark Khaki Green
2	DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet	10	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	18	DMC 834 Very Light Golden Olive
3	DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet	11	DMC 433 Medium Brown	19	DMC 3822 Light Straw
4	DMC 926 Medium Gray Green	12	DMC 3371 Black Brown	20	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green
5	DMC 927 Light Gray Green	13	DMC 321 Red	21	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green
6	DMC 502 Blue Green	14	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	22	DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet
7	DMC BLANC White	15	DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown	23	DMC 712 Cream
8	DMC 822 Light Beige Gray	16	DMC 350 Medium Coral		

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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

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



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