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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.8 in (12.4 × 12.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

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.

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.

Buy: 22 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Jasmine leaves



2. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Jasmine stalks (color 3)

3. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: jasmine stalks (color 3)
   3 strands: rose stalks

4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Rose leaves



5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Jasmine buds, arch, jasmine, small roses (colors 12 and 13), ivory roses (colors 14, 15 and 16), blush roses (colors 6, 12 and 13), sepals, ribbon, ribbon folds, tail (colors 19 and 21), bill, words



6. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Small roses (colors 5, 12 and 13), ivory roses (colors 10, 14 and 15), blush roses (colors 12 and 13), rosebuds, far wing, tail (color 21), belly, back, throat, near wing



7. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: arch edges
   3 strands: arch twist
   2 strands: breast band

8. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges, ribbon edges

9. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Jasmine edges, edges of the rosebuds, feather edges, belly edge, edges of the words

10. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: jasmine centers
    1 strand: eye



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.



1	DMC 522 Fern Green	9	DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige	17	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink
2	DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray	10	DMC 712 Cream	18	DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve
3	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	11	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	19	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue
4	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	12	DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink	20	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue
5	DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink	13	DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink	21	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue
6	DMC 223 Light Shell Pink	14	DMC 841 Light Beige Brown	22	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue
7	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray	15	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown		
8	DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown	16	DMC 822 Light Beige Gray		

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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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