Forever together

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.1 in (12.4 × 10.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

15 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, 8, 11, 12, 13
   Legs, tail, belly, neck, shell plates, heads



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15
   Claws, shell rim, cheeks, flower leaf, flower, clover leaves, lettering



3. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 1
   Neck folds

4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, colors 1, 9
   Edges of the legs, edges of the heads, faces

5. **Stem stitch**, colors 5, 6, 7, 8, 12
   3 strands: shell seams, shell edges, ground
   2 strands: clover stems, grass

6. **Straight stitch**, colors 1, 10, 14
   1 strand: leg scales
   3 strands: clover flowers



7. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, color 14
   Heart



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, color 5
   Knots of the shell plates, knots of the flower



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 839 Dark Beige Brown	6	DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green	11	DMC 3776 Light Mahogany
2	DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige	7	DMC 469 Avocado Green	12	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper
3	DMC 3862 Dark Mocha Beige	8	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	13	DMC 921 Copper
4	DMC 3864 Light Mocha Beige	9	DMC 3371 Black Brown	14	DMC 350 Medium Coral
5	DMC 3822 Light Straw	10	DMC 352 Light Coral	15	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise

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



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