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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.8 in (11.7 × 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.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

24 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 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
   Skin, teal dress (color 5), deep skin, mustard blouse, dark hair, copper hair



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 5, 6, 7, 13, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24
   Letters, heart, teal dress (color 5), neck band, leaves, ribbon, daisies, blue flowers



3. **Woven wheel stitch**
   4 strands, colors 1, 23, 24
   Roses

4. **Stem stitch**, colors 5, 13
   3 strands: edges of the teal dress, cuff
   2 strands: sleeve edge

5. **Split stitch**, colors 3, 13
   2 strands: lines of the skin
   1 strand: gathers

6. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 7, 11
   2 strands: cream knots, buds
   1 strand: daisy centers



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 347 Very Dark Salmon	9	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	17	DMC 919 Red Copper
2	DMC 754 Light Peach	10	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	18	DMC 921 Copper
3	DMC 3064 Desert Sand	11	DMC 3821 Straw	19	DMC 3853 Dark Autumn Gold
4	DMC 945 Tawny	12	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	20	DMC 3346 Hunter Green
5	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	13	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	21	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green
6	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	14	DMC 310 Black	22	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green
7	DMC 3865 Winter White	15	DMC 3371 Black Brown	23	DMC 350 Medium Coral
8	DMC 433 Medium Brown	16	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany	24	DMC 3341 Apricot

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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

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



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