Frilled cushion with a daisy

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.5 × 4 in (8.9 × 10.2 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.

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

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. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands: hollyhock stems
   2 strands: daisy stems

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Chair legs, chair, eye rims, eyes, pupils, nose, seat, seat shadow, gingham checks, daisy center



3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand: kitten, kitten ears, inner ears, tabby stripes, kitten face, muzzle, frill, daisy petals, kitten paw, hollyhock leaves (colors 11 and 22)
   2 strands: frill, undersides



4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Hollyhock leaves (colors 11 and 22), daisy leaves



5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Board edges, mouth, frill folds, petal edges, edges of the kitten paw, toes, leaf veins

6. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Cushion seam

7. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: eye highlights, lines of the tabby stripes, grass
   1 strand: whiskers
   3 strands: lines of the small daisies



8. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Loops of the small daisies



9. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: knots of the daisy center, hollyhocks
   3 strands: hollyhock buds
   1 strand: small daisy centers



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 930 Dark Antique Blue	9	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	17	DMC 523 Light Fern Green
2	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	10	DMC 3371 Black Brown	18	DMC 522 Fern Green
3	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	11	DMC 3364 Pine Green	19	DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink
4	DMC 436 Tan	12	DMC BLANC White	20	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
5	DMC 433 Medium Brown	13	DMC 712 Cream	21	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
6	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	14	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	22	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green
7	DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink	15	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink	23	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green
8	DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink	16	DMC 223 Light Shell Pink		

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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 loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; 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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