Letters made of garden things A to Z

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.9 × 4.8 in (12.4 × 12.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines, loops and knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Treads, ladder, ladder top, apple skin, apple flesh, branch, carrot, saw blade, saw frame, saw grip, saw ends, branches, trunk, apples, and 69 more
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 1 strand
   Border leaves
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Strawberries, border tomatoes
4. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Outlines, ladybug spots
5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Vine, border vine
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Strawberry seeds, bee stripes
7. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaves, carrot tops, onion tops, radish leaves, parsnip leaves, border caps
8. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Blossoms, tomato leaves, flower centers, border peas, bee heads, ladybug heads, ladybug spots

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Outlines (shade 6 of 9), post, branches, spade handles and branch and 9 more parts
- **2 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown** Outlines (shade 2 of 9)
- **3 DMC 436 Tan** Garden rope, canes and ladder, twine (lighter)
- **4 DMC 905 Dark Parrot Green**
  Border vine, pea pod and zucchini, border leaves (middle) and 17 more parts
- **5 DMC 606 Bright Orange-Red**
  Tomatoes, saw frame, ladybugs, chili pepper, top board and ties and 7 more parts
- **6 DMC 321 Red**
  Border tomatoes, radish, boot, apple skin, apples and spade grips, blossoms (darker)
- **7 DMC 815 Medium Garnet** Outlines (shade 1 of 9), strawberries
- **8 DMC 746 Off White** Border flowers (lighter), leek stalks and apple flesh
- **9 DMC 971 Pumpkin** Carrot and pumpkin rind
- **10 DMC 918 Dark Red Copper** Outlines (shade 4 of 9)
- **11 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Spade blades, rake head, saw blade, lower board and rake tines
- **12 DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue** Outlines (shade 5 of 9)
- **13 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Outlines (shade 9 of 9), flower centers (darker), ferrules and 6 more parts
- **14 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue**
  Shear blades, bee wings and spade sockets
- **15 DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green**
  Outlines (shade 3 of 9), border leaves (dark)
- **16 DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green**
  Pod inside, leek middles and cut ends
- **17 DMC 907 Light Parrot Green**
  Border pea pods and husks, border leaves (light), asparagus (lighter) and 6 more parts
- **18 DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz**
  Onion, bees, corn cobs, pumpkin flesh, strawberry seeds and cuff and 3 more parts
- **19 DMC 3833 Light Raspberry** Earthworm, border flowers (darker)
- **20 DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry**
  Chard stalks and worm band, outlines (shade 7 of 9)
- **21 DMC 738 Very Light Tan** Parsnips
- **22 DMC 921 Copper** Pot rim and pot
- **23 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Ladybug spots, bee stripes, ladybug heads and bee heads

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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How many strands

Satin stitch. 2 strands: bees, ladybugs; 1 strand: treads, ladder, ladder top, apple skin, apple flesh, branch, carrot, saw blade, saw frame, saw grip, saw ends, branches, trunk, apples, post, top board, lower board, tomatoes, twine, spade handles, spade blades, spade sockets, spade grips, asparagus, cut ends, tie, bow, chili pepper, stalk, cap, corn cobs, husks, boot, sole, cuff, strap, canes, leek stalks, leek middles, leek leaves, ties, onion, pumpkin rind, pumpkin flesh, stake, radish, hose, brass collar, brass rose, tap handle, tap, clamp, earthworm, worm band, rake handle, rake tines, rake head, ferrule, grip, pea pod, pod inside, peas, pod cap, pod tip, chard leaves, chard stalks, parsnips, shear blades, shear handles, ferrules, bolt, stem, seed leaves, pot, pot rim, zucchini, stem ends, garden rope, border flowers, border pea pods, bee wings.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: bee stripes; 1 strand: strawberry seeds.
French knot. 2 strands: blossoms, tomato leaves, flower centers, border peas, bee heads, ladybug heads; 1 strand: ladybug spots.

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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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