Geisha hairpins and comb

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4 in (11.4 × 10.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: sage green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of sage green cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

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. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: plum twigs
   2 strands: wisteria stems

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Plum leaves (colors 12 and 13), wisteria leaves, chrysanthemum leaves



3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Comb face, plum blossoms, maple leaves, chrysanthemum petals



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Silk cord, hairpin prongs, tassels, tassel bands, comb teeth, gold border, gold branch, gold leaves, inlaid blossoms, wisteria buds, wisteria florets, plum leaves (color 12), gold plate, drops



5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Edges of the gold branch

6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the inlaid stamens, wisteria keels, lines of the stamens



7. **Chain stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the gold chains



8. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Prong shades, prong lights, edges of the gold border, plum petal edges, maple veins, petal edges

9. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tassel heads, cord knot



10. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: knots of the tassel heads, knots of the inlaid stamens, maple hearts
    1 strand: knots of the stamens, knots of the gold chains, chrysanthemum heart



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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 349 Dark Coral	9	DMC 3733 Dusty Rose	17	DMC BLANC White
2	DMC 729 Medium Old Gold	10	DMC 818 Baby Pink	18	DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet
3	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	11	DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose	19	DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose
4	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold	12	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	20	DMC 970 Light Pumpkin
5	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	13	DMC 3364 Pine Green	21	DMC 742 Light Tangerine
6	DMC 310 Black	14	DMC 333 Very Dark Blue Violet	22	DMC 3743 Very Light Antique Violet
7	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	15	DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet	23	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
8	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue	16	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet	24	DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet

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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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