Geisha umbrella in the rain

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



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: teal cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of teal 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 white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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
   Stems

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Umbrella paper, kimono, neck, face, hair, topknot, sleeve



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Umbrella ring, umbrella shaft, umbrella hub, tabi, sandal, hem lining, sleeve lining, under collar, collar, obi, obi drum, obi bands, obi cord, ear, hair ribbon, comb, hair flowers, hands, kimono blossoms, reflections



4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves



5. **Back stitch**
   1 strand: rain
   2 strands: rings

6. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: umbrella ribs, umbrella lacing
   3 strands: sandal strap

7. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: umbrella edge, eye
   1 strand: folds, profile, eyebrow

8. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: shaft joints, lips
   1 strand: fingers



9. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: rib tips, obi dots, blossom centers, hydrangeas
   1 strand: knots of the hair flowers



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the 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 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	9	DMC 310 Black	17	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape
2	DMC 498 Dark Red	10	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	18	DMC 3834 Dark Grape
3	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	11	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	19	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray
4	DMC 321 Red	12	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	20	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green
5	DMC 350 Medium Coral	13	DMC 3770 Very Light Tawny	21	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green
6	DMC 712 Cream	14	DMC 950 Light Desert Sand	22	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet
7	DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown	15	DMC 3064 Desert Sand	23	DMC 341 Light Blue Violet
8	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	16	DMC 153 Very Light Violet	24	DMC 3747 Very Light Blue 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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