Gigi in holly

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.1 × 4.8 in (10.4 × 12.2 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

19 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**, 2 strands
   Berry stalks

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaf edges, leaf centers, berry highlight, letters



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Branch, berries



4. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaf veins

5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Letter edges

6. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Letters



7. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Berry ends



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 3348 Light Yellow Green	8	DMC 905 Dark Parrot Green	15	DMC 3822 Light Straw
2	DMC 3047 Light Yellow Beige	9	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	16	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
3	DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	10	DMC 321 Red	17	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
4	DMC 746 Off White	11	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	18	DMC 3821 Straw
5	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	12	DMC 666 Bright Red	19	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
6	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	13	DMC 3705 Dark Melon		
7	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	14	DMC BLANC White		

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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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