Grandmas are special

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 3.8 in (11.2 × 9.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21
   1 strand: necks, white hair, gray bob, sparrow
   2 strands: mustard coat, teal coat, plum coat, ink coat, coral coat



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22
   Stockings, shoes, bench, stripes, dots, hands, ears, braid, braid bow, hair clip, headwrap, headwrap tails, headwrap knot, pink curls, sparrow wing



3. **Split stitch**
   colors 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 21, 23
   2 strands: windowpane
   1 strand: coat seams, lines of the gray bob, headwrap folds, curl spirals
   3 strands: chevrons

4. **Straight stitch**, colors 3, 4, 11, 19
   3 strands: lines of the braid
   2 strands: sparrow bill, grass
   1 strand: sparrow legs



5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, colors 7, 9
   Ground, lines of the saying

6. **Lazy daisy stitch**
   2 strands, color 20
   Loops of the daisies



7. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 9, 10, 13, 14, 18, 19, 21
   2 strands: knots of the daisies, silver afro, earrings
   1 strand: sparrow eye, crumbs, knots of the saying



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 712 Cream	9	DMC 336 Navy Blue	17	DMC 3865 Winter White
2	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	10	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	18	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
3	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	11	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	19	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
4	DMC 3829 Very Dark Old Gold	12	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	20	DMC 3689 Light Mauve
5	DMC 350 Medium Coral	13	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue	21	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray
6	DMC 433 Medium Brown	14	DMC 351 Coral	22	DMC 3688 Medium Mauve
7	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise	15	DMC 437 Light Tan	23	DMC 3687 Mauve
8	DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany	16	DMC 3828 Hazelnut Brown		

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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

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