Happy Easter

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

8 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**, 4 strands
   Vine

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves (color 3)



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Letters, leaves (color 3), buds, side tulips, egg, egg hearts, egg leaves, tulip, tulip lining, sepals, root heart, far paws, tails, ears, ear linings, bellies, throats, rabbits, haunches, hearts, sprigs, cheeks, noses, eyes



4. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Chain border



5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Lines of the sprigs

6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Mouths

7. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: toes, whiskers
   2 strands: eye highlight



8. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: border knots
   2 strands: egg knots



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

In a 6 inch hoop the widest satin stitch shape is 1/2 in (13 mm) across. Satin stitches longer than about 12 mm (just under 1/2 in) tend to work loose: divide the shape into sections, or work it in long and short stitch.

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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 3820 Dark Straw	**4**	DMC 712 Cream	**7**	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...
2	DMC 351 Coral	**5**	DMC 3708 Light Melon	**8**	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue
3	DMC 3816 Celadon Green	**6**	DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon		

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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.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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