Happy fall

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.5 in (11.2 × 11.4 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.

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

16 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: oak twigs
   1 strand: sprigs
   2 strands: berry stems (color 1), leaf outlines
2. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Berry stems (color 1), ladybug legs
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Oak leaves, acorn cups, sunflower center, rose leaves, letters, ladybug head
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Oak leaves (colors 2, 9 and 12), sunflower petals, chrysanthemum petals
5. **Woven wheel stitch**, 4 strands
   Woven roses
6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf veins
7. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaf veins, acorn stalks, rose petal lines
8. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: lines of the buds
   1 strand: berry highlights, acorn highlights, ladybug back
9. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Sunflower petal edges, chrysanthemum petal edges
10. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
    Sprig leaves
11. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Berries, acorn nuts, ladybug
12. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: knots of the buds, knots of the acorn cups, chrysanthemum heart
    1 strand: knots of the sunflower center, ladybug spots

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

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 436 Tan	7	DMC 919 Red Copper	13	DMC 3822 Light Straw
2	DMC 921 Copper	8	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	14	DMC 3854 Medium Autumn Gold
3	DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green	9	DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink	15	DMC 712 Cream
4	DMC 349 Dark Coral	10	DMC 152 Medium Light Shell Pink	16	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown
5	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink	11	DMC 782 Dark Topaz		
6	DMC 922 Light Copper	12	DMC 3820 Dark Straw		

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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

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

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