Happy Father’s Day

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.9 × 4.6 in (9.9 × 11.7 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of indigo 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 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, pocket edge
2. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Gold topstitching
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Spanner, poppy petals, teddy ears, teddy body, teddy head, teddy muzzle, teddy paws
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Folding ruler, ruler ends, pencil wood, pencil lead, pencil, buds, bud caps, cornflower, daisy petals, ear linings, teddy nose, pocket hem, bow, letters, heart
6. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: ruler edge
   2 strands: spanner groove
7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Spanner edge, edges of the poppy petals, teddy edge
8. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Teddy mouth
9. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Ruler marks, eye highlights, bow folds, paw lines
10. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Teddy eyes, rivets
11. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Cornflower center, daisy centers, poppy stamens

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 3822 Light Straw	9	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	17	DMC 3865 Winter White
2	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	10	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	18	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
3	DMC 433 Medium Brown	11	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	19	DMC 352 Light Coral
4	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	12	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	20	DMC 3371 Black Brown
5	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray	13	DMC 3705 Dark Melon	21	DMC 437 Light Tan
6	DMC 321 Red	14	DMC 3840 Light Lavender Blue	22	DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue
7	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	15	DMC 3839 Medium Lavender Blue	23	DMC 922 Light Copper
8	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	16	DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue		

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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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