Home grown

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.6 in (11.9 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

20 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 938; one of each other 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. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Vines
2. **Long and short stitch**
   3 strands: soil
   2 strands: timber, pods, beet, carrots, radishes
   1 strand: pea blossoms (color 11)
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Pea leaves, root leaves
4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Pod lining, pod caps, pea blossoms (colors 11 and 12), letters, ladybird head
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Timber edges, pod edges, blossom edges, root hairs, beet edges, carrot edges
6. **Outline stitch**, 2 strands
   Tendrils (color 10)
7. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: lines of the pea leaves
   2 strands: tendrils (color 4), leaf stalks, beet tails
   3 strands: soil edge
8. **Fern stitch**, 3 strands
   Carrot tops
9. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: pea highlights, carrot rings, radish highlight
   1 strand: ladybird marks (color 1)
10. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
    Ladybird marks (color 1)
11. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Peas, ladybird
12. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: pegs, crumbs
    1 strand: knots of the ladybird marks

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	8	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	15	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape
2	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	9	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	16	DMC 3687 Mauve
3	DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown	10	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	17	DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice
4	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	11	DMC 712 Cream	18	DMC 920 Medium Copper
5	DMC 433 Medium Brown	12	DMC 352 Light Coral	19	DMC 722 Light Orange Spice
6	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	13	DMC 353 Peach	20	DMC 321 Red
7	DMC 437 Light Tan	14	DMC 777 Very Dark Raspberry		

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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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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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