Hoppy Easter

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.3 in (11.9 × 10.9 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.

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

19 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. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands: hill
   3 strands: flower stems, steering wheel
2. **Fern stitch**, 2 strands
   Carrot tops
3. **Back stitch**, 4 strands
   Hitch
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Carrots (colors 4 and 6), small bunny, bunny tail, driver jacket, driver, driver trousers
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Carrots (color 4), flower leaves, inner ears, cheeks, eyes, noses, bow, cart planks, cart posts, cart wheel, cart wheel rim, hubs, exhaust, seat, engine, tractor body, tractor trim, grille, lamp, scarf, tires, hub caps, fender, letters
6. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: grass, furrows, spokes
   4 strands: lines of the rope
7. **Back stitch**
   1 strand: edges of the carrots, edges of the bow, edges of the cart posts
   2 strands: edges of the small bunny, edges of the bunny tail, mouths, cart, edges of the cart wheel, edges of the hubs, edges of the driver jacket, edges of the driver, edges of the tractor body, edges of the tractor trim, edges of the grille, edges of the lamp, edges of the driver trousers, edges of the scarf, edges of the fender
8. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: carrot marks
   2 strands: engine fins, grille bars, edges of the scarf, tire lugs
9. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Flowers
10. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: flower centers, knots of the rope, hub bolts
    1 strand: eye highlights

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 839 Dark Beige Brown	8	DMC BLANC White	15	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue
2	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	9	DMC 3866 Ultra Very Light Mocha	16	DMC 435 Very Light Brown
3	DMC 470 Light Avocado Green	10	DMC 3779 Very Light Rosewood	17	DMC 437 Light Tan
4	DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice	11	DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown	18	DMC 349 Dark Coral
5	DMC 743 Medium Yellow	12	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	19	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
6	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine	13	DMC 815 Medium Garnet		
7	DMC 900 Dark Burnt Orange	14	DMC 3760 Medium Wedgwood		

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



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