Houndstooth and red camellias

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 4.8 in (11.7 × 12.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: blush pink cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Houndstooth check, turned petal edges, flower cups, flower hearts
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Fallen petal, leaves, camellia bud, camellia petals
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Crescent edge, branch, leaf ribs
4. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Stamens
5. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Gold anthers

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Houndstooth check and crescent edge
- **2 DMC 321 Red**
  Camellia petals (middle), turned petal edges (dark) and 2 more parts
- **3 DMC 814 Dark Garnet**
  Camellia petals, camellia bud and fallen petal (darkest), flower hearts
- **4 DMC 498 Dark Red**
  Camellia petals, fallen petal and camellia bud (dark), turned petal edges (darkest)
- **5 DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon**
  Camellia petals, turned petal edges and camellia bud (light), fallen petal (lightest)
- **6 DMC 3706 Medium Melon**
  Camellia bud, turned petal edges and camellia petals (lightest)
- **7 DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown** Branch
- **8 DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green**
  Leaves (darkest), flower cups (dark)
- **9 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green**
  Leaves (dark), flower cups (middle)
- **10 DMC 502 Blue Green**
  Leaves and flower cups (light)
- **11 DMC 503 Medium Blue Green**
  Leaf ribs, leaves (lightest)
- **12 DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow** Stamens
- **13 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Gold anthers (lighter)
- **14 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Gold anthers (darker)

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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5	DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon	**10**	DMC 502 Blue Green		

How many strands

Stem stitch. 2 to 4 strands: branch; 3 strands: crescent edge; 1 strand: leaf ribs.

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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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