Hummingbird script letters A to Z

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



A number is a row of the list.

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.

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 2 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 2 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 3, 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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

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Floss

DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green
Small letters, small thick strokes, vine, leaves and flower cup

DMC 321 Red
Buds, flower lip and flower tube

DMC 3765 Very Dark Peacock Blue
Wings, bird outline, back feathers, tail and bill

DMC 815 Medium Garnet
Ruby throat

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Vine

2. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Small letters

3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Bird outline

4. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands: leaves, flower cup, buds, flower tube, flower lip, tail, back feathers
   1 strand: small thick strokes



5. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Bill

6. **Fly stitch**, 1 strand
   Wings



7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Ruby throat



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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6 inch hoop

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.



1 in
25.4 mm

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6 inch hoop

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



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