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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.1 × 4.3 in (10.4 × 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.

18 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. **Long and short stitch**, 2 strands, colors 7, 8, 9
   Bath
2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
   Letters, rug, tap, feet, rim, water, scales, tail bands, fluke, fluke band, necktie, shoes, shoe soles, shoe linings, papers, briefcase, clasps
3. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands, colors 10, 11, 14
   Bath trim, chain rows
4. **Herringbone stitch**, 2 strands, colors 13, 14
   Herringbone
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, color 1
   Scale edges
6. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands, colors 1, 11
   Fly stitches
7. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 7, 10, 12, 16
   2 strands: outline, ripples, band lines, fluke rays, tail outline, briefcase edge
   1 strand: edges of the necktie
   4 strands: handle
8. **Straight stitch**, colors 1, 7
   1 strand: claws
   2 strands: laces
9. **Back stitch**, colors 1, 10
   2 strands: loose bubbles
   1 strand: edges of the papers
10. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands, color 10
    Bath trim daisies
11. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps, colors 4, 7, 11
    Bath trim dots, bubbles

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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.

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 823 Dark Navy Blue	7	DMC BLANC White	13	DMC 550 Very Dark Violet
2	DMC 350 Medium Coral	8	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	14	DMC 210 Medium Lavender
3	DMC 754 Light Peach	9	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...	15	DMC 553 Violet
4	DMC 352 Light Coral	10	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	16	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray
5	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	11	DMC 964 Light Seagreen	17	DMC 433 Medium Brown
6	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	12	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	18	DMC 435 Very Light Brown

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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

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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