Itty bitty

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 2 × 4.4 in (5.1 × 11.2 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.

23 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. **Whipped back stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2
   Threads



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 3, 4, 5, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22
   Twig, shell hollow, mouse face, walnut shell



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23
   Hazel leaves, ears, cheek, nose, shell rim, tail, paws



4. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand, colors 12, 16, 17
   Closed eye (color 12), whiskers, edges of the paws



5. **Stem stitch**, colors 4, 8, 12, 17
   2 strands: leaf veins, closed eye (color 12), shell ridges
   1 strand: lines of the catkins, edges of the ears, mouth

6. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 6, 7, 9, 15, 16, 21
   Letters, ears, leaf blanket



7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 1, 6, 10, 11, 13, 14
   Knots of the catkins, moss, thread knots



8. **Turkey work**
   2 strands, colors 17, 18, 19
   Mouse fur



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the 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 3834 Dark Grape	9	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	17	DMC 645 Very Dark Beaver Gray
2	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	10	DMC 833 Light Golden Olive	18	DMC 647 Medium Beaver Gray
3	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	11	DMC 834 Very Light Golden Olive	19	DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray
4	DMC 433 Medium Brown	12	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	20	DMC 3072 Very Light Beaver Gray
5	DMC 437 Light Tan	13	DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green	21	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink
6	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	14	DMC 469 Avocado Green	22	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
7	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	15	DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink	23	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
8	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	16	DMC 223 Light Shell Pink		

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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; a dashed line is whipped back stitch; a finer one 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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