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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.5 in (11.9 × 11.4 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.

22 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**, 3 strands
   Gull legs

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Sand, gull body



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Sea, hut stripes, gable boards, roof beams, round windows, window glass, doors, letters, decks, steps, roof boards, bunting, gull tail, gull wing, gull beak, spade, bucket, starfish



4. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Window bars



5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: sea glints, bunting cord, far gulls, lines of the bucket
   3 strands: hut edges, door frames, deck edges, lines of the spade, marram grass
   4 strands: grass heads

6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Gull edges

7. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: foam, door knobs, roof balls, path
   1 strand: gull eye, knots of the starfish



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

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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 336 Navy Blue	9	DMC 351 Coral	17	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
2	DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green	10	DMC 349 Dark Coral	18	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
3	DMC 3849 Light Teal Green	11	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue	19	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray
4	DMC 964 Light Seagreen	12	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	20	DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray
5	DMC 3865 Winter White	13	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown	21	DMC 3364 Pine Green
6	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	14	DMC 726 Light Topaz	22	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green
7	DMC 436 Tan	15	DMC 783 Medium Topaz		
8	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	16	DMC 352 Light Coral		

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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 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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