Jumping bass at sunset

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

20 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 352; one of each other 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**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
   Sky, cloud bands, sun, far pines, lake, splash, tail, soft dorsal fin, spiny dorsal fin, anal fin, far pelvic fin, body, belly, side band, near pelvic fin, inside of mouth, gill shadow, throat, gill cover, ear spot, lower jaw, cheek, cheek bars, head, upper jaw, near fin



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20
   Ripples, tongue of the fish, far lip, eye socket, gold of the eye, pupil, rings on the water, tongues of water, foam, cattail leaves, cattail heads



3. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 7, 11, 12, 13
   Edges of the sun, tail rays, soft dorsal fin rays, anal fin rays, far pelvic fin rays, scales, near pelvic fin rays, cheek edge, jaw line, near fin rays

4. **Straight stitch**, colors 11, 19
   1 strand: eye highlight
   2 strands: cattail stems (color 11)



5. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 7, 8, 9, 11
   2 strands: spiny dorsal fin spines, rim of light, cattail light
   3 strands: cattail stems (color 11), rim

6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, color 19
   Spray



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 352 Light Coral	8	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	15	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
2	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	9	DMC 924 Very Dark Gray Green	16	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown
3	DMC 3835 Medium Grape	10	DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green	17	DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink
4	DMC 316 Medium Antique Mauve	11	DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green	18	DMC 920 Medium Copper
5	DMC 760 Salmon	12	DMC 934 Black Avocado Green	19	DMC 3865 Winter White
6	DMC 3825 Pale Pumpkin	13	DMC 3012 Medium Khaki Green	20	DMC 927 Light Gray Green
7	DMC 3855 Light Autumn Gold	14	DMC 834 Very Light Golden Olive		

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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.



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25.4 mm

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