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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.

23 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 782; 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
   Sky, sun, evening clouds, far hills, near hills, wheat fields, meadow, road, grass, veil, shadow under the car (color 16), groom jacket, shoulders, turban, folded top, car body, trunk, fenders, bumper (color 15), banner, poppies
2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23
   Shadow under the car (color 16), chrome trim, necks, groom collar, gown straps, ears, tires, bumper (color 18), heart, banner shadow, bows, letters, can shadows, ribbons, tin cans, can labels, can mouths, poppy centers
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands, colors 13, 14
   Leaves
4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, colors 9, 10, 19, 23
   Road edges, veil folds, car edges, bow edges, poppy edges
5. **Stem stitch**, colors 5, 7, 10, 11, 13, 18, 19, 23
   2 strands: sun rays, banner edge, poppy stems
   1 strand: field rows, turban folds, edges of the chrome trim, bumper edge, can rims, wheat stalks
   3 strands: hoop edge
6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand, color 5
   Lines of the wheat ears
7. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands, colors 7, 11
   Loops of the wheat ears
8. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands, color 23
   Tail lights
9. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
   2 strands: far trees, curls, veil comb
   1 strand: poppy stamens

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.

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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 945 Tawny	9	DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet	17	DMC 3032 Medium Mocha Brown
2	DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet	10	DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet	18	DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown
3	DMC 778 Very Light Antique Mauve	11	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	19	DMC 902 Very Dark Garnet
4	DMC 754 Light Peach	12	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	20	DMC 632 Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand
5	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	13	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	21	DMC 3772 Very Dark Desert Sand
6	DMC 712 Cream	14	DMC 3364 Pine Green	22	DMC 350 Medium Coral
7	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	15	DMC 3865 Winter White	23	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red
8	DMC 352 Light Coral	16	DMC 3371 Black 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

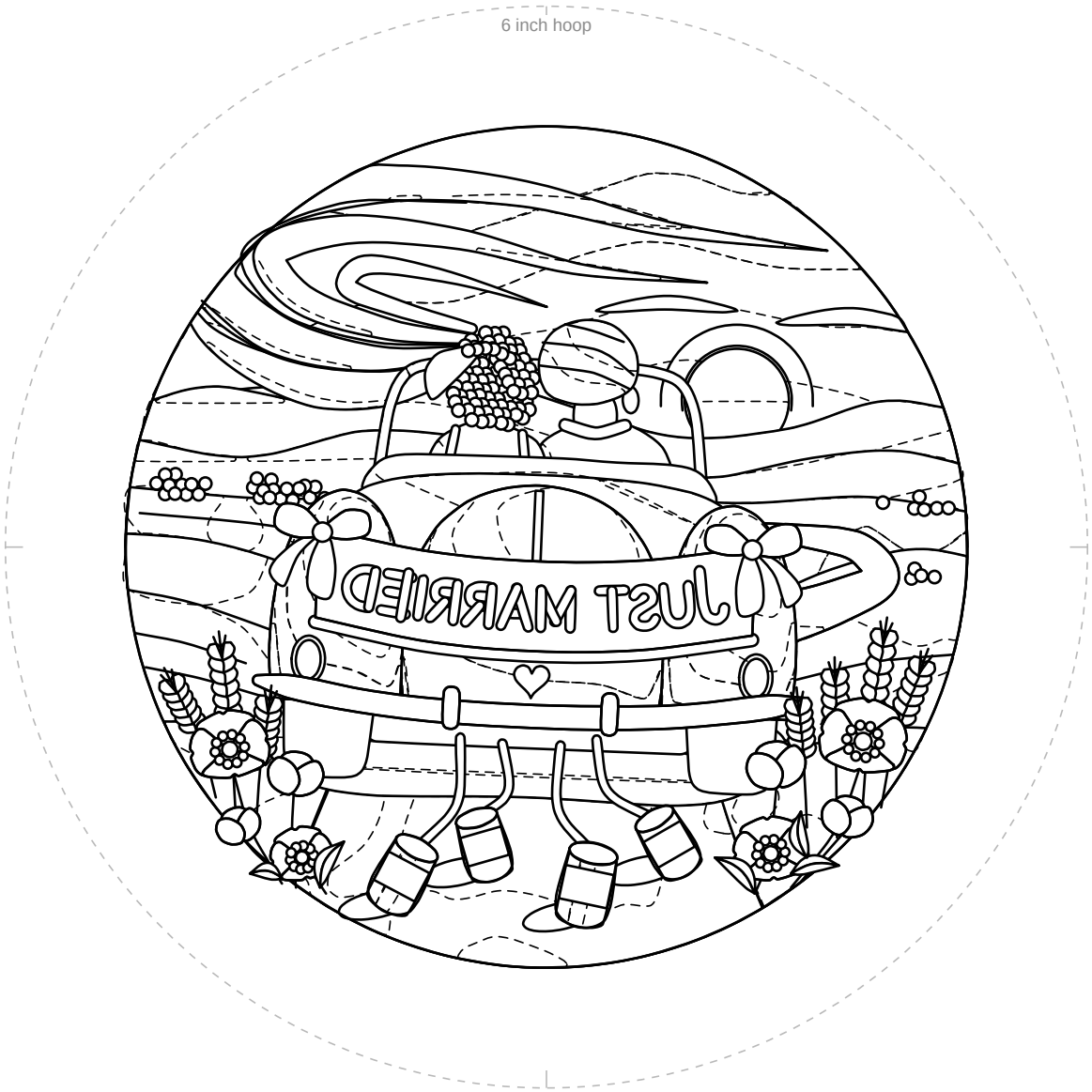
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