Koi infinity with a water lily

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 4.7 in (11.9 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Wakes, ripples, back fins, eyes
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Lily pads, petals, fins, tails, koi bodies, koi markings
3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Pad veins, petal edges, fin rays, fin lights, gill covers, barbels, mouths
4. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Pad rims
5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Stamens, eye lights
6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Scales
7. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Stamen tips, lily heart

Floss

- **1 DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue**
  Wakes, tails and fins (dark), scales (light), ripples
- **2 DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue**
  Wakes (middle), tails and fins (light), scales (lightest)
- **3 DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue**
  Wakes (light), koi bodies (middle light), tails and fins (lightest)
- **4 DMC 562 Medium Jade** Lily pads (middle)
- **5 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green** Lily pads (dark)
- **6 DMC 563 Light Jade**
  Pad rims and pad veins, lily pads (light)
- **7 DMC 3716 Very Light Rose** Petals (dark)
- **8 DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose**
  Petal edges, petals (darkest)
- **9 DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink**
  Petals (light)
- **10 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Koi bodies and petals (lightest), fin rays and back fins (lighter) and 3 more parts
- **11 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Tails and fins (middle dark), koi bodies (dark), stamens
- **12 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Koi bodies (middle dark), fin lights (darker), tails (middle light) and 2 more parts
- **13 DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow**
  Koi bodies (light), fin rays (darker), fin lights (lighter) and 3 more parts
- **14 DMC 351 Coral** Koi markings (lightest)
- **15 DMC 349 Dark Coral** Koi markings (light)
- **16 DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon**
  Scales (darkest), koi markings (middle), gill covers and mouths (darker)
- **17 DMC 310 Black** Koi markings (darkest), eyes (dark)
- **18 DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz**
  Scales (dark), koi bodies, tails and fins (darkest), gill covers and mouths (lighter)
- **19 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Koi markings (dark), back fins (darker)

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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How many strands

French knot. 2 strands: lily heart; 1 strand: stamen tips.

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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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