Life is sweet in wild roses

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Canes, leaves, sepals, hips, rose hearts, bee wings, bee, bee head, words
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Hips, rosebuds, rose petals
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Canes, leaf stalks, stalks, words
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Thorns, hip crowns, hip lights, stamens, bee stripes, feelers
5. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf veins, wing edges
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges
7. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Anthers

Floss

- **1 DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray**
  Leaf stalks, hip crowns, stalks and thorns, canes (darker)
- **2 DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray**
  Canes (lighter), rose hearts
- **3 DMC 924 Very Dark Gray Green**
  Leaves (dark), leaf veins and sepals (darker)
- **4 DMC 926 Medium Gray Green**
  Leaves (light), leaf veins (lighter)
- **5 DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green**
  Leaves (middle), wing edges, sepals (lighter), hips (light)
- **6 DMC 349 Dark Coral** Hips (middle)
- **7 DMC 815 Medium Garnet** Hips (darkest)
- **8 DMC 321 Red** Hips (dark)
- **9 DMC 351 Coral** Hips (lightest)
- **10 DMC 819 Light Baby Pink**
  Rose petals (lightest), hip lights
- **11 DMC 3354 Light Dusty Rose**
  Rose petals and rosebuds (middle)
- **12 DMC 3733 Dusty Rose**
  Rose petals and rosebuds (dark)
- **13 DMC 963 Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose**
  Rose petals and rosebuds (light)
- **14 DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose**
  Petal edges, rose petals (darkest)
- **15 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Stamens, bee (lighter)
- **16 DMC 782 Dark Topaz** Anthers, bee (darker)
- **17 DMC 3865 Winter White** Bee wings
- **18 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Bee stripes, feelers and bee head
- **19 DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve** Words

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them 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

Satin stitch. 2 strands: canes, leaves, sepals, hips, rose hearts, bee, bee head, words; 1 strand: bee wings.
Stem stitch. 3 strands: canes; 2 strands: leaf stalks, stalks, words.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: bee stripes; 2 strands: thorns, hip crowns; 1 strand: hip lights, stamens, feelers.

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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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