Little black dress with pearls

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4 × 4.6 in (10.2 × 11.7 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Stand, petticoat, petticoat frill, skirt, dress form, bodice, collar, handbag
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Stand rings, neck cap, collar knot, sash, bow tails, bow loops, bow folds, bow knot, handbag handle, handbag frame, hat box, and 4 more
3. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Petticoat edge, petticoat frill edge
4. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Pleat edges, dress form seam, bodice seams, collar folds, bow edge
5. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Pearl shadows
6. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Petticoat dots, pearls

Floss

- **1 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Stand and neck cap (middle)
- **2 DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown**
  Stand and neck cap (dark)
- **3 DMC 435 Very Light Brown**
  Stand and neck cap (light), stand rings
- **4 DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose**
  Petticoat frill and bow loops (dark), petticoat and dress form (light) and 6 more parts
- **5 DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose**
  Petticoat and dress form (middle), sash and hat box lid (dark) and 3 more parts
- **6 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Petticoat (dark), handbag (darkest), bow edge and petticoat edge and 6 more parts
- **7 DMC 3689 Light Mauve**
  Petticoat frill (light), petticoat dots, bow loops and bow knot (lightest)
- **8 DMC 3733 Dusty Rose**
  Petticoat frill (middle), bow loops, bow knot and bow tails (light) and 2 more parts
- **9 DMC 310 Black**
  Skirt and bodice (darkest), collar (dark), pleat edges and 6 more parts
- **10 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Skirt and bodice (dark), collar, collar knot, hat box top and handbag frame (middle)
- **11 DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray**
  Skirt (middle), collar, bodice, handbag frame, hat box top and collar knot (light)
- **12 DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray**
  Skirt (light), bodice seams, bodice (lightest)
- **13 DMC 415 Pearl Gray** Skirt (lightest)
- **14 DMC 3865 Winter White** Pearls and hat box
- **15 DMC 498 Dark Red**
  Handbag (dark), handbag handle (lighter)
- **16 DMC 321 Red** Handbag (light)

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.

Begin with no knot on the back where it is seen and washed, as on a towel, a napkin or clothes; for a piece in a hoop a small knot is fine. End each thread by whipping it around the backs of four or five stitches, with one small hitch.

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

Split stitch. 1 or 2 strands: collar folds; 1 strand: pleat edges, dress form seam, bodice seams, bow edge.

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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

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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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