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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.1 × 4.6 in (10.4 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

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.

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.

Buy: 18 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: root hairs
   3 strands: flower stalk

2. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf outlines

3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Roots, crack, blossom, bee wings, bee, bee stripes, bee head, branches, lettering



4. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Stone, lower leaves (colors 8, 9 and 10), half painted leaves, red shoot, trunk



5. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Lower leaves (colors 7 and 10)



6. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Stone edge

7. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the lower leaves, branch shade

8. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf veins, bee feelers



9. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Edges of the bee wings

10. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: moss
    1 strand: blossom center



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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6 inch hoop

A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	7	DMC 3364 Pine Green	13	DMC 3830 Terra Cotta
2	DMC 844 Ultra Dark Beaver Gray	8	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	14	DMC 727 Very Light Topaz
3	DMC 647 Medium Beaver Gray	9	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	15	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
4	DMC 646 Dark Beaver Gray	10	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	16	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown
5	DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray	11	DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green	17	DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown
6	DMC 645 Very Dark Beaver Gray	12	DMC 355 Dark Terra Cotta	18	DMC 841 Light Beige Brown

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6 inch hoop

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.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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