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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.6 in (11.2 × 11.7 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.

24 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each 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. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Stems

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Laurel leaves, sepals



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Saucer, cup handles, cup insides, peony petals, anemone petals, top cup, middle cup, bottom cup, belly, breast, head and back, wing (color 12)



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Gold rims, letters, tail, wing (colors 9, 11 and 12), bill, eye



5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: saucer lines, edges of the gold rims, cup edges
   3 strands: legs (color 24)

6. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: lines of the stamens, eye highlight
   3 strands: legs (color 24)



7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges, wing edges

8. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: billy buttons, lavender, flower centers
   3 strands: berries
   1 strand: knots of the stamens



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

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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 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	9	DMC 336 Navy Blue	17	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green
2	DMC 597 Turquoise	10	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue	18	DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray
3	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	11	DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue	19	DMC 642 Dark Beige Gray
4	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	12	DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue	20	DMC 761 Light Salmon
5	DMC 3833 Light Raspberry	13	DMC 3865 Winter White	21	DMC 819 Light Baby Pink
6	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	14	DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray	22	DMC 922 Light Copper
7	DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry	15	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	23	DMC 920 Medium Copper
8	DMC 3832 Medium Raspberry	16	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	24	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 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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