Living the dream

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.6 in (11.4 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: blush pink cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of blush pink cotton or linen.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

19 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. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2
   Fern leaves, mandarin leaves



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 17
   Steam, tub rim, ear linings, nose, cheek, duck bill, tub staves, tub hoops, towel, words



3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
   Water, body, head, ears, mandarins, rubber duck



4. **Stem stitch**, colors 2, 7, 8, 13
   2 strands: fern stems, tub outline, mouth, ripples
   4 strands: closed eye

5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 6, 8, 11, 19
   Rubber duck edge, stave lines, hoop lights, towel edge

6. **Straight stitch**, colors 2, 3, 13
   3 strands: nostril, mandarin stalks
   2 strands: towel fringe



7. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, color 13
   Duck eye



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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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 471 Very Light Avocado Green	8	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	15	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine
2	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	9	DMC 433 Medium Brown	16	DMC 720 Dark Orange Spice
3	DMC 3865 Winter White	10	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	17	DMC 970 Light Pumpkin
4	DMC 437 Light Tan	11	DMC 436 Tan	18	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz
5	DMC 3849 Light Teal Green	12	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	19	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
6	DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green	13	DMC 3371 Black Brown		
7	DMC 964 Light Seagreen	14	DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta		

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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

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



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