Living the dream with a washing line

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.9 × 4.4 in (12.4 × 11.2 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, loops and knots.

1. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Apples, folded cloth, basket handles, basket rim, cat, cat stripes, cat tail, cat ears, cat head, sock, sock stripes, pegs, scarf, and 11 more
3. **Long and short stitch**, 2 strands
   Tree trunks
4. **Woven filling stitch**, 3 strands
   Basket
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Twigs, apple stalks, trunk edges, ground, grass, daisy stems, washing line, quilt edge, apron
6. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Apples, apple stalks, folded cloth, basket edge, cat edge, cat face, sock, pegs, scarf, towel, quilt seams, bib edge, apron, shirt
7. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Knots of the line, cat face, cat stripes, scarf fringe, towel fringe
8. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Words
9. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Daisies
10. **French knot**
    strands by part on page 2, two wraps
    Daisy hearts, quilt knots, shirt buttons

In a 6 inch hoop the shortest lazy daisy loops are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

Floss

- **1 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown**
  Trunk edges, cat edge and washing line, pegs (darker) and 7 more parts
- **2 DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green**
  Leaves (dark), ground, grass (darker)
- **3 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Leaves (middle), quilt edge, quilt seams and daisy stems, grass (lighter)
- **4 DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Leaves (light), quilt patches (lighter)
- **5 DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon**
  Apples and sock (lighter), bib heart and quilt knots
- **6 DMC 498 Dark Red** Apples and sock (darker), sock stripes
- **7 DMC 435 Very Light Brown** Tree trunks (middle), basket
- **8 DMC 437 Light Tan** Tree trunks (light), pegs (lighter)
- **9 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Towel (lighter), knots of the line and daisies
- **10 DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice**
  Scarf (darker), cat tail, scarf stripes, cat stripes and scarf fringe and 2 more parts
- **11 DMC 3755 Baby Blue** Apron and folded cloth (lighter)
- **12 DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Words, apron pocket and apron waistband, folded cloth and apron (darker)
- **13 DMC 722 Light Orange Spice**
  Cat and cat head, scarf (lighter), quilt patches (darker)
- **14 DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw** Towel (darker), towel fringe
- **15 DMC 993 Very Light Aquamarine** Bib
- **16 DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green** Bib edge
- **17 DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet** Shirt (lighter)
- **18 DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet**
  Shirt (darker), shirt collar and shirt buttons

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. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point. 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

Stem stitch. 2 strands: twigs, apple stalks, ground, grass, daisy stems, washing line, quilt edge, apron; 1 strand: trunk edges.
Back stitch. 1 to 3 strands: folded cloth; 1 or 3 strands: towel; 2 strands: apple stalks, basket edge; 1 or 2 strands: bib edge; 1 strand: apples, cat edge, cat face, sock, pegs, scarf, quilt seams, apron, shirt.
Straight stitch. 4 strands: knots of the line; 3 strands: scarf fringe; 2 strands: cat face, cat stripes, towel fringe.
French knot. 2 strands: daisy hearts; 1 strand: quilt knots, shirt buttons.

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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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