Love bug in daisies

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.6 in (11.9 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: teal cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Stems

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Daisy petals, shell, collar, head



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bud cups, daisy center, legs, feeler hearts, spots, collar patches, eyes, letters



5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges

6. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands: feelers
   3 strands: wing seam
   2 strands: shell edge

7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Knots of the daisy center



Take out lines that still show, press face down on soft cloth.

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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

Buy: 19 colors of floss (page 2), 2 skeins of DMC 318; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of teal cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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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 987 Dark Forest Green	8	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	15	DMC 498 Dark Red
2	DMC 164 Light Forest Green	9	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	16	DMC 666 Bright Red
3	DMC 989 Forest Green	10	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	17	DMC 3705 Dark Melon
4	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	11	DMC 3822 Light Straw	18	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray
5	DMC 415 Pearl Gray	12	DMC 310 Black	19	DMC 317 Pewter Gray
6	DMC 3865 Winter White	13	DMC 321 Red		
7	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	14	DMC 815 Medium Garnet		

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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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