Love is easy

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.6 in (12.2 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen.

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

12 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**, colors 1, 2, 5
   4 strands: laurel stems
   1 strand: berry stalks
   3 strands: garland, feet (color 5)

2. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 3, 7
   Laurel leaves, garland leaves



3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11
   Tail, body, wing feathers, small wing feathers, rose petals



4. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
   Shoulder, bill, eye, ribbon, rose centers, bow, words



5. **Fly stitch**, 1 strand, color 2
   Breast feathers



6. **Straight stitch**, colors 3, 5
   1 strand: eye highlights
   2 strands: feet (color 5)



7. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 5, 8, 10
   Edges of the berries, feather edges, body edges, ribbon edges, rose edges, bow edges, edges of the words

8. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 3, 4, 5
   Berries, rose centers, bow



9. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, colors 3, 12
   Shoulder knots, rose stamens



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 930 Dark Antique Blue	**5**	DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink	**9**	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink
2	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	**6**	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	**10**	DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink
3	DMC BLANC White	**7**	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	**11**	DMC 152 Medium Light Shell Pink
4	DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta	**8**	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	**12**	DMC 738 Very Light Tan

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



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