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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.7 in (12.2 × 11.9 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.

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. **Whipped back stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2
   String



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14
   Right hill, left hill, thatch



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19
   Path, tree trunks, pines, chimneys, cottage walls, beams, doors, windows, thatch ridge, red boards, white trim, slate roof, gable heart, porch, tulips, bird tails, birds, bird breasts, bird wings, bills, flags, small hearts, beads, hearts, bows, words



4. **Stem stitch**
   colors 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 11, 13
   2 strands: furrows, beam braces, door frames, roof edges
   1 strand: path edges
   3 strands: edges of the bows

5. **Back stitch**, colors 1, 10
   1 strand: window frames
   2 strands: edges of the white trim

6. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 10
   Lines of the white trim, lines of the daisies, bird legs



7. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 6, 9, 13, 16, 19
   Flag edges, heart edges, bow edges, edges of the words

8. **Lazy daisy stitch**, colors 5, 10
   2 strands: loops of the daisies
   1 strand: leaves



9. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 15, 16
   2 strands: apple tree, apples, roses, daisy centers
   1 strand: door knobs, bird eyes



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 801 Dark Coffee Brown	8	DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon	15	DMC 760 Salmon
2	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	9	DMC 498 Dark Red	16	DMC 311 Medium Navy Blue
3	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	10	DMC 712 Cream	17	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue
4	DMC 3364 Pine Green	11	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	18	DMC 3328 Dark Salmon
5	DMC 3053 Green Gray	12	DMC 3822 Light Straw	19	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue
6	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	13	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz		
7	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	14	DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw		

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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 loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a dashed line is whipped back stitch; a finer one 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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