Mad Hatter hat with birds on a branch

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.5 in (11.2 × 11.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: wine red cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of wine red cotton or linen.

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

16 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

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.

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.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 4 strands
   Twigs
2. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands: inside of the hat, side branches, bough, peacock leaves, plum leaves, brim, crown
   1 strand: teacup, blossoms, buds, wren tail, wren, wren breast, wren wing, finch tail, finch, finch breast, finch wing
3. **Trellis stitch**, 2 strands
   Trellis leaves, trellis patch, trellis heart
4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cup handle, tea, green leaves (color 4), plum patch, hatband, ticket, ribbon tails, sepals, bill
5. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Green leaves (colors 3 and 4)
6. **Woven wheel stitch**, 4 strands
   Ribbon roses
7. **Herringbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Herringbone bands
8. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Peacock leaves vein, plum leaves vein, chain patch
9. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: leaf edges, cup rim, brim edge, hatband edge, trellis heart edge
   1 strand: lines of the green leaves
   2 strands: patch edges, crown edge, hat rim, feet (color 9)
10. **Split stitch**
    1 strand: bark edge, peacock leaves edge, plum leaves edge, cup edge, ticket edge, petal edges, feather edges
    2 strands: brow
11. **Straight stitch**
    2 strands: patch tacks, feet (color 9)
    1 strand: stamens, eye highlight
12. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
    Cup flower
13. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Bead knots, eye

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

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots and 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.

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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 3371 Black Brown	7	DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue	13	DMC 712 Cream
2	DMC 3765 Very Dark Peacock Blue	8	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	14	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
3	DMC 3364 Pine Green	9	DMC 3822 Light Straw	15	DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown
4	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	10	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	16	DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue
5	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	11	DMC 3835 Medium Grape		
6	DMC 807 Peacock Blue	12	DMC 3836 Light Grape		

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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 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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