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Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 4.8 in (11.9 × 12.2 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 and raised parts.

1. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
2. **Satin stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaves, berries, skep, skep door, hive board, wings, bee bodies, bee stripes, bee heads, bee fur
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Branches, leaf outlines, berry stalks, words
4. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Berry lights
5. **Couching**, 6 strands
   Skep rows, skep door edge
6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Bee legs, wing edges, antennae
7. **Turkey work**, 2 strands
   Bee fur

Floss

- **1 DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray**
  Leaves (darkest), leaf outlines (darker), branches and berry stalks
- **2 DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray**
  Leaves (middle dark)
- **3 DMC 927 Light Gray Green**
  Wings and berry lights, leaves (light)
- **4 DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green**
  Leaves (dark), wing edges, leaf outlines (lighter)
- **5 DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green**
  Leaves (lightest)
- **6 DMC 926 Medium Gray Green**
  Leaves (middle light)
- **7 DMC 3834 Dark Grape** Berries (lighter)
- **8 DMC 154 Very Dark Grape**
  Words, berries (darker)
- **9 DMC 3046 Medium Yellow Beige**
  Skep, skep rows (light)
- **10 DMC 3045 Dark Yellow Beige**
  Skep rows (dark), skep door edge (lighter)
- **11 DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz**
  Hive board, skep rows (darkest), skep door edge (darker), bee fur (dark)
- **12 DMC 3047 Light Yellow Beige**
  Skep rows (lightest)
- **13 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Skep door, bee stripes, bee legs, antennae and bee heads
- **14 DMC 782 Dark Topaz**
  Bee bodies, bee fur (middle)
- **15 DMC 3821 Straw** Bee fur (light)

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.

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

Satin stitch. 2 strands: leaves, berries, skep, skep door, hive board, bee bodies, bee stripes, bee heads, bee fur; 1 strand: wings.
Stem stitch. 3 strands: words; 2 or 3 strands: branches; 1 strand: leaf outlines, berry stalks.

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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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