March

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

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 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**, 4 strands
   Rowed locks, crocus stems
2. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Great curl rows
3. **Trellis stitch**, 2 strands
   Trellis locks
4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Lamb ear, crocus leaves
5. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Painted locks, meadow, great curl, short mane, ears, ear centers, face, chin, muzzle, lamb face, crocus petals
6. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Lock tips, striped locks, nose, eyes, pupils, lamb legs, hooves, letters
7. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Lock edges, eye edges, mouth, lamb eye (color 14)
8. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Lock veins
9. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: mane edges, crocus edges
   2 strands: face edges, lamb edges
10. **Straight stitch**
    2 strands: lamb eye (color 4)
    3 strands: lines of the crocus hearts
11. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: lock knots, lock eyes, lamb wool, knots of the crocus hearts
    1 strand: knots of the trellis locks, eye highlights, whisker dots

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 3364 Pine Green	7	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper	13	DMC 712 Cream
2	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	8	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	14	DMC 3371 Black Brown
3	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	9	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	15	DMC 553 Violet
4	DMC 920 Medium Copper	10	DMC 729 Medium Old Gold	16	DMC 552 Medium Violet
5	DMC 676 Light Old Gold	11	DMC 869 Very Dark Hazelnut Brown		
6	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	12	DMC 680 Dark Old Gold		

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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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