Marigold crescent spray

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.9 in (11.4 × 12.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: indigo cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

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.

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**
   3 strands: stems
   2 strands: leaf ribs

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Buds, half-open heads, smaller bloom, side bloom, great bloom, far wing, front wing, hind wing



4. **Satin stitch**
   1 strand: flower cups, turned petal edges, wing moons
   2 strands: butterfly body



5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Wing veins, wing edges

6. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Butterfly legs, lines of the feelers

7. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Butterfly body



8. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Wing spots, butterfly eye, knots of the feelers



9. **Turkey work**, 2 strands
   Knots of the butterfly body



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 502 Blue Green	7	DMC 970 Light Pumpkin	13	DMC 720 Dark Orange Spice
2	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	8	DMC 742 Light Tangerine	14	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow
3	DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green	9	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	15	DMC 3840 Light Lavender Blue
4	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	10	DMC 744 Pale Yellow	16	DMC 3371 Black Brown
5	DMC 3813 Light Blue Green	11	DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green		
6	DMC 919 Red Copper	12	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany		

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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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