Messy bun with a pencil

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.2 × 4.9 in (8.1 × 12.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: blush pink cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Combed hair

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Eraser, pencil band, pencil, pencil point, earring, lips



3. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: loose ends, bun, loose strands, glasses, neck, collar, shoulders
   2 strands: hairline

4. **Whipped back stitch**, 2 strands
   Face, ear (color 3)

5. **Back stitch**
   1 strand: ear (color 3), smile, nose
   3 strands: eyelid, eyebrow

6. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: edges of the pencil point, collar ribs
   1 strand: eyelashes



7. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Sweater rows



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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.

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.

Buy: 7 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of blush pink cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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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 434 Light Brown
2 DMC 436 Tan
3 DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown
4 DMC 350 Medium Coral
5 DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray
6 DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz
7 DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise

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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.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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