Milk jug with cow and flowers

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.7 × 4.6 in (9.4 × 11.7 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.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

22 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. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Grass stalks (color 8)



2. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Grass stalks (color 8)

3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Clover leaves



4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Table shadow, handle, jug mouth, cornflowers, buttercups (colors 17, 18 and 19), jug, painted meadow, painted clouds, cow (color 6), cow patches, cow head, glass, milk, milk top



5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Handle strokes, seed heads, green grass, clover heads, flower cups, cornflowers (color 16), buttercups (color 17), painted drops, painted grass, cow (color 7), udder, hooves, tail, cow ears, cow muzzle, painted tufts



6. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: jug rim, painted bands
   2 strands: flower stems, painted birds, lines of the tail, glass edge

7. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: leaf marks, lines of the cornflower centers, cow nostril
   1 strand: lines of the buttercup centers



8. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: petal edges
   2 strands: jug edge, cow edge

9. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: knots of the cornflower centers, knots of the buttercup centers, cow eye
   2 strands: painted flowers



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 3782 Light Mocha Brown	9	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	17	DMC 727 Very Light Topaz
2	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...	10	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	18	DMC 726 Light Topaz
3	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	11	DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve	19	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz
4	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	12	DMC 3689 Light Mauve	20	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
5	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	13	DMC 3687 Mauve	21	DMC 712 Cream
6	DMC 3865 Winter White	14	DMC 820 Very Dark Royal Blue	22	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
7	DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue	15	DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue		
8	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	16	DMC 3840 Light Lavender Blue		

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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.



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