Mini rocking horse with a heart saddle

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



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

15 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
   Sprig

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



3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Far legs, tail, ears, body, near legs, mane, forelock



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Buds, sprig heart, rocker, rocker ends, ear lining, hooves, girth, eye, nostril



5. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: inner ring
   1 strand: mouth

6. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Scallop border, rocker line, ear outline, body outline, leg outline, breast strap, back strap, heart edge, bridle, reins



7. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Eye highlight



8. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Leg flowers



9. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Heart saddle



10. **French knot**
    2 strands, two wraps
    Border knots, flower centers



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

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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 676 Light Old Gold	6	DMC 666 Bright Red	11	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
2	DMC 321 Red	7	DMC 436 Tan	12	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
3	DMC 761 Light Salmon	8	DMC 434 Light Brown	13	DMC 712 Cream
4	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green	9	DMC 729 Medium Old Gold	14	DMC 3865 Winter White
5	DMC 502 Blue Green	10	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold	15	DMC 3371 Black Brown

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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 loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; 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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