Mother acrostic poem with flowers

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.3 in (11.9 × 10.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Stems
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Rose petals
4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Rosebuds, sepals, ribbon rose centers (color 11), rose petals, ribbon, initials, words
5. **Woven wheel stitch**, 3 strands
   Ribbon rose centers
6. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Lines of the violets
7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges, ribbon edges
8. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Initial edges
9. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 3 strands
   Loops of the violets
10. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: lavender, violet centers
    1 strand: knots of the words

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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: 17 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 white or light 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 3363 Medium Pine Green	7	DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry	13	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
2	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	8	DMC 3832 Medium Raspberry	14	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue
3	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet	9	DMC 3716 Very Light Rose	15	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue
4	DMC 333 Very Dark Blue Violet	10	DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose	16	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue
5	DMC 3364 Pine Green	11	DMC 150 Ultra Very Dark Dusty Rose	17	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue
6	DMC 3833 Light Raspberry	12	DMC 963 Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose		

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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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