Mr and Mrs

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 5 × 4.7 in (12.7 × 11.9 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.

8 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
   1 strand: bud stalks
   2 strands: lines of the words

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Words



3. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Edges of the leaves

4. **Fly stitch**, 1 strand
   Bud cups



5. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Stars



6. **Back stitch**, 3 strands
   Small words

7. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, buds, binding



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 522 Fern Green
2 DMC 168 Very Light Pewter
3 DMC 3865 Winter White
4 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
5 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
6 DMC 523 Light Fern Green
7 DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green
8 DMC 3822 Light Straw

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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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