Negative space floral outline

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



Colors by number: page 2.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands
   Green ground



2. **Satin stitch**, 1 strand
   Turned petal edges, sepals, green cup



3. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: spray outline, half open rose, petal overlaps
   1 strand: leaflets, petal lines

4. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Rim

5. **Back stitch**
   1 strand: leaf veins, bud folds, edges of the sepals, edges of the green cup
   2 strands: outer ring

6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Filaments



7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Stamen tips, gold heart



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: 12 colors of floss (page 2), 2 skeins of DMC 3818; one of each other 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 3818 Ultra Very Dark Emerald G...	**5**	DMC 943 Medium Aquamarine	**9**	DMC 3688 Medium Mauve
2	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	**6**	DMC 963 Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose	**10**	DMC 563 Light Jade
3	DMC 910 Dark Emerald Green	**7**	DMC 562 Medium Jade	**11**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
4	DMC 3850 Dark Bright Green	**8**	DMC 3687 Mauve	**12**	DMC 783 Medium Topaz

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6 inch hoop

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.



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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