New Orleans courtyard in bluework

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

6 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. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: gallery beams, lines of the ivy
   4 strands: gallery posts, banana stalks
   3 strands: rails

2. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Door frame, iron lace, fern chains

3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Carriageway, fountain, water, pots (color 1), cat (colors 4 and 6)



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Roof, window panes, shutters, gallery deck, arch bricks, keystone, lantern, shadows, hanging ferns, baskets, pots (color 5), ivy, window box, ring, tabby stripes, cat (colors 5 and 6), cat face, banana leaves, banana trunk



5. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Cast iron plant



6. **Back stitch**
   2 strands: lines of the shutters, lines of the lace brackets, edges of the lantern, paving joints, floor line, fountain outline (color 1), falling water, lines of the cat face, edges of the banana trunk
   1 strand: wall bricks

7. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: fountain outline (color 1), cat outline
   3 strands: lines of the cat face

8. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Lines of the tabby stripes



9. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Iron lace buds



10. **French knot**
    2 strands, two wraps
    Knots of the lace brackets



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

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

New Orleans courtyard in bluework

6 inch hoop

A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1 DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue
2 DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue
3 DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue
4 DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue
5 DMC 334 Medium Baby Blue
6 DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

New Orleans courtyard in bluework

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 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%.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

New Orleans courtyard in bluework

6 inch hoop

For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.