November birth flower, chrysanthemum

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 3.6 in (10.9 × 9.1 cm)



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

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 3, 4, 5, 7
   Leaves



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
   Stems, petals, flower cups



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 14
   Flower eyes, month



4. **Buttonhole stitch**
   2 strands, color 1
   Scalloped edge



5. **Stem stitch**, colors 2, 4, 6
   2 strands: edge cord, leaf veins (color 6)
   4 strands: leaf stalks

6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, colors 6, 9
   Leaf veins (color 6), petal edges

7. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, colors 15, 16, 17
   Knots of the flower eyes



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

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

17 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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

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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 BLANC White	7	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	13	DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown
2	DMC ECRU Ecru	8	DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta	14	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
3	DMC 3364 Pine Green	9	DMC 3857 Dark Rosewood	15	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
4	DMC 988 Medium Forest Green	10	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	16	DMC 729 Medium Old Gold
5	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	11	DMC 3830 Terra Cotta	17	DMC 676 Light Old Gold
6	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	12	DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta		

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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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