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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.4 × 4.2 in (8.6 × 10.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

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: 23 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.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Twigs, picture edge
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Lawn, house walls, path, garden beds
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tree, chimney, chimney cap, roof shingles, door frame, door, porch floor, railing, porch posts, porch trim, window frames, windows, window sills, bargeboards, steps, path bricks, hollyhock petals, foxgloves
4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
5. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Door panels
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Chimney lines, shingle lines, clapboards
7. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: house outline
   3 strands: hollyhock stems
   2 strands: delphinium stems, foxglove stems
8. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Mount edge
9. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: lines of the railing, foxglove lips
   1 strand: lines of the lazy daisy leaves
10. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
    Delphiniums, loops of the lazy daisy leaves, daisies
11. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Doorknob, hollyhocks, flower centers, buds, delphinium eyes, low flowers

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

In a 6 inch hoop the shortest lazy daisy loops are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

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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 318 Light Steel Gray	9	DMC 3830 Terra Cotta	17	DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose
2	DMC 415 Pearl Gray	10	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	18	DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue
3	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	11	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	19	DMC BLANC White
4	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray	12	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	20	DMC 797 Royal Blue
5	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray	13	DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose	21	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green
6	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	14	DMC 3733 Dusty Rose	22	DMC 153 Very Light Violet
7	DMC 355 Dark Terra Cotta	15	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz	23	DMC 3835 Medium Grape
8	DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta	16	DMC 3689 Light Mauve		

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



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