Papillon in a lilac hedge

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 4.5 in (10.9 × 11.4 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

20 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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
   Lilac leaves, ruff, ears, ear silk, ear fringe, head, cheeks, blaze and muzzle, muzzle, chin



2. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, color 15
   Nose



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
   Eye rims, eyes, pupils, lilac buds, lilac florets, caught floret



4. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 2, 4, 11
   1 or 3 strands: lilac stems
   2 strands: leaf edges
   1 or 2 strands: leaf veins
   1 strand: mouth

5. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 3
   Leaf veins

6. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13
   Loose hairs, ear fringe

7. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand, colors 7, 14
   Nose highlight, brows



8. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, colors 6, 18, 20
   Eye highlights, floret centers



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the 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 520 Dark Fern Green	8	DMC 415 Pearl Gray	15	DMC 310 Black
2	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	9	DMC 712 Cream	16	DMC 209 Dark Lavender
3	DMC 522 Fern Green	10	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	17	DMC 208 Very Dark Lavender
4	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	11	DMC 3371 Black Brown	18	DMC 210 Medium Lavender
5	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	12	DMC 433 Medium Brown	19	DMC 211 Light Lavender
6	DMC 3865 Winter White	13	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	20	DMC 327 Dark Violet
7	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	14	DMC 437 Light Tan		

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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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