Papillon in folk flowers

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.3 in (11.7 × 10.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: black cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

12 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.

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. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Stems (color 1)
2. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Stems (color 2)
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Ears, face, muzzle
4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, ear flowers (colors 1 and 2)
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tulips, rosettes, ruff, ear fringe, ear rims, ear flowers (colors 2, 4 and 6), tongue, eye rims, eyes, brows, nose, heart
6. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Lines of the ear flowers
7. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Nose highlight
8. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Mouth
9. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Loops of the daisies
10. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Berries
11. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Knots of the rosettes, knots of the daisies, eye highlights

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

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots 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 3810 Dark Turquoise	**5**	DMC 893 Light Carnation	**9**	DMC 919 Red Copper
2	DMC 964 Light Seagreen	**6**	DMC 3865 Winter White	**10**	DMC 922 Light Copper
3	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**7**	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	**11**	DMC 3853 Dark Autumn Gold
4	DMC 321 Red	**8**	DMC 920 Medium Copper	**12**	DMC 3371 Black Brown

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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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