Peacock butterfly with eye spots

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.1 × 4.5 in (10.4 × 11.4 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.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 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**, 3 strands
   Stems

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaves, floret shadows, hindwings, hindwing rims, hindwing eyes, forewings, forewing rims, forewing costa, dark patches, cream patches, forewing eyes, abdomen, thorax, head



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Florets, antenna tips



4. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: lines of the leaves
   2 strands: antennae

5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the hindwing eyes, costa bars



6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Wing veins

7. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: buds, eyes
   1 strand: floret centers, eye highlights, pale spots



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

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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	9	DMC 211 Light Lavender	17	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
2	DMC 522 Fern Green	10	DMC 355 Dark Terra Cotta	18	DMC 841 Light Beige Brown
3	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	11	DMC 3371 Black Brown	19	DMC 796 Dark Royal Blue
4	DMC 29 Eggplant	12	DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown	20	DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue
5	DMC 210 Medium Lavender	13	DMC 3857 Dark Rosewood	21	DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet
6	DMC 209 Dark Lavender	14	DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta	22	DMC 712 Cream
7	DMC 208 Very Dark Lavender	15	DMC 3830 Terra Cotta	23	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape
8	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine	16	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray		

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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 broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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