Crossed pencils

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.9 × 4.5 in (9.9 × 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.

17 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 310; one of each other 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.

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.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15
   Bold line, pencil wood, pencil barrels, erasers, metal bands, pencil leads, petal lips, star outline, star



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 16, 17
   Leaves, rose petals, rose bud



3. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 1
   Leaf veins (color 1)

4. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands, color 1
   Leaf veins (color 1), pencil edges, metal rings, petal folds

5. **French knot**
   3 strands, two wraps, color 16
   Dots



Take out lines that still show, press face down on soft cloth.

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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 310 Black	**7**	DMC 433 Medium Brown	**13**	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray
2	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	**8**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**14**	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
3	DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	**9**	DMC 3826 Golden Brown	**15**	DMC 3865 Winter White
4	DMC 3364 Pine Green	**10**	DMC 3341 Apricot	**16**	DMC 321 Red
5	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	**11**	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	**17**	DMC 666 Bright Red
6	DMC 437 Light Tan	**12**	DMC 963 Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose		

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



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