Play in the dirt

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.4 in (11.4 × 11.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

22 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
   Flower stems, daisy stem

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Tulip petals, sunflower petals, sunflower center, fur, muzzle, dirt hat, worm, dirt, hands (color 21)



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Daisy petals, daisy center, nose, eye, pebbles, claws, hands (color 21), bee wings, bee, letters



5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: mouth
   1 strand: worm rings

6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Worm edge, hand lines

7. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: lights, grass
   1 strand: bee feelers



8. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: grape hyacinths, knots of the sunflower center, knots of the daisy center, knots of the dirt hat, knots of the dirt
   1 strand: eye highlight, worm eye



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 3346 Hunter Green	**9**	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	**17**	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray
2	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	**10**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**18**	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray
3	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	**11**	DMC 726 Light Topaz	**19**	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
4	DMC 350 Medium Coral	**12**	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	**20**	DMC 3713 Very Light Salmon
5	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red	**13**	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	**21**	DMC 760 Salmon
6	DMC 352 Light Coral	**14**	DMC 433 Medium Brown	**22**	DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink
7	DMC 792 Dark Cornflower Blue	**15**	DMC 3865 Winter White		
8	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet	**16**	DMC 414 Dark Steel 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.



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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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