Plump bumblebee

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 3.9 in (11.4 × 9.9 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
   Leaf stalks

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Stem, clover leaves, clover head, clover florets, far wing, cream rump, black bands, saffron bands, saffron collar, near wings, head, pollen basket



3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Clover crown



4. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands: clover crown (color 2), legs
   1 strand: eye



5. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: edges of the legs, lines of the pollen basket
   2 strands: eye highlight



6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf veins, wing edges (color 13), wing veins, lines of the head

7. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: lines of the clover crown
   2 strands: wing edges (color 13)
   3 strands: tongue, antennae

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

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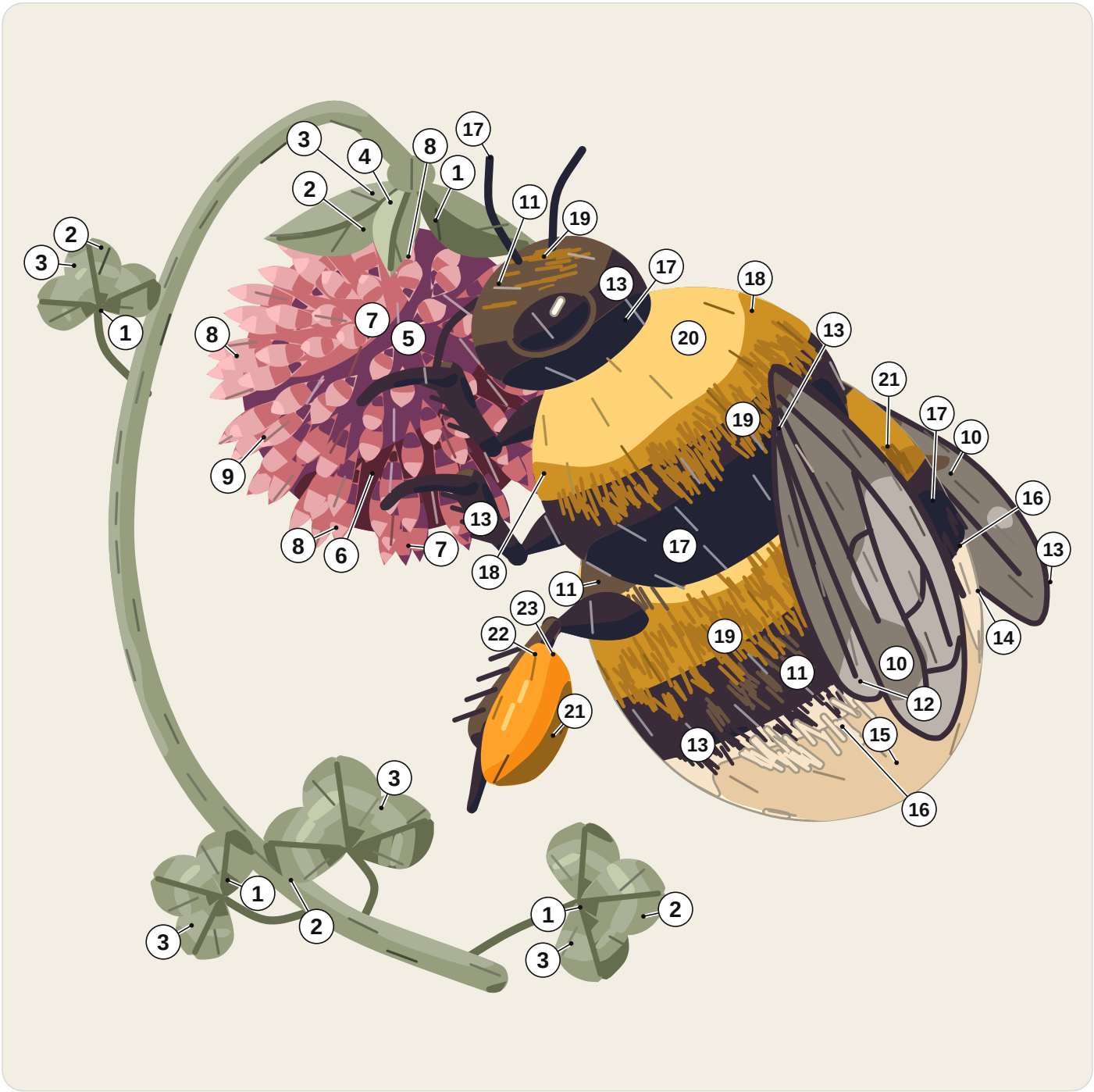
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green	9	DMC 3689 Light Mauve	17	DMC 310 Black
2	DMC 522 Fern Green	10	DMC 646 Dark Beaver Gray	18	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
3	DMC 523 Light Fern Green	11	DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown	19	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
4	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	12	DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray	20	DMC 743 Medium Yellow
5	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	13	DMC 3371 Black Brown	21	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
6	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	14	DMC 712 Cream	22	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine
7	DMC 3687 Mauve	15	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	23	DMC 970 Light Pumpkin
8	DMC 3688 Medium Mauve	16	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan		

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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 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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