Princess reading pillow

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 4.5 in (11.2 × 11.4 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines, loops and knots.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Canopy, pillow, gown, quilt, face and hands, sleeve, hair
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Canopy ties, canopy fringe, coronet, coronet band, bed frame, gold mattress, diamonds, teal mattress, hearts, striped mattress, and 19 more
3. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Canopy folds, canopy, gown, quilt, face and hands, sleeve
4. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Coronet, pillow, pea, book cover, gutter, lines of print, eye, mouth, crown, frog smile
5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Piping, brow
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Pea, face and hands, braid end, eye
7. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Daisies, quilt flowers
8. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Coronet jewels, daisy hearts, earring, crown jewels, frog eyes

In a 6 inch hoop the shortest lazy daisy loops 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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3834 Dark Grape** Canopy (middle), diamonds
- **2 DMC 3836 Light Grape** Canopy (light)
- **3 DMC 154 Very Dark Grape** Canopy folds, canopy (dark)
- **4 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Gold mattress and canopy fringe, coronet and crown (lighter) and 5 more parts
- **5 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown**
  Hair and braid (lighter), piping (darkest), coronet and crown (darker), braid end
- **6 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Bed frame and coronet band
- **7 DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose**
  Rose mattress, gown and sleeve (middle), coronet jewels (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **8 DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise**
  Teal mattress, coronet jewels and crown jewels (darker)
- **9 DMC 712 Cream**
  Pillow (light), pages and quilt fold, striped mattress (lighter) and 6 more parts
- **10 DMC 341 Light Blue Violet** Quilt (light), pillow (middle)
- **11 DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet**
  Striped mattress (darker), piping (lightest), quilt and pillow (dark), lines of print
- **12 DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise** Piping (dark)
- **13 DMC 3354 Light Dusty Rose** Gown and sleeve (light), hearts
- **14 DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose**
  Gown and sleeve (dark), piping (light), book cover and bow (lighter), gutter and mouth
- **15 DMC 988 Medium Forest Green** Frog (lighter), pea (middle)
- **16 DMC 986 Very Dark Forest Green**
  Frog (darker), pea (dark), frog smile
- **17 DMC 632 Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand** Face and hands (dark)
- **18 DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet** Quilt (middle)
- **19 DMC 321 Red** Book cover and bow (darker)
- **20 DMC 3772 Very Dark Desert Sand** Face and hands (middle)
- **21 DMC 407 Dark Desert Sand** Face and hands (light), ear
- **22 DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown**
  Braid, hair and frog eyes (darker), eye and brow
- **23 DMC 3712 Medium Salmon** Cheek
- **24 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green** Frog belly

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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How many strands

Split stitch. 2 strands: canopy, quilt; 1 strand: canopy folds, gown, face and hands, sleeve.
Back stitch. 2 strands: pillow, eye, mouth; 1 strand: coronet, pea, book cover, gutter, lines of print, crown, frog smile.
Straight stitch. 4 strands: braid end; 2 strands: pea; 1 strand: face and hands, eye.
French knot. 2 strands: coronet jewels, daisy hearts, earring, crown jewels; 1 strand: frog eyes.

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6 inch hoop

Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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