Queen bee with a crown

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4 × 4.2 in (10.2 × 10.7 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Trefoils, clover leaves
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Clover blooms, wing edges, eyes, crown, crown band, words
3. **Trellis stitch**, 1 strand
   Fore wings
4. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Abdomen, honey drop, head
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Stems, legs, wing edges, abdomen lines, honey drop, antennae, crown edges, words
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Trefoil marks, honey light, eye light, face
7. **Fly stitch**, 1 strand
   Hind wings
8. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Eyes
9. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Crown edges
10. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Honey drop, crown jewels
11. **Turkey work**, 2 strands
    Thorax

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots 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 987 Dark Forest Green**
  Trefoils, stems and clover leaves (darker)
- **2 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Trefoils, stems and clover leaves (lighter)
- **3 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green** Trefoil marks
- **4 DMC 3835 Medium Grape** Clover blooms (dark)
- **5 DMC 3834 Dark Grape** Clover blooms (darkest)
- **6 DMC 3836 Light Grape** Clover blooms (light)
- **7 DMC 153 Very Light Violet**
  Clover blooms (lightest)
- **8 DMC 434 Light Brown**
  Abdomen (darkest), legs and head
- **9 DMC 927 Light Gray Green**
  Fore wings (darker), hind wings
- **10 DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Blue**
  Wing edges and eye light, fore wings (lighter)
- **11 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Words, crown edges and honey light, abdomen (lightest), honey drop (lighter)
- **12 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Crown and face, abdomen lines and eyes (lighter), abdomen and thorax (light)
- **13 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Thorax (middle), crown band and antennae, abdomen (dark)
- **14 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Abdomen lines and eyes (darker)
- **15 DMC 921 Copper** Honey drop (darker), crown jewels
- **16 DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz** Thorax (dark)

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it 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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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. 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

Stem stitch. 2 to 4 strands: stems; 3 strands: legs, antennae; 2 or 3 strands: wing edges; 2 strands: abdomen lines, honey drop, crown edges, words.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: honey light, face; 1 strand: trefoil marks, eye light.

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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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