Quilted birthday cake

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4 × 4.7 in (10.2 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: wine red cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of wine red 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 white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20
   Cake stand, bottom tier, bottom tier top, quilted tier, quilted tier top, top tier, top tier top, peony buds, peony petals



2. **Woven wheel stitch**
   2 strands, colors 9, 11
   Rosettes

3. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 14, 15
   Leaves



4. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 16
   Tapers, bud cups



5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, color 1
   Edges of the cake stand

6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, color 19
   Peony petal edges

7. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands, colors 12, 19
   Wicks, berry highlights



8. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23
   Cake stand, cake stand scallops, swags, quilted diamonds, pearls, flames, peony centers, berries



9. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 4, 5, 8
   2 strands: pearl strings
   3 strands: pearl beading
   1 strand: peony centers



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 677 Very Light Old Gold	9	DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink	17	DMC 3688 Medium Mauve
2	DMC 680 Dark Old Gold	10	DMC 223 Light Shell Pink	18	DMC 3687 Mauve
3	DMC 729 Medium Old Gold	11	DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink	19	DMC 3689 Light Mauve
4	DMC 676 Light Old Gold	12	DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink	20	DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve
5	DMC 3865 Winter White	13	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink	21	DMC 3835 Medium Grape
6	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	14	DMC 3053 Green Gray	22	DMC 3834 Dark Grape
7	DMC 543 Ultra Very Light Beige	15	DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray	23	DMC 3836 Light Grape
8	DMC 712 Cream	16	DMC 3052 Medium Green 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.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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