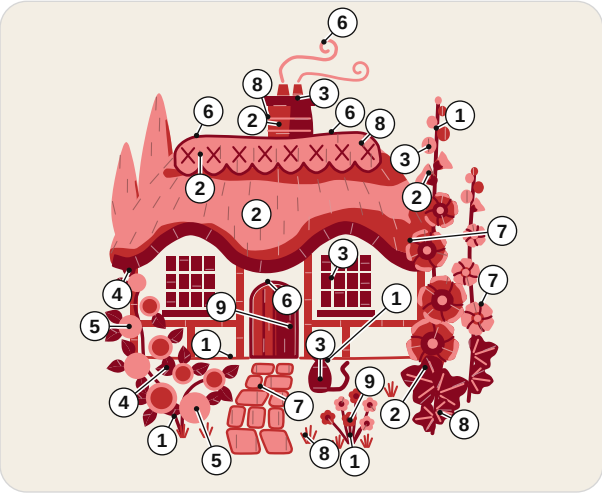
Thatched cottage in three reds

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.2 × 4.4 in (10.7 × 11.2 cm)



A number is a row of the list.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 or 5 strands.

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 2 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 2 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 3, 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.

Floss

DMC 3712 Medium Salmon
Thatch, hollyhocks, pinks and chimney (light), ridge cap, poplars, roses, path and buds (lighter), leaf veins, smoke, hollyhock centers and door ring

DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon
Thatch, hollyhocks, chimney and pinks (middle), timbers, grass, ground and chimney pots, door (lighter), path, roses, poplars and buds (darker)

DMC 815 Medium Garnet
Leaves, eaves, window panes, hollyhock stems, petal edges, cat, spars, rose stems, window frames and door frame, chimney, hollyhocks, thatch and pinks (dark), door and ridge cap (darker)

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: ground, lines of the pinks
   3 strands: rose stems
   5 strands: lines of the cat
   4 strands: hollyhock stems
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Poplars, chimney (DMC 347), door, thatch, ridge cap, hollyhocks, leaves (DMC 815)
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Chimney (DMC 815), chimney pots, timbers, window frames, window panes, eaves, path, cat, hollyhock centers, leaves (DMC 815), buds, pinks
4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves (DMC 815)
5. **Woven wheel stitch**, 4 strands
   Roses
6. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: smoke, door frame
   1 strand: lines of the door
   2 strands: edges of the ridge cap
7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Edges of the path, petal edges
8. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: lines of the chimney, leaf veins
   2 strands: spars, grass
9. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Door ring, knots of the pinks

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

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.

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6 inch hoop

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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6 inch hoop

For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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