Regency era ladies in a garden

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.7 in (11.4 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

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.

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.

Buy: 24 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Rose stems
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Far trees, lawn, path, parasol lining, parasol, yellow gown, arms and hands (colors 16 and 17), faces and necks, white gown, blue spencer, straw bonnet, shawl
3. **Woven filling stitch**, 3 strands
   Basket
4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Rose leaves, bonnet leaves, basket leaves, given rose leaves, border leaves
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Sash and bow, arms and hands (colors 4, 16 and 17), bandeau, sleeve bands, spencer trim, lace collar, bonnet ribbon, rosebuds, butterfly wings, butterfly body, foxgloves, foxglove lips
6. **Woven wheel stitch**, 4 strands
   Bonnet rose, cut roses, given rose, rambling roses, border roses
7. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: parasol ribs, gown folds, profile line, finger lines, gown edge, spencer seams, lines of the butterfly body
   2 strands: bonnet edge
8. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: eyes and brows, shawl fringe
   2 strands: lips, bud sepals
9. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: parasol edge, lines of the hem vine, hem bands, lines of the shawl border, edges of the given rose, flower stems
   3 strands: parasol shaft, basket handle, basket rim
10. **Lazy daisy stitch**
    1 strand: loops of the hem vine, loops of the shawl border
    2 strands: white daisies
11. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: dark curls, earrings, knots of the butterfly wings, delphiniums, daisy centers
    1 strand: chestnut curls

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



1	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	9	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	17	DMC 435 Very Light Brown
2	DMC 522 Fern Green	10	DMC 349 Dark Coral	18	DMC 3371 Black Brown
3	DMC 3770 Very Light Tawny	11	DMC BLANC White	19	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue
4	DMC 950 Light Desert Sand	12	DMC 351 Coral	20	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
5	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	13	DMC 3822 Light Straw	21	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue
6	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	14	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	22	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue
7	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	15	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	23	DMC 407 Dark Desert Sand
8	DMC 353 Peach	16	DMC 433 Medium Brown	24	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet

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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 loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; 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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