Layer cake with ribbon and bow

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.7 × 4.6 in (9.4 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: sage green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of sage green cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

24 colors of floss (page 2): 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 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.

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, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23
   Stand foot, plate, sponge layers, icing, icing top, strawberries, blossoms, ribbon tails, bow loops



2. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 19, 20, 21
   Leaves



3. **Satin stitch**
   colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
   2 strands: stand foot rim, stand stem, stand ring, plate scallops, jam, cream filling, piped cream, ribbon, strawberry caps, bow inside, bow knot
   1 strand: bow folds



4. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 20, 21
   2 strands: stand outline (color 1)
   1 strand: lines of the leaves
   3 strands: stalks

5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 6, 10, 12, 14, 18, 23
   Stand outline (color 2), sponge edges, piped cream edges, ribbon edges, icing edge, strawberry edges, blossom edges, lines of the bow folds

6. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands, color 24
   Seeds



7. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 2, 24
   2 strands: plate dots
   1 strand: blossom centers



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

In a 6 inch hoop the widest satin stitch shape is 1/2 in (13 mm) across. Satin stitches longer than about 12 mm (just under 1/2 in) tend to work loose: divide the shape into sections, or work it in long and short stitch.

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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 223 Light Shell Pink	9	DMC 304 Medium Red	17	DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue
2	DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink	10	DMC 822 Light Beige Gray	18	DMC 336 Navy Blue
3	DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink	11	DMC 3865 Winter White	19	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green
4	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink	12	DMC 3023 Light Brown Gray	20	DMC 3346 Hunter Green
5	DMC 977 Light Golden Brown	13	DMC 712 Cream	21	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green
6	DMC 434 Light Brown	14	DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue	22	DMC 321 Red
7	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	15	DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue	23	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
8	DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown	16	DMC 334 Medium Baby Blue	24	DMC 3820 Dark Straw

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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

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



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