Rock hound

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.4 in (11.7 × 11.2 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. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Lines of the ferns

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Shoulders, geode rind, crystal hollow, paws, toes, ears, chin, face, tan mask, muzzle, nose, eyebrows, hammer handle (color 23), hammer head, pebbles



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ferns, agate bands, crystals, crystal lights, sparkles, claws, tongue, nostrils, eyes, pupils, eye highlights, hammer grip, hammer handle (color 3)



4. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Toe edges, ear edges, face edge, hammer edge

5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: ear folds, mouth, lower lids
   1 strand: wrinkles
   3 strands: eyelids

6. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: nose highlight
   2 strands: amethyst light



7. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: freckles
   2 strands: moss



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

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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 3345 Dark Hunter Green	9	DMC 3865 Winter White	17	DMC 712 Cream
2	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	10	DMC 210 Medium Lavender	18	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown
3	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	11	DMC 550 Very Dark Violet	19	DMC 400 Dark Mahogany
4	DMC 433 Medium Brown	12	DMC 552 Medium Violet	20	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany
5	DMC 646 Dark Beaver Gray	13	DMC 208 Very Dark Lavender	21	DMC 301 Medium Mahogany
6	DMC 3787 Dark Brown Gray	14	DMC 211 Light Lavender	22	DMC 3712 Medium Salmon
7	DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray	15	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	23	DMC 437 Light Tan
8	DMC 3072 Very Light Beaver Gray	16	DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown	24	DMC 310 Black

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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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