Tattoo letters with a rose A to Z

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.2 × 4.6 in (10.7 × 11.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: black cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Core of the letter, swallow wings, swallow tail, rose petals
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Black lines, swallow body, swallow throat, swallow eye, star, banner, leaf outlines, rose leaves, petal lips, rose heart
3. **Back stitch**, 3 strands
   Cream edge of the letter
4. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Black lines, swallow back, star edge, banner edge
5. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Bill, star rays
6. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf veins

Floss

- **1 DMC 743 Medium Yellow**
  Core of the letter (lightest)
- **2 DMC 304 Medium Red** Core of the letter (darkest)
- **3 DMC 350 Medium Coral** Core of the letter (dark)
- **4 DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice**
  Core of the letter (middle)
- **5 DMC 3854 Medium Autumn Gold**
  Core of the letter (light)
- **6 DMC 712 Cream**
  Cream edge of the letter and swallow eye, banner, swallow body and star (lighter)
- **7 DMC 310 Black** Black lines and leaf outlines
- **8 DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue**
  Swallow wings (middle), swallow tail (lighter), swallow back
- **9 DMC 775 Very Light Baby Blue**
  Swallow wings (light)
- **10 DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue**
  Swallow wings (dark), swallow body, star and swallow tail (darker)
- **11 DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon**
  Rose petals (light), swallow throat
- **12 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Banner edge, leaf veins, star edge, star rays and bill
- **13 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan** Banner (darker)
- **14 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green**
  Rose leaves (darker)
- **15 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Rose leaves (lighter)
- **16 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Rose petals (dark), rose heart
- **17 DMC 321 Red** Rose petals (middle)
- **18 DMC 3706 Medium Melon** Petal lips

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Begin with no knot on the back where it is seen and washed, as on a towel, a napkin or clothes; for a piece in a hoop a small knot is fine. End each thread by whipping it around the backs of four or five stitches, with one small hitch.

A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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How many strands

Split stitch. 2 strands: star edge; 1 strand: black lines, swallow back, banner edge.

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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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