Rose crescent spray

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.6 in (11.9 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

15 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
   Leaves, sepals



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
   Buds, half-open roses, rose centers, open rose, moth hind wings, moth front wings



3. **Satin stitch**
   colors 1, 2, 3, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15
   2 strands: canes, moth wing edges, moth wing spots
   1 strand: turned petal edges



4. **Stem stitch**, colors 7, 8
   1 strand: lines of the leaves
   2 strands: moth feelers (color 8)

5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, colors 9, 15
   Lines of the rose centers, edges of the moth wing edges

6. **Straight stitch**, colors 8, 12
   2 strands: thorns
   1 strand: moth feelers (color 8), edges of the moth body



7. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 12, 13, 14
   Stars, moth body



8. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, color 10
   Knots of the moth wing spots, moth eyes



9. **Turkey work**
   2 strands, colors 6, 7, 14
   Knots of the moth body



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 927 Light Gray Green	**6**	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	**11**	DMC 680 Dark Old Gold
2	DMC 926 Medium Gray Green	**7**	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	**12**	DMC 729 Medium Old Gold
3	DMC 924 Very Dark Gray Green	**8**	DMC 676 Light Old Gold	**13**	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold
4	DMC 928 Very Light Gray Green	**9**	DMC 869 Very Dark Hazelnut Brown	**14**	DMC 746 Off White
5	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	**10**	DMC 433 Medium Brown	**15**	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue

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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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