Secret garden with an ivy garden gate

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

22 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**, 3 strands
   Ivy stems

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Garden light, gate boards, grass bank, robin tail, robin belly, robin back, robin head, robin breast, robin wing



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bricks, far trees, garden lawn, garden path, garden hedge, gate shadow, climbing roses, hinges, latch, arch stones, step, light on the step, coping stones, flagstones, ivy leaves, bluebell leaves, robin beak, ribbon, key, words



4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Primrose leaves



5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: climbing rose stem, gate edge, bank edge, bluebell stems, grass
   3 strands: shadow in the arch
   1 strand: edges of the latch, ivy stalks, tendrils, berry stalks, robin legs

6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Path edge, rose centers, board edges, edges of the step, stone shadows, ivy veins, lines of the robin wing, key edge, edges of the words

7. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Rose leaves, bluebells, primroses



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Ivy berries, primrose centers, robin eye



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 647 Medium Beaver Gray	9	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	17	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray
2	DMC 646 Dark Beaver Gray	10	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	18	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green
3	DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray	11	DMC 921 Copper	19	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue
4	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	12	DMC 919 Red Copper	20	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue
5	DMC 3865 Winter White	13	DMC 922 Light Copper	21	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
6	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	14	DMC 3021 Very Dark Brown Gray	22	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
7	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	15	DMC 3787 Dark Brown Gray		
8	DMC 642 Dark Beige Gray	16	DMC 640 Very Dark Beige Gray		

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



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