Sisterhood

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.5 in (11.4 × 11.4 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.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 or 5 strands.

18 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 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
   Skin, girl's hair, bob, headwrap, silver hair



2. **Satin stitch**
   1 strand, colors 2, 5, 14
   Eyes, lips, eyelids



3. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 8, 12
   Girl's dress (color 1), coat (color 8), shawl (color 12), blouse (color 2)

4. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands, color 12
   Shawl (color 12)



5. **Split stitch**
   colors 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 12, 14, 17, 18
   2 strands: outlines, girl's dress (color 2), brows, lines of the eyes, coat (color 2), shawl (color 2), lines of the headwrap, blouse (color 2)
   1 strand: features (color 2), lines of the girl's hair, lines of the bob, lines of the silver hair
   5 strands: lines of the the word
   4 strands: the strand

6. **Running stitch**
   2 strands, color 1
   Blouse (color 1)

7. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 2
   Lashes, features (color 2)

8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 8, 12
   Wrap beads, earrings, knots of the the word



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 3051 Dark Green Gray	7	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	13	DMC 407 Dark Desert Sand
2	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue	8	DMC 920 Medium Copper	14	DMC 3772 Very Dark Desert Sand
3	DMC 437 Light Tan	9	DMC 948 Very Light Peach	15	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green
4	DMC 436 Tan	10	DMC 950 Light Desert Sand	16	DMC 433 Medium Brown
5	DMC 356 Medium Terra Cotta	11	DMC 676 Light Old Gold	17	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
6	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown	12	DMC 680 Dark Old Gold	18	DMC 318 Light Steel 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 dashed line is running stitch; a finer one 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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