Small Florida Keys cottage

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.8 × 3.8 in (9.7 × 9.7 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Shutters, sills and corner boards, piers, door, door panes, gable boards, porch beam, porch rail, porch posts, front steps, palm trunks, and 7 more
2. **Running stitch**, 3 strands
   Tin roof, cloud, sand
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Roof edges, window frames, step edges, palm fronds, bougainvillea stems, rooster legs, cloud
4. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Side wall, front wall
5. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Window frames
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Window frames, porch rail, palm fronds, bougainvillea, bougainvillea leaves, sea grape leaves, rooster legs, beach grass
7. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Gable lace, porch lace, bougainvillea, bougainvillea leaves, sea grape leaves
8. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Bougainvillea hearts, rooster eye

Floss

1 DMC 3849 Light Teal Green
Tin roof, roof edges, shutters, door, step edges and rooster wing

2 DMC 760 Salmon
Front wall and side wall

3 DMC 3865 Winter White
Porch beam, porch rail, window frames, porch posts and gable boards and 6 more parts

4 DMC 434 Light Brown
Palm trunks, piers, rooster, rooster beak and rooster eye

5 DMC 729 Medium Old Gold
Sand, coconuts, rooster neck, rooster legs and door panes

6 DMC 367 Dark Pistachio Green
Palm fronds, sea grape leaves, rooster tail and beach grass and 2 more parts

7 DMC 3607 Light Plum
Bougainvillea and rooster comb

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them 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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6 inch hoop

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.

Each small ring is one French knot. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point. A dashed line is running stitch.

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

Stem stitch. 3 strands: roof edges, window frames, palm fronds, rooster legs; 2 or 3 strands: step edges, cloud; 2 strands: bougainvillea stems.
Split stitch. 4 strands: front wall; 3 strands: side wall.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: porch rail, palm fronds, rooster legs; 2 strands: window frames, beach grass; 1 strand: bougainvillea, bougainvillea leaves, sea grape leaves.

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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

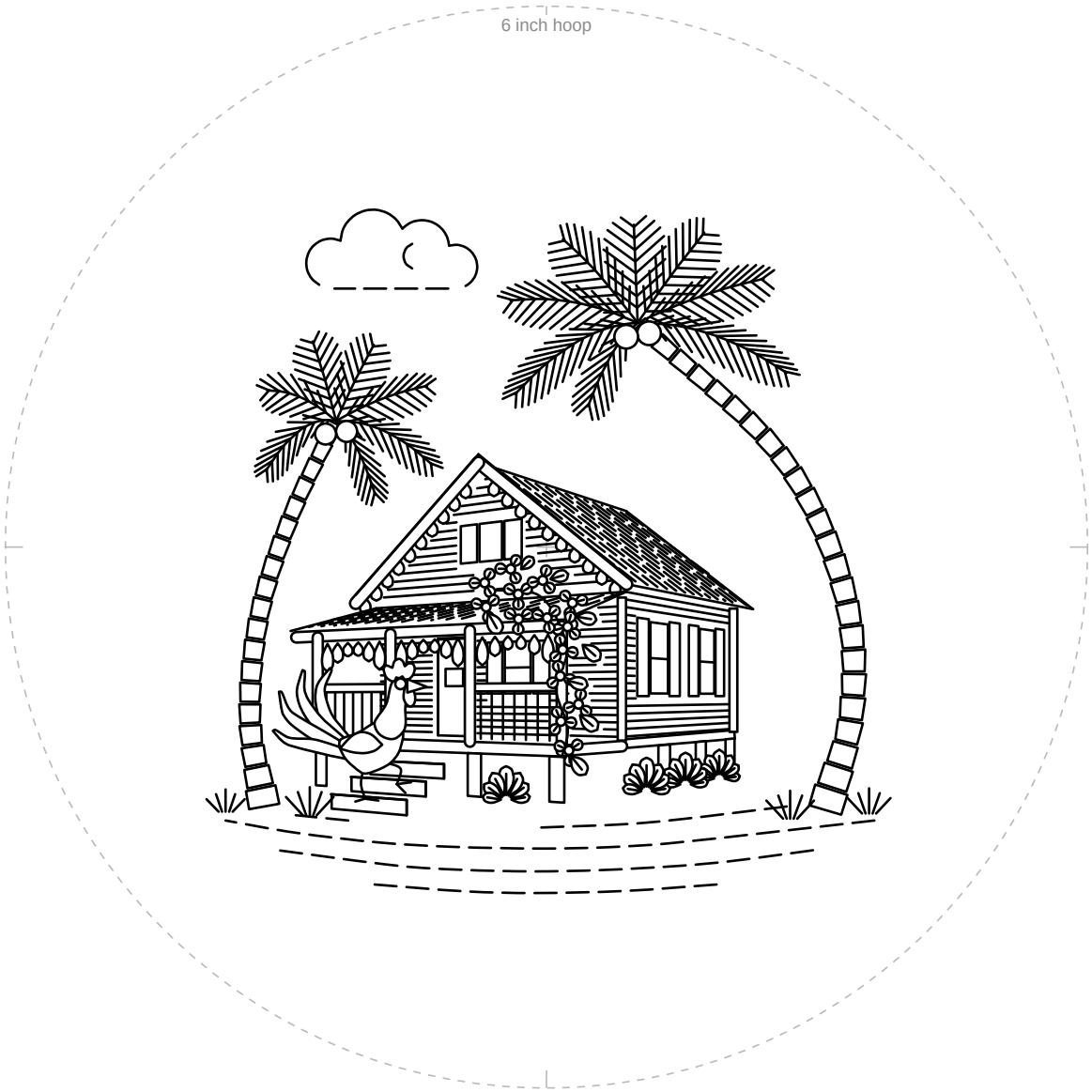
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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