Small punctuation marks in back stitch

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.9 × 4.6 in (9.9 × 11.7 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

1. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Ampersand, exclamation points, parentheses, number sign, question marks, commas, quotation marks, asterisks, colons, semicolons, brackets, and 10 more

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 304 Medium Red**
  Ampersand and lid (dark), counter (darker)
- **2 DMC 666 Bright Red**
  Ampersand and lid (middle)
- **3 DMC 3705 Dark Melon**
  Ampersand and lid (light), counter (lighter)
- **4 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Question marks (middle), exclamation points (darker), brackets (light) and 3 more parts
- **5 DMC BLANC White**
  Jar and lid bands, question marks (lightest) and 2 more parts
- **6 DMC 3805 Cyclamen Pink**
  Asterisks (dark), parentheses (darkest), ellipsis and colons (darker) and 2 more parts
- **7 DMC 3806 Light Cyclamen Pink**
  Asterisks (middle), colons (lighter), parentheses and dashes (dark) and 2 more parts
- **8 DMC 3608 Very Light Plum**
  Asterisks (light), parentheses and dashes (middle dark)
- **9 DMC 3843 Electric Blue**
  Number sign (dark), brackets (darkest), semicolons (darker)
- **10 DMC 3846 Light Bright Turquoise**
  Number sign (middle), semicolons (lighter), brackets (middle dark)
- **11 DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue**
  Glass edge and light on the glass, number sign (light), brackets (lightest)
- **12 DMC 702 Kelly Green**
  Question marks and commas (darkest), periods (shade 2 of 8)
- **13 DMC 704 Bright Chartreuse**
  Question marks (dark), periods (shade 5 of 8), commas (light)
- **14 DMC 772 Very Light Yellow Green**
  Question marks (light)
- **15 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Brackets and commas (dark), quotation marks (darker) and 4 more parts
- **16 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Commas (lightest), quotation marks (lighter), brackets (middle light) and 4 more parts

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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.

Start each thread with a small knot on the back, and end it by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

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

Back stitch. 4 strands: jar; 3 strands: ampersand, exclamation points, parentheses, number sign, question marks, commas, quotation marks, asterisks, colons, semicolons, brackets, ellipsis, dashes, periods, glass edge, light on the glass, lid, lid bands, knob, counter.

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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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