Easy skull and crossbones

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.2 × 3.2 in (8.1 × 8.1 cm)



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

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Chain stitch**, 5 strands
   Bandana tails, bandana hem, bandana
2. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands: bandana edges
   5 strands: bandana folds
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Earring, teeth, daisy centers, knot
4. **Split stitch**, 6 strands
   Crossed bones, skull
5. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Lines of the bandana daisies
6. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 4 strands
   Loops of the bandana daisies
7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Bone knobs

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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.

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.

Buy: 5 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 7, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of charcoal cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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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 712 Cream
2 DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown
3 DMC 743 Medium Yellow
4 DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon
5 DMC 815 Medium Garnet

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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.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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