Smooch

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 4.9 in (10.9 × 12.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 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
   Mistletoe stems

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Cat chest, cat stripes, cat bib, cat ears, cat inner ears, cat face, cat eye patches, cat muzzle, cat eyes, dog saddle, dog bib, dog head, dog muzzle, dog eyelid, dog ear, bow (color 22)



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cat eye rims, cat pupils, eye highlights, cat nose, cat mouth, dog lips, dog nose, bow (color 22)



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



5. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: ear tufts, nose highlight, dog eye (color 11)
   2 strands: muzzle freckles



6. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: lines of the cat mouth, whiskers
   1 strand: lip line (color 15)
   3 strands: dog eye (color 11)

7. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: edges of the cat mouth, muzzle edge, lip line (colors 6, 16 and 17), ear edge, berry edges, bow edges
   2 strands: brow wrinkles

8. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries, bow, letters



9. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Knots of the eye highlights



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

In a 6 inch hoop the widest satin stitch shape is 1/2 in (13 mm) across. Satin stitches longer than about 12 mm (just under 1/2 in) tend to work loose: divide the shape into sections, or work it in long and short stitch.

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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 3853 Dark Autumn Gold	9	DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta	17	DMC 301 Medium Mahogany
2	DMC 919 Red Copper	10	DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta	18	DMC 3776 Light Mahogany
3	DMC 921 Copper	11	DMC 3371 Black Brown	19	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green
4	DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown	12	DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green	20	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green
5	DMC 3865 Winter White	13	DMC 470 Light Avocado Green	21	DMC 3364 Pine Green
6	DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige	14	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	22	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue
7	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	15	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany	23	DMC 336 Navy Blue
8	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	16	DMC 400 Dark Mahogany		

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6 inch hoop

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



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