Sorceress turning snow to spring flowers

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.7 in (11.9 × 11.9 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.

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

24 colors of floss (page 2): 3 skeins of DMC 156 and 3 of DMC 3747; one of each other 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 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24
   Sky, sun, far mountains, snow hills, valley path, snow, shadows on the snow, melting edge, grass, cloak, hem band, sleeves, cape, hair, fox (colors 9 and 22), poppies
2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22
   Birch trunks, birch shade, birch leaves, hands, gold moon, neck, face, braids, braid ties, vine leaves, fox legs, fox ears, fox (color 9), crocuses, poppy buds, poppy centers
3. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands, color 7
   Fir trees (color 7)
4. **Couching**, 4 strands, color 19
   Gold trim, circlet
5. **Straight stitch**, colors 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 23
   3 strands: bark marks
   2 strands: grass blades, edges of the fox ears, lines of the fox face, crocus hearts, edges of the poppy buds
   1 strand: face lines
6. **Stem stitch**, colors 2, 7, 11, 14, 19
   1 strand: fir trees (color 7)
   2 strands: birch twigs, gold vines, flower stems
   4 strands: edge
7. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 1 strand, color 9
   Loops of the hem flowers, loops of the daisies
8. **French knot**, two wraps, colors 2, 3, 11, 18, 19
   1 strand: knots of the hem flowers, earring, vine blossoms, knots of the fox face
   2 strands: forget-me-nots, knots of the daisies

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

In a 6 inch hoop the shortest lazy daisy loops are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

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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 967 Very Light Apricot	9	DMC 3865 Winter White	17	DMC 3835 Medium Grape
2	DMC 793 Medium Cornflower Blue	10	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	18	DMC 3836 Light Grape
3	DMC 156 Medium Light Blue Violet	11	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	19	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
4	DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet	12	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	20	DMC 632 Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand
5	DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany	13	DMC 988 Medium Forest Green	21	DMC 920 Medium Copper
6	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow	14	DMC 986 Very Dark Forest Green	22	DMC 922 Light Copper
7	DMC 792 Dark Cornflower Blue	15	DMC 989 Forest Green	23	DMC 350 Medium Coral
8	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...	16	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	24	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red

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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; 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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