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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.3 in (11.2 × 10.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of dark green cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

7 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

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.

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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

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**, color 1
   3 strands: stems
   2 strands: fine stalks

2. **Outline stitch**, 1 strand, color 1
   Leaf lines

3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
   Petals



4. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 5, 6
   Scalloped hem, leaves, sheaths, inner cups, green marks, foot sheaths, words



5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 3, 4
   Sheath edges, petal edges, cup edges

6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand, color 3
   Leaf ladders



7. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 3, 7
   Hem dots, seed caps



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
   Hem knots, snow



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

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots 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 BLANC White
2 DMC 927 Light Gray Green
3 DMC 928 Very Light Gray Green
4 DMC 926 Medium Gray Green
5 DMC 712 Cream
6 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green
7 DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green

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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 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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