Spring gnome with daisy hat

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4 × 4.3 in (10.2 × 10.9 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.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

24 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: grass, grape hyacinth stems
   2 strands: daisy stems

2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Grass bank, trousers, boots, sleeve, coat, sleeve roll, hands, face, ear, beard, moustache, nose



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands: buttons, hat, hat brim, daisy leaves, daisy petals, daisy cups, daisy centers, bee
   1 strand: bee wings



4. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: brow
   1 strand: bee feelers



5. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: boot soles, coat hem
   2 strands: hat seams, hat edge

6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Finger lines (color 18), smile lines

7. **Running stitch**, 1 strand
   Bee trail

8. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Finger lines (color 18), nose edge, bee wing edges

9. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bee



10. **French knot**
    2 strands, two wraps
    Grape hyacinths, eye, knots of the daisy centers



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

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 470 Light Avocado Green	9	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	17	DMC 950 Light Desert Sand
2	DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green	10	DMC 433 Medium Brown	18	DMC 3772 Very Dark Desert Sand
3	DMC 469 Avocado Green	11	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	19	DMC 407 Dark Desert Sand
4	DMC 791 Very Dark Cornflower Blue	12	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	20	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
5	DMC 793 Medium Cornflower Blue	13	DMC 352 Light Coral	21	DMC 3822 Light Straw
6	DMC 341 Light Blue Violet	14	DMC 355 Dark Terra Cotta	22	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
7	DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green	15	DMC 350 Medium Coral	23	DMC 3865 Winter White
8	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	16	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	24	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray

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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 dashed line is running stitch; a finer one inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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



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