Spring

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.4 in (12.2 × 11.2 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 7.

10 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC B5200; 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. **Whipped back stitch**
   3 strands, color 1
   Stems



2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands, colors 2, 7
   Nest hollow, letters



3. **Woven filling stitch**
   2 strands, color 4
   Nest



4. **Buttonhole stitch**
   2 strands, color 2
   Open leaves



5. **Split stitch**, 2 strands, color 1
   Leaf veins

6. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands, color 3
   Bud sepals



7. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 5, 6, 10
   Nest twigs

8. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 8, 9
   Padded leaves, buds, eggs



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

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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 822 Light Beige Gray	**5**	DMC 437 Light Tan	**9**	DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue
2	DMC B5200 Snow White	**6**	DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige	**10**	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
3	DMC 3023 Light Brown Gray	**7**	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray		
4	DMC 3862 Dark Mocha Beige	**8**	DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue		

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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 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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