Three stacked gifts

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.5 × 4.6 in (8.9 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

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

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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24
   Teal box, teal lid (color 10), plum box, plum lid (color 17), marigold box, marigold lid (color 21), bow, robin tail, robin belly, robin head, robin gray edge, robin breast, robin wing
2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22
   Ground shadow, lid shadows, teal box ribbon, teal lid (colors 2 and 3), box shadows, tulip leaves, tulips, mint ribbon, plum lid (colors 11 and 12), red ribbon, marigold lid (colors 5 and 7), bow insides, bow tails, bow knot, loose ribbon end, ribbon tie, robin bill, robin eye
3. **Straight stitch**, colors 6, 19, 23
   3 strands: crosses, robin legs (color 23), eye highlight
   1 strand: bow creases
4. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands, colors 5, 7, 15, 17
   Chain lines, lid chain
5. **Stem stitch**, colors 14, 16, 23
   3 strands: tulip stems
   4 strands: robin legs (color 23)
6. **Split stitch**, colors 4, 6, 13, 19, 20, 23, 24
   3 strands: box edges, lid edges
   1 strand: bow edges, wing edges, ribbon edges
7. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands, color 6
   Daisies
8. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps, colors 3, 6
   Lid knots, daisy centers

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

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 842 Very Light Beige Brown	9	DMC 920 Medium Copper	17	DMC 3836 Light Grape
2	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	10	DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue	18	DMC 498 Dark Red
3	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise	11	DMC 3835 Medium Grape	19	DMC 814 Dark Garnet
4	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	12	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	20	DMC 434 Light Brown
5	DMC 742 Light Tangerine	13	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	21	DMC 743 Medium Yellow
6	DMC 712 Cream	14	DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green	22	DMC 321 Red
7	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	15	DMC 3733 Dusty Rose	23	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown
8	DMC 922 Light Copper	16	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green	24	DMC 926 Medium Gray 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 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

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



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