Easter egg with a star

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.5 × 4.8 in (8.9 × 12.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: mustard yellow cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of mustard yellow cotton or linen.

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

8 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 310; 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**
   4 strands, colors 1, 2
   Hanging cord



2. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands, color 3
   Egg ground



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
   Zigzag, ivory diamonds, band lines, star needles, red rays, ivory rays, star heart, wheat ears, tail feathers, cock bodies, cock necks, cock hackles, wings, combs, bills, wattles, flower leaves, heart, little heart, bow, bow folds



4. **Stem stitch**, colors 3, 4, 8
   3 strands: egg edge, flower stem
   4 strands: wheat stalks

5. **Straight stitch**, colors 4, 6, 8
   3 strands: pine sprigs, legs
   1 strand: wheat beards



6. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 3, 6
   2 strands: star beads
   1 strand: eyes



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 321 Red	**4**	DMC 905 Dark Parrot Green	**7**	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
2	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	**5**	DMC 712 Cream	**8**	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
3	DMC 310 Black	**6**	DMC 3822 Light Straw		

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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 whipped back stitch.



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



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