Stay positive

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

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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21
   Sun, cloud, umbrella inside, cat, white fur, bird, bird breast, umbrella



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 7, 9, 12, 13, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24
   Raindrops, handle, ears, collar, bell, eyes, eye pupils, nose, bird tail, bird wing, bird bill, bunting flags, sea, letters



3. **Straight stitch**
   colors 1, 12, 15, 16
   3 strands: sun rays
   1 strand: whiskers, paw edges (color 15)
   2 strands: bird feet



4. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 5, 7, 8, 20
   3 strands: sun edge
   2 strands: cloud edge, umbrella ribs, umbrella hem, wave crests
   1 strand: bunting string

5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 14, 15, 20
   Mouth, wing edge, paw edges (color 15)

6. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 1, 13, 16
   1 strand: eye highlights, bird eye
   2 strands: rib tips



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 3820 Dark Straw	9	DMC 3328 Dark Salmon	17	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
2	DMC 3855 Light Autumn Gold	10	DMC 3864 Light Mocha Beige	18	DMC 3712 Medium Salmon
3	DMC 3854 Medium Autumn Gold	11	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	19	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green
4	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	12	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	20	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue
5	DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue	13	DMC 310 Black	21	DMC 712 Cream
6	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	14	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	22	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise
7	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	15	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray	23	DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue
8	DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon	16	DMC BLANC White	24	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise

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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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