Stay wild

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.7 in (11.9 × 11.9 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): 2 skeins of DMC 948; 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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23
   Sky, far peaks, near peaks, firs, meadow, bears, muzzles, daisy petals, lily petals



2. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 11, 12
   Leaves



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 14, 17, 19, 20, 24
   Noses, ears, eyes, fireweed petals, fireweed buds, buttercups, daisy centers, letters, round edge



4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, color 14
   Mouths

5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, color 12
   Grass blades (color 12), stems

6. **Straight stitch**
   colors 12, 16, 17, 18
   1 strand: claws, eye highlights, fireweed stamens, lines of the stamens
   2 strands: grass blades (color 12)
   3 strands: lily throats



7. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 14, 15, 17, 20
   1 strand: buttercup centers, lily spots, knots of the stamens
   2 strands: knots of the daisy centers



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 948 Very Light Peach	9	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	17	DMC 3821 Straw
2	DMC 209 Dark Lavender	10	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	18	DMC 3865 Winter White
3	DMC 210 Medium Lavender	11	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	19	DMC 3804 Dark Cyclamen Pink
4	DMC 211 Light Lavender	12	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	20	DMC 915 Dark Plum
5	DMC 754 Light Peach	13	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	21	DMC 349 Dark Coral
6	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	14	DMC 3371 Black Brown	22	DMC 351 Coral
7	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	15	DMC 433 Medium Brown	23	DMC 3341 Apricot
8	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue	16	DMC 437 Light Tan	24	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape

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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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