Storybook castle with pennants

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.9 in (12.2 × 12.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

7 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: poplars (color 1)
   2 strands: flagpoles

2. **Back stitch**, 3 strands
   Brick courses

3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tower walls, roofs, pennants, battlements, gatehouse towers, gate light, lit windows, stars



4. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
   Poplars (color 1)



5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: eaves, stair edges
   3 strands: gate arch

6. **Back stitch**
   2 strands: corbels, window sills
   1 strand: window frames

7. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Moon



8. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: portcullis, small stars
   3 strands: steps



9. **Running stitch**, 1 strand
   Crown line

10. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
    Far stars



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 161 Gray Blue
2 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
3 DMC 159 Light Gray Blue
4 DMC 3733 Dusty Rose
5 DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose
6 DMC 3822 Light Straw
7 DMC 746 Off White

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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 running stitch; a finer one 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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