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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.7 in (12.4 × 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.

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

13 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. **Buttonhole stitch**, 2 strands
   Buttonhole leaves (colors 1, 4 and 6)
2. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Buttonhole leaves
3. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Chain leaves
4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Fishbone leaves, flower leaves
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Half open leaves, wild flowers, bells
6. **Trellis stitch**, 2 strands
   Trellis leaves
7. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Shaded leaves
8. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: edges of the trellis leaves
   2 strands: edges of the half open leaves, edges of the shaded leaves, chain leaves (colors 2 and 13), berry stalks, flower stems, edges of the bells
   4 strands: stems, words
9. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the seed heads
10. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Berries
11. **French knot**, two wraps
    1 strand: knots of the half open leaves, flower centers
    2 strands: knots of the seed heads

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 3053 Green Gray	**6**	DMC 833 Light Golden Olive	**11**	DMC 831 Medium Golden Olive
2	DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray	**7**	DMC 921 Copper	**12**	DMC 834 Very Light Golden Olive
3	DMC 924 Very Dark Gray Green	**8**	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper	**13**	DMC 829 Very Dark Golden Olive
4	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise	**9**	DMC 920 Medium Copper		
5	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	**10**	DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray		

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6 inch hoop

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.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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



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