Sweet summer

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.8 × 4.2 in (9.7 × 10.7 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.

21 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 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
   Leaves (colors 1 and 2), pear, peach skin, peach flesh, stone hollow, stone, strawberries, cherries



2. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3
   Strawberry caps, leaves (colors 1 and 2)



3. **Satin stitch**
   colors 9, 15, 18, 19, 21
   1 strand: bee wings
   2 strands: bee, bee stripes, letters



4. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 2, 9, 10
   1 strand: lines of the leaves, bee feelers
   4 strands: pear stem
   3 strands: lines of the strawberry caps, lines of the cherry stems
   2 strands: bee legs, bee tongue

5. **Split stitch**, colors 6, 9, 20
   2 strands: peach edge
   1 strand: stone grain, edges of the bee wings

6. **Straight stitch**, colors 9, 18, 19
   2 strands: pear eye
   1 strand: seeds, cherry highlights



7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, color 2
   Knots of the cherry stems



8. **Turkey work**
   2 strands, colors 10, 15
   Knots of the bee



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 936 Very Dark Avocado Green	8	DMC 3328 Dark Salmon	15	DMC 433 Medium Brown
2	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	9	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	16	DMC 666 Bright Red
3	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	10	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	17	DMC 3706 Medium Melon
4	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	11	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	18	DMC 3822 Light Straw
5	DMC 469 Avocado Green	12	DMC 321 Red	19	DMC 3865 Winter White
6	DMC 3855 Light Autumn Gold	13	DMC 351 Coral	20	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown
7	DMC 3341 Apricot	14	DMC 3825 Pale Pumpkin	21	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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