Dog house with a heart

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.2 in (11.2 × 10.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: sage green cotton or linen.

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.

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.

Buy: 22 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of sage green cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Daisy stems

2. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands: path, side boards, front boards, doorway, sill, shingles (color 13), barge boards
   1 strand: pup body, pup ears, pup head, paws



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Path stones, corner post, door frame, pup nose, roof edge, shingles (colors 13, 14 and 15), ridge caps, pebbles, daisy petals, sepals, bee wings, bee, bee stripes



4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Daisy leaves



5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Stone edges, board lines, ear edge, mouth, paw edges, toes, shingle edges, wing edges

6. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Sleepy eyes, edges of the heart, grass

7. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: nose highlight
   1 strand: lashes, petal shade, feelers



8. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Heart



9. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: thyme leaves, thyme flowers, bee head
   1 strand: daisy centers



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 3782 Light Mocha Brown	9	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	17	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green
2	DMC 3032 Medium Mocha Brown	10	DMC 310 Black	18	DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet
3	DMC 822 Light Beige Gray	11	DMC 351 Coral	19	DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet
4	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray	12	DMC 350 Medium Coral	20	DMC 3866 Ultra Very Light Mocha
5	DMC 3021 Very Dark Brown Gray	13	DMC 632 Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand	21	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green
6	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	14	DMC 3064 Desert Sand	22	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
7	DMC 434 Light Brown	15	DMC 3772 Very Dark Desert Sand		
8	DMC 437 Light Tan	16	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green		

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



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