Taco truck under evening lights

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 4.7 in (11.9 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Long and short stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Sky, far hills, near hills, plaza, shadow under the truck, truck side, truck front, tires, roof, windshield, cab window, hatch glow, and 10 more
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tires, cream trim, painted scallops, wheel arches, wheel hubs, windshield frame, grille, headlamps, bumper, lit window, window frames, and 29 more
3. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Roof line, shell rim, fingers, shawl folds, bun coil, dog haunch
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Windshield frame, window frames, light string, rim
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Eyes, mouth, sauce bottles, tomato shine, sneaker soles, hair strands
6. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Jacaranda blossom, light bulbs, child curls, shawl trim, earrings, eyes, dog nose, fallen blossom

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Sky (lightest), taco shell (light), hatch glow (lighter), cheese and 7 more parts
- **2 DMC 3834 Dark Grape**
  Near hills (darker), rim, shadow under the truck (lighter) and 5 more parts
- **3 DMC 3835 Medium Grape**
  Far hills (darker), sky and windshield (dark), plaza (darkest) and 7 more parts
- **4 DMC 3687 Mauve**
  Plaza (dark), sky (middle dark), far hills (lighter), cab window and windshield (light)
- **5 DMC 3341 Apricot** Sky (middle light), plaza (light)
- **6 DMC 3825 Pale Pumpkin**
  Sky (light), plaza, cab window and windshield (lightest), tomato shine
- **7 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Shadow under the truck (darker), jacaranda trunk (dark), tires and 7 more parts
- **8 DMC 598 Light Turquoise**
  Truck side (lighter), truck front (light), child sneakers
- **9 DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise**
  Truck front (middle), truck side (darker), sign cradle and hair comb
- **10 DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise**
  Truck front (dark), wheel arches and roof line
- **11 DMC 712 Cream**
  Roof (light), cream trim, counter and window frames, awning (lighter) and 10 more parts
- **12 DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Shawl, tomato and cook shirt, awning and painted scallops (darker) and 4 more parts
- **13 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Grandmother hair, bumper and grille, roof (middle), headlamps (darker) and 1 more part
- **14 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Taco shell (middle), child shirt, hatch glow (darker), taco shell back (lighter)
- **15 DMC 435 Very Light Brown**
  Taco shell back (darker), bench, dog (middle), dog haunch (lighter) and 4 more parts
- **16 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Lettuce, agave and grass (lighter), sauce bottles (middle)
- **17 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green** Lettuce, grass and agave (darker)
- **18 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Jacaranda trunk (middle), dog (dark), necks, ears, dog ears and legs and 2 more parts
- **19 DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet** Jacaranda blossom (middle)
- **20 DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet**
  Jacaranda blossom (light), fallen blossom

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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7	DMC 3371 Black Brown	**14**	DMC 783 Medium Topaz		

How many strands

Long and short stitch. 2 strands: sky, plaza; 1 strand: far hills, near hills, shadow under the truck, truck side, truck front, tires, roof, windshield, cab window, hatch glow, taco shell back, lettuce, taco shell, jacaranda trunk, shadow under the bench, shawl, grandmother hair, shadow under the dog, dog, grass.
Split stitch. 4 strands: shell rim; 2 strands: roof line; 1 strand: fingers, shawl folds, bun coil, dog haunch.
Stem stitch. 4 strands: rim; 3 strands: windshield frame, window frames; 2 strands: light string.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: sauce bottles, sneaker soles; 2 strands: eyes, tomato shine; 1 strand: mouth, hair strands.
French knot. 3 strands: light bulbs; 2 strands: jacaranda blossom, child curls, shawl trim, earrings, dog nose, fallen blossom; 1 strand: eyes.

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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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