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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

24 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 3752; one of each other 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**
   colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23
   2 strands: sky, far hills, russet hills, amber shore, lake, grass, maple trunk, shawl, dark hair, bench seat, bench back (color 18)
   1 strand: maple branches, nape, white hair, bun, robin, robin breast



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24
   Old woman's neck, old woman's ears, ears, bench legs, coats, maple leaves, falling leaves, fallen leaves, robin tail, robin wing, robin bill, letters, bench back (color 18)



3. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 6, 11
   Lake lights, robin legs



4. **Stem stitch**, colors 7, 10, 17, 19
   3 strands: lines of the maple branches, rim
   2 strands: lines of the hairpin, bench edge
   1 strand: edges of the falling leaves, edges of the fallen leaves

5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, colors 2, 17
   Edges of the old woman's ears, lines of the bun, edges of the ears

6. **Chain stitch**
   2 strands, colors 6, 22
   Shawl bands



7. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 8, 9, 18, 22
   2 strands: knots of the hairpin, curls
   1 strand: earrings, robin eye



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the 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 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	9	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	17	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown
2	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	10	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	18	DMC 3371 Black Brown
3	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	11	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	19	DMC 433 Medium Brown
4	DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet	12	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue	20	DMC 950 Light Desert Sand
5	DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet	13	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	21	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue
6	DMC 921 Copper	14	DMC 3012 Medium Khaki Green	22	DMC 3865 Winter White
7	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper	15	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	23	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
8	DMC 920 Medium Copper	16	DMC 3011 Dark Khaki Green	24	DMC 815 Medium Garnet

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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.



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25.4 mm

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