Tata

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



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of navy cotton or linen.

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

15 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Garland stem

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Breast, neck



3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Border scallops, tail plumes, thighs, wing feathers, wing band, wing shoulder, comb, bill, wattle, eye, chick, chick wing, tulips, heart, crown flower, rosette, letters



5. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Border ring



6. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: legs (color 1)
   1 strand: edges of the eye



7. **Fly stitch**, 1 strand
   Neck feathers



8. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands: legs (color 1)
   3 strands: flower stem

9. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: border knots, flower centers
   1 strand: knots of the eye



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 725 Medium Light Topaz	6	DMC 807 Peacock Blue	11	DMC 3765 Very Dark Peacock Blue
2	DMC 666 Bright Red	7	DMC 905 Dark Parrot Green	12	DMC 3822 Light Straw
3	DMC 3865 Winter White	8	DMC 742 Light Tangerine	13	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
4	DMC 703 Chartreuse	9	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red	14	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue
5	DMC 598 Light Turquoise	10	DMC 351 Coral	15	DMC 3706 Medium Melon

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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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