Tea time

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.5 in (11.2 × 11.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue 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: 17 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Stems

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Saucer well, cup insides (color 8), upper cup, lower cup, tea, shortbread



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Chamomile petals, chamomile centers, saucer edge, saucer rim, saucer petals, steam, handles, cup insides (color 8), lemon slice, scallops, lettering, tea tag, heart, bee wings, bee, bee stripes



4. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: leaves (color 2)
   1 strand: lemon lines, bee feelers



5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: leaves (color 2), tag string, tea tag edge, shortbread edge
   4 strands: rim lines

6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Knots of the chamomile centers, shortbread dots



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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 3362 Dark Pine Green	7	DMC 746 Off White	13	DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta
2	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	8	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	14	DMC 3830 Terra Cotta
3	DMC BLANC White	9	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise	15	DMC 437 Light Tan
4	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	10	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	16	DMC 3776 Light Mahogany
5	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	11	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	17	DMC 301 Medium Mahogany
6	DMC 3822 Light Straw	12	DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta		

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6 inch hoop

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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6 inch hoop

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



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