Teacup with crab apples

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.7 × 3.5 in (9.4 × 8.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue**
  Saucer scallops, cup and blossoms, handle (darker)
- **2 DMC 809 Delft Blue**
  Saucer rim, base petals, china lines, saucer petals and saucer well and 2 more parts
- **3 DMC 3328 Dark Salmon**
  Fruit (darker), hollows
- **4 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Fruit (lighter), blossom hearts
- **5 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Leaves, fruit stems, calyxes and sprig

Stitch in this order

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

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



2. **Stem stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Saucer scallops, saucer rim, saucer well, handle, cup, fruit, hollows, fruit stems, china lines, sprig

3. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Calyxes



4. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Saucer petals, blossoms, blossom leaves, base petals



5. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Blossom hearts



What you need

Easy. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, white or another light color. Embroidery needle: size 7. Skeins: one of each color is enough. An estimate for the 6 inch hoop, from the length of each line and the area of each filled shape, with a fifth added for tails.

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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.

Begin with no knot on the back where it is seen and washed, as on a towel, a napkin or clothes; for a piece in a hoop a small knot is fine. End each thread by whipping it around the backs of four or five stitches, with one small hitch.

Each small ring is one French knot. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point.

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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How many strands

Stem stitch. 3 strands: saucer scallops, cup, fruit, fruit stems, sprig; 2 or 3 strands: handle; 2 strands: saucer rim, saucer well, hollows, china lines.

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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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