The little things

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.5 × 3.6 in (8.9 × 9.1 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.

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

7 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each 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. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Grass blade, dewdrop, dewdrop shade, clover leaves, clover bloom centers, strawberry, strawberry caps, strawberry flower, little, and 4 more



2. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 4
   Strawberry leaves



3. **Stem stitch**
   2 to 3 strands, colors 2, 4, 6, 7
   Grass blade, ground, stems, shell edge, shell bands

4. **Split stitch**
   1 to 2 strands, colors 1, 4
   Dewdrop edge, flower edges

5. **Back stitch**
   2 to 4 strands, colors 1, 3, 4, 7
   Leaf marks, clover leaf outlines, small words, ladybug spots

6. **Straight stitch**
   1 to 2 strands, colors 3, 6, 7
   Clover blooms, strawberry seeds, ladybug feelers, snail feelers



7. **Lazy daisy stitch**
   2 strands, color 3
   Clover blooms



8. **French knot**
   1 to 2 strands, two wraps, colors 6, 7
   Flower center, small words, ladybug spots, snail feelers



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 470 Light Avocado Green
- **2** DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green
- **3** DMC 712 Cream
- **4** DMC 3346 Hunter Green
- **5** DMC 350 Medium Coral
- **6** DMC 3829 Very Dark Old Gold
- **7** DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue

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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 loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point.



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