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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.1 in (11.9 × 10.4 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.

16 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. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand, colors 1, 2, 5
   Body
2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16
   Eye stalks, eyes, pupils, eyelids, foot edge, satin length, heart of the coil, needle, arm
3. **Trellis stitch**, 2 strands, colors 11, 13
   Trellis length
4. **Split stitch**, 2 strands, color 2
   Eye edges
5. **Herringbone stitch**, 2 strands, colors 6, 7
   Herringbone length
6. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands, color 7
   Chain length
7. **Feather stitch**, 2 strands, color 8
   Feather length
8. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands, color 10
   Fly length
9. **Buttonhole stitch**, 2 strands, color 11
   Buttonhole length
10. **Stem stitch**, colors 2, 4
    2 strands: body edge, edges of the eyelids, mouth
    3 strands: coil lines
    1 strand: needle edge
11. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands, color 4
    Needle eye
12. **Whipped back stitch**, color 6
    4 strands: lines of the words
    3 strands: thread trail
13. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands, color 14
    Loops of the daisy length
14. **French knot**, two wraps, colors 6, 11, 12
    2 strands: knotted length, knots of the daisy length, knots of the heart of the coil
    4 strands: knots of the words

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 341 Light Blue Violet	**7**	DMC 3844 Dark Bright Turquoise	**13**	DMC 350 Medium Coral
2	DMC 333 Very Dark Blue Violet	**8**	DMC 3851 Light Bright Green	**14**	DMC 3804 Dark Cyclamen Pink
3	DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet	**9**	DMC 702 Kelly Green	**15**	DMC 915 Dark Plum
4	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue	**10**	DMC 906 Medium Parrot Green	**16**	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
5	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet	**11**	DMC 742 Light Tangerine		
6	DMC 797 Royal Blue	**12**	DMC 947 Burnt Orange		

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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; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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



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