Three gifts of the wise men

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4 × 4.5 in (10.2 × 11.4 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 3 for 4 to 6 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. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands: jar handles
   3 strands: sprig stems

2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Casket lid, lid lining, casket front, jar foot, jar body, jar band, stopper, cup foot, cup bowl, cup rim



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Jewels, casket knob, casket feet, lock plate, jar lip, cup knop



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



5. **Couching**, 6 strands
   Gold bands



6. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: jewel rims, edges of the casket knob, coin edges
   3 strands: casket edge, jar edge
   6 strands: smoke
   2 strands: cup edge

7. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Jewel highlights



8. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: edges of the casket feet, stopper edge, jar lip edge, knop edge
   2 strands: jar flutes, cup flutes

9. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Coins



10. **French knot**
    2 strands, two wraps
    Knot clusters, gold knots, incense, sprig berries



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 814 Dark Garnet	7	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	13	DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet
2	DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve	8	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	14	DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green
3	DMC 221 Very Dark Shell Pink	9	DMC 597 Turquoise	15	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green
4	DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink	10	DMC 598 Light Turquoise	16	DMC 3364 Pine Green
5	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	11	DMC 783 Medium Topaz		
6	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	12	DMC 3822 Light Straw		

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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

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



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