Toile de Jouy pastoral scene in pink

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.7 in (11.2 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

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: 7 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: earth
   2 strands: lines of the doves
2. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: bridge (color 1), rose stems, stile (color 4), lines of the legs
   1 strand: oak
3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Rose leaves veins, stile (color 4)
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Trunk, wild roses, face
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Pigeon holes, dovecote door, dovecote roof, bridge arch, oak leaves, knot hole, cut wood, acorns, acorn cups, rocks, dock leaves, rose leaves, rose buds, stile rails, stile posts, stile step, crook, legs, hooves, eyes, ears, doves
6. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: poplars, dovecote shade, lines of the dovecote roof, bridge shade, edges of the acorns, nose, grass
   1 strand: bridge (color 1), turf shade, stamens, eye highlights
7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Far hills, dovecote (color 1), path, bridge (color 1), leaf veins, bark, dock leaves veins, mouth, edges of the ears
8. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Dovecote (color 1), water, turf edge, acorn stalks, rock edges, fleece edge (color 4), edges of the face, edges of the ears
9. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Fleece edge (color 4)
10. **French knot**, two wraps
    1 strand: rose centers
    2 strands: fleece

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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 3354 Light Dusty Rose
2 DMC 151 Very Light Dusty Rose
3 DMC 3733 Dusty Rose
4 DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose
5 DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose
6 DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve
7 DMC 819 Light Baby Pink

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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

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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



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