Toy rocking horse at a snowy window

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.8 × 4.9 in (9.7 × 12.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: sage green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of sage green cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

24 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 950; one of each other 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**, 3 strands
   Garland stems

2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Sky, far hills, near hills, far rocker, far legs, rocker, tail, body, head, mane, forelock, saddle cloth, saddle



3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Garland leaves



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Moon, fir trees, chimney, cottage walls, cottage roof, lit windows, snow on the ledge, snow on the bar, window bars, window frame, bow, sill top, shadow on the sill, sill front, rocker slats, hooves, painted flower, painted leaves, ears, eye rim, eye, nostril, breast strap, girth, cloth border



5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: snow on the firs, smoke, frame edges (color 13), stirrup
   3 strands: bridle, rein, stirrup strap

6. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: bow folds
   3 strands: ear hollow, eye highlight



7. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Frame edges (color 13)

8. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: moon edge, frame edges (color 13), coat edges
   2 strands: cottage edges, snow shadow, rocker edge, brow, mouth, saddle edge

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



10. **French knot**, two wraps
    3 strands: berries, flower center, bridle ring, bells
    2 strands: cloth fringe, snowflakes



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 950 Light Desert Sand	9	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	17	DMC 498 Dark Red
2	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	10	DMC BLANC White	18	DMC 814 Dark Garnet
3	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue	11	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	19	DMC 349 Dark Coral
4	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	12	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	20	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown
5	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	13	DMC 841 Light Beige Brown	21	DMC 434 Light Brown
6	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	14	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	22	DMC 3371 Black Brown
7	DMC 746 Off White	15	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	23	DMC 436 Tan
8	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	16	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red	24	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown

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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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