Twins

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.2 in (11.2 × 10.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: mustard yellow cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of mustard yellow cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

8 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 3865; 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. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 3, 4, 5, 8
   Bodies, legs, arms, heads, muzzles



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 6
   Bench, foot pads, scarf, ears, inner ears, noses, cheeks, eyes, pupils, letters, hearts



3. **Chain stitch**
   2 strands, colors 3, 4
   Chain rows



4. **Back stitch**, colors 3, 4
   2 strands: chevron rows
   1 strand: brows

5. **Fern stitch**, 2 strands, colors 3, 4
   Fern rows



6. **Stem stitch**, colors 3, 4, 7
   2 strands: cub outlines, mouths (color 3), closed eyes
   1 strand: scarf edges

7. **Straight stitch**, colors 3, 4, 6
   3 strands: scarf fringe
   2 strands: paw lines, mouths (color 3), lashes



8. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, color 3
   Letter edges

9. **Lazy daisy stitch**
   2 strands, colors 3, 4
   Star rows



10. **French knot**
    1 strand, two wraps, colors 3, 4
    Knot rows, eye highlights



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

In a 6 inch hoop the shortest lazy daisy loops 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 349 Dark Coral
2 DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue
3 DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue
4 DMC 3865 Winter White
5 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
6 DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise
7 DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise
8 DMC 738 Very Light Tan

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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

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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