Bunting birthday cake

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.7 × 4.5 in (9.4 × 11.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

15 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**
   colors 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15
   1 strand: stand foot, stand stem (color 3), wren tail, wren breast, wren back, wren wing
   2 strands: stand plate, lower tier, lower tier top, upper tier, upper tier top
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands, colors 3, 4
   Leaves
3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14
   Light checks, dark checks, stand stem (color 3), scalloped lip, piped shells, plain flags, striped flags, candles, flames, rose petals, rose cups, rose centers, rosebuds, wren eye, wren bill
4. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 2, 5, 6, 14
   2 strands: cloth edge, plate rim, wren legs (color 14), wren brow
   3 strands: cloth hem
   1 strand: wren bars (color 14)
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, colors 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14
   Stand edges, tier edges, shell edges, petal edges, edges of the rose centers, lines of the wren tail, edges of the wren wing, eye ring
6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, colors 2, 10, 11, 12
   Flag edges
7. **Couching**, 6 strands, colors 13, 14
   Couched string
8. **Straight stitch**, colors 6, 14
   2 strands: candle stripes, eye highlight
   1 strand: wicks, flame lights, lines of the daisies, wren bars (color 14), wren legs (color 14)
9. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands, color 6
   Loops of the daisies
10. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands, colors 6, 8, 9
    Piped shells
11. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps, colors 2, 10
    Daisy centers, pins

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 3833 Light Raspberry	6	DMC 712 Cream	11	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise
2	DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry	7	DMC 223 Light Shell Pink	12	DMC 351 Coral
3	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green	8	DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink	13	DMC 437 Light Tan
4	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	9	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink	14	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown
5	DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green	10	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	15	DMC 435 Very Light Brown

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6 inch hoop

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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