# Two-tier cake with hearts

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.5 × 4.1 in (8.9 × 10.4 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.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

8 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**
   2 strands, color 3
   Lower tier, upper tier



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8
   Plate foot, plate rim, plate, plate heart, base band, pearls, heart buds, tulip centers, tulips, large heart, heart center, icing top, scalloped icing, upper heart, top heart, bird tails, birds, bird wings, bills, bird eyes



3. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 5, 7
   Leaves



4. **Stem stitch**, colors 2, 3, 5
   2 strands: plate edge, tier edges, icing edge, bird collars
   4 strands: stems
   1 strand: heart edge, wing lines



5. **Chain stitch**
   2 strands, colors 3, 4
   Plate chain, piping



6. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands, color 2
   Bird legs



7. **Lazy daisy stitch**
   2 strands, color 3
   Icing drops



8. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 2, 3
   2 strands: icing dots
   1 strand: knots of the bird eyes



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



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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue | **4** | DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red | **7** | DMC 905 Dark Parrot Green |
| **2** | DMC 336 Navy Blue | **5** | DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green | **8** | DMC 783 Medium Topaz |
| **3** | DMC 712 Cream | **6** | DMC 351 Coral | | |



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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.




**1 in**
25.4 mm

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



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**6 inch hoop**

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




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