Vintage white carousel horse with roses

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.1 × 4.8 in (10.4 × 12.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: wine red cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of wine red cotton or linen.

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

18 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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**
   1 strand, colors 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12
   Tail, far legs, body, near foreleg, ears (colors 8 and 12), head, mane, forelock
2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15
   Ribbon, pole twist, pole finials, hooves, ribbon ends, ears (color 8), eye rim, eye, nostril, straps, saddle blanket, bridle, goldfinch tail, goldfinch wing, goldfinch cap, goldfinch bill
3. **Woven wheel stitch**, 4 strands, colors 12, 15, 16
   Saddle rose, blush roses, coral roses
4. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, color 13
   Mouth
5. **Couching**, colors 2, 3, 4
   2 strands: pole cord, gold cord
   4 strands: reins
   3 strands: bit ring
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, colors 2, 5, 8, 9, 14, 17, 18
   Lines of the tail, body lines, edges of the eye rim, lines of the mane, edges of the forelock, lines of the rose leaves, ribbon light
7. **Straight stitch**, colors 2, 7, 13
   2 strands: eye highlight, goldfinch legs, wing bars, goldfinch eye
   1 strand: tail feathers
8. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
   Pole finials, hooves, saddle drops, saddle scallops, saddle, rose leaves, goldfinch
9. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps, color 7
   Pearl beads
10. **Bullion knot**, colors 12, 15, 16
    3 strands: scallop buds
    2 strands: bullion roses

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

In a 6 inch hoop the 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 3810 Dark Turquoise	7	DMC 3865 Winter White	13	DMC 3371 Black Brown
2	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	8	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	14	DMC 3811 Very Light Turquoise
3	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	9	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray	15	DMC 351 Coral
4	DMC 743 Medium Yellow	10	DMC 415 Pearl Gray	16	DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon
5	DMC 3046 Medium Yellow Beige	11	DMC 598 Light Turquoise	17	DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray
6	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	12	DMC 353 Peach	18	DMC 3053 Green Gray

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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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