Virgin Mary with lilies and stars

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.2 × 4.2 in (8.1 × 10.7 cm)



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

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 4 strands
   Lily stems

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Lily buds, lily petals, face and neck, gown, mantle, mantle lining, hair, veil



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Stars, lily leaves, lily throats, collar, lips, veil lining, arch



4. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Stamens



5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Lily edges, petal ribs, face lines (colors 11, 13 and 21), mantle folds, lining ribs, veil folds

6. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: gown edge, mantle edge, gold edging, face lines (color 21), veil edge
   1 strand: arch line

7. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: circlet beads
   2 strands: stamen tips



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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.

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.

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.

Buy: 21 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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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 3820 Dark Straw	8	DMC 3828 Hazelnut Brown	15	DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue
2	DMC 522 Fern Green	9	DMC 422 Light Hazelnut Brown	16	DMC 820 Very Dark Royal Blue
3	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	10	DMC 437 Light Tan	17	DMC 797 Royal Blue
4	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green	11	DMC 869 Very Dark Hazelnut Brown	18	DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue
5	DMC 712 Cream	12	DMC 3687 Mauve	19	DMC 809 Delft Blue
6	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	13	DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve	20	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink
7	DMC 167 Very Dark Yellow Beige	14	DMC 3688 Medium Mauve	21	DMC 3371 Black 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

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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