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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.6 in (11.7 × 11.7 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.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

19 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. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
   Far wheat (color 1)



2. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Constellation lines

3. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: far wheat stems
   2 strands: wheat stems

4. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Far arm, far hand, dress sleeve, dress skirt, neck, dress bodice, near arm, near hand, face, hair, poppies



5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Sash, sheaf straw, Spica, grass blades, poppy centers



6. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Cornflower cups



7. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: far wheat (color 1), edges of the far hand, wheat awns, lines of the near hand
   3 strands: wheat
   2 strands: mouth, ear, cornflowers



8. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Dress edge, poppy edges

9. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: lines of the sheaf straw, eye, brow
   2 strands: flower stems

10. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: hair knots, stars, knots of the Spica
    1 strand: earring, knots of the poppy centers



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.



1	DMC 3822 Light Straw	8	DMC 3865 Winter White	15	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green
2	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	9	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	16	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
3	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	10	DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue	17	DMC 350 Medium Coral
4	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	11	DMC 434 Light Brown	18	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red
5	DMC 433 Medium Brown	12	DMC 310 Black	19	DMC 796 Dark Royal Blue
6	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	13	DMC 815 Medium Garnet		
7	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	14	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green		

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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

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



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