Watching fireworks under a quilt

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 4.7 in (11.2 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Quilt stripes, quilt triangles, skin, silver hair, bun, dark hair, hair ties
2. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Coral burst, willow rays, grassy crest, bun, parting, gold rims
3. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Burst heart, grass
4. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Quilt stripes, quilt binding
5. **Herringbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Quilt zigzag
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Silver hair, dark hair
7. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Coral heart, ray tips, earrings, dark curls

In a 6 inch hoop the widest satin stitch shape is 1/2 in (13 mm) across. Satin stitches longer than about 12 mm (just under 1/2 in) tend to work loose: divide the shape into sections, or work it in long and short stitch.

Floss

- **1 DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Coral burst (darker), hair ties
- **2 DMC 352 Light Coral**
  Quilt stripes (light), coral burst (lighter), coral heart
- **3 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Willow rays (darkest)
- **4 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Willow rays (dark)
- **5 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Willow rays (light), quilt zigzag, quilt binding (darker) and 3 more parts
- **6 DMC 746 Off White**
  Quilt stripes and willow rays (lightest), quilt binding (lighter) and 3 more parts
- **7 DMC 502 Blue Green** Grassy crest, grass (lighter)
- **8 DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise**
  Quilt stripes (darkest), grass (darker)
- **9 DMC 597 Turquoise** Quilt stripes (dark)
- **10 DMC 433 Medium Brown** Skin (darker)
- **11 DMC 415 Pearl Gray** Silver hair (middle)
- **12 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Bun (lighter), silver hair (light)
- **13 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Bun (darker), silver hair (dark)
- **14 DMC 435 Very Light Brown**
  Skin (lighter), parting
- **15 DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown**
  Dark hair and dark curls (darker)
- **16 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown**
  Dark curls and dark hair (lighter)

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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How many strands

Stem stitch. 3 strands: gold rims; 2 or 3 strands: coral burst, willow rays, grassy crest; 2 strands: bun; 1 strand: parting.

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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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