Wedded bliss

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.7 in (11.9 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: teal cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

14 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 712; one of each other 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. **Trellis stitch**, 1 strand, color 3
   Veil
2. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands, colors 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14
   Skirt, skirt lining, her hair, suit, trousers, his hair
3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13
   Her legs, her shoes, atomic flowers, atomic flower centers, gold starbursts, her arms, her skin, bodice, sash, headband, cheeks, his shoes, his soles, his socks, shirt, his skin, collar, lapel, his hands, cuffs, bow tie, letters
4. **Stem stitch**, colors 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 14
   2 strands: skirt edges, skirt lining edges, skirt folds, veil folds, veil edges, eyes (color 7), eyebrows
   1 strand: bodice edges, suit seams, ear
   3 strands: smiles
5. **Straight stitch**, colors 3, 6, 7
   1 strand: eyes (color 7)
   2 strands: shoe laces
   3 strands: air starbursts
6. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps, colors 2, 3, 6
   Atomic flower dots, lining dots, knots of the bow tie, boutonniere, air starburst tips

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

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.

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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 3064 Desert Sand	**6**	DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw	**11**	DMC 434 Light Brown
2	DMC 351 Coral	**7**	DMC 310 Black	**12**	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise
3	DMC 712 Cream	**8**	DMC 352 Light Coral	**13**	DMC 948 Very Light Peach
4	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	**9**	DMC 597 Turquoise	**14**	DMC 921 Copper
5	DMC 598 Light Turquoise	**10**	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise		

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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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