Welcome

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.6 in (11.2 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 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. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Twigs

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Limbs, trunk and roots, apples, blossom petals, tail, breasts, backs, wings



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Blossom centers, buds, beaks, eye rings, letters



5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: bark lines, apple edges, petal edges, bird edges, feather lines, wing edges
   2 strands: wing bars

6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Apple eyes, stamens



7. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: legs
   3 strands: sprig stems

8. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: stamen tips
   2 strands: eyes



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 500 Very Dark Blue Green	9	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown	17	DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink
2	DMC 502 Blue Green	10	DMC 352 Light Coral	18	DMC 3822 Light Straw
3	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	11	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	19	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
4	DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green	12	DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon	20	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise
5	DMC 469 Avocado Green	13	DMC 350 Medium Coral	21	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise
6	DMC 838 Very Dark Beige Brown	14	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	22	DMC 597 Turquoise
7	DMC 839 Dark Beige Brown	15	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink	23	DMC 598 Light Turquoise
8	DMC 3371 Black Brown	16	DMC 152 Medium Light Shell Pink		

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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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