Welcome spring

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.6 in (12.2 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: blush pink cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

22 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**, 2 strands, color 1
   Flower stalks

2. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3
   Leaves



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16
   Green cup, buds, tail (color 15), beak, letters



4. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22
   Twigs, branch, blossom petals, far wing, tail (color 15), belly, back, throat, near wing, shoulder



5. **Straight stitch**, colors 13, 16
   1 strand: stamens
   2 strands: edges of the beak



6. **Split stitch**, colors 10, 16, 19, 22
   1 strand: petal edges, feather lines, wing edges, body edges
   2 strands: breast band

7. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 11, 14, 16
   1 strand: stamen tips
   2 strands: eye



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 3346 Hunter Green	9	DMC 3687 Mauve	17	DMC 336 Navy Blue
2	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	10	DMC 3688 Medium Mauve	18	DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue
3	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	11	DMC 3865 Winter White	19	DMC 334 Medium Baby Blue
4	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	12	DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta	20	DMC 920 Medium Copper
5	DMC 3371 Black Brown	13	DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve	21	DMC 355 Dark Terra Cotta
6	DMC 3862 Dark Mocha Beige	14	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	22	DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue
7	DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige	15	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue		
8	DMC 3689 Light Mauve	16	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue		

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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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