Wizard of Oz balloon over a wheat field

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

24 colors of floss (page 2): 3 skeins of DMC 3325; one of each other 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. **Long and short stitch**
   colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22
   2 strands: sky, clouds, far hills, wheat field, road verge, dark ground
   1 strand: poppies
2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23
   City towers, city spires, city domes, city parapets, city wall, city wall top, city gate, brick road bed, yellow bricks, wheat leaves, and 10 more
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands, colors 2, 13, 14, 16, 17
   Front wheat
4. **Woven filling stitch**, 3 strands, color 24
   Basket
5. **Straight stitch**, colors 2, 12, 13, 14, 17
   3 strands: city windows, city spires
   2 or 3 strands: standing wheat
   2 strands: brick highlights
   1 strand: wheat beards
6. **Stem stitch**, colors 8, 12, 14, 24
   3 strands: stalks, basket edge, edge
   2 strands: poppy stems, balloon edge, ropes, bag ropes
7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, colors 12, 16, 20, 24
   Petal edges, balloon seams, girdle edge, sandbag edge
8. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands, color 24
   Birds
9. **French knot**, two wraps, colors 8, 9, 14
   2 strands: bushes, poppy centers, gold tassels, crown cap
   1 or 2 strands: gold finials

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 3325 Light Baby Blue	9	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	17	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
2	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	10	DMC 955 Light Nile Green	18	DMC 726 Light Topaz
3	DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany	11	DMC 911 Medium Emerald Green	19	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown
4	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink	12	DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	20	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
5	DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet	13	DMC 3822 Light Straw	21	DMC 321 Red
6	DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue	14	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	22	DMC 350 Medium Coral
7	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow	15	DMC 909 Very Dark Emerald Green	23	DMC 954 Nile Green
8	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	16	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	24	DMC 433 Medium Brown

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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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