Wizard of Oz green balloon sampler

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.8 × 4.5 in (9.7 × 11.4 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.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

18 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. **Couching**, 3 strands
   Cords
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Inside the balloon, silk strips, mouth ring, basket, basket floor, basket rim, walls, windows, domes, cornices, pennants, hat, hat band, hat brim, hat lining
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Clouds
4. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: cloud edges, seams, basket edge (color 13), basket floor rings, flagpoles
   1 strand: cloud curls, dome ribs
5. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Chain strip, basket edge (color 12)
6. **Fern stitch**, 2 strands
   Fern strip
7. **Herringbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Herringbone strip
8. **Feather stitch**, 2 strands
   Feather strip
9. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
   Fly strip
10. **Running stitch**, 2 strands
    Running strip
11. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
    Mouth ring edge
12. **Satin stitch**, 3 strands
    Basket weave
13. **Couching**, 6 strands
    Rope
14. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
    Rope end
15. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
    Lazy daisy strip
16. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Daisy centers, knot strip, finials

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

In a 6 inch hoop the shortest lazy daisy loops 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 543 Ultra Very Light Beige	7	DMC 988 Medium Forest Green	13	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
2	DMC 712 Cream	8	DMC 910 Dark Emerald Green	14	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
3	DMC 3864 Light Mocha Beige	9	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	15	DMC 3822 Light Straw
4	DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	10	DMC 912 Light Emerald Green	16	DMC 3818 Ultra Very Dark Emerald G...
5	DMC 986 Very Dark Forest Green	11	DMC 772 Very Light Yellow Green	17	DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry
6	DMC 989 Forest Green	12	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	18	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray

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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 loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a dashed line is running stitch; a finer one 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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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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