



Columbine Embroidery Pattern

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Materials Needed:

11" x 14" linen
Embroidery needle
Embroidery hoop

DMC floss colors:

3838
3839
3746
3840
772
445
986
B5200 (white)

Instructions:

Print columbine on final page of pattern
Trace onto linen (I use a light box or bright window to
do this with a fine pencil)



With the exception of the french knots in the center of the flower (signified by dots on the pattern) all stitches in this pattern are satin stitch. **Stitch with 3 strands of embroidery floss.**

Begin with pale blue (DMC 3840) and stitch around center of flower, leaving space in center for french knots.

Stitch white (DMC B5200) flower petals, stitching one petal at a time, keeping stitches in direction that the petal would naturally sit. On the lower of the two petals on the right you see a small curl in the tip of the white petal. Stitch this in a separate direction.

Using DMC 445, stitch most of the french knots in the center. Using DMC 772, add a few pale green french knots.

For Violet blue petals:

Start stitching at edge of white petals with DMC 3746. At hash marks on pattern, switch to DMC 3838 and blend into previous color (on bottom left petal, finish the petal in 3838) At next hash marks, switch to DMC 3839, blending as before and finish petals.

Using a combination of 3838 and 3839, satin stitch the narrow spurs at the back of the flower.

For stem:

Satin stitch using DMC 986

You're finished! If needed, carefully press embroidery **from the back of the piece** by laying the embroidery top down on a soft clean towel or several layers of flannel. This will allow you to press the linen without damaging the floss or compacting your stitching. For a simple photo tutorial on how to do this properly, visit hopefulhomemaker.com and search "safely iron embroidery."

Frame embroidery or use in a sewing/quilting project of your choice.



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