FREE EMBROIDERY PATTERN

Hand Embroidery Letters

A full A–Z alphabet at true size (1 in tall) + a HOME hoop for a 5 in hoop

SKILL LEVEL **Beginner**	LETTERS **A–Z, 1 in tall**	STITCH **Backstitch, 3 mm**
FLOSS **DMC, 2 strands**	HOOP **5 in for the HOME project**	TIME **10–15 min a letter**

Materials

• DMC floss: 3768 grey teal for letters (the whole alphabet takes about 8 yd), plus 3363, 3712, 3865 and 725 for the flowers
• Cotton or linen fabric, a 5 in hoop, embroidery needle size 7, water-soluble pen

Abbreviations (US terms)

BS	backstitch, 3 mm	**LD**	lazy daisy
SS	stem stitch	**FK**	French knot
CS	chain stitch	**DMC**	floss colour number

Stitch counts on the template are for 3 mm backstitch. Stem stitch and chain stitch follow the same lines and the same stroke order.

How to stitch the letters

Print	Print the alphabet template at 100% and check the 1 in square. Pick your letters and trace them onto the fabric with a water-soluble pen, keeping a 1/4 in gap between letters.
Hoop	Hoop the fabric drum-tight. Cut 18 in of floss and separate 2 strands (3 for stem or chain stitch).
Stroke order	Stitch each letter one stroke at a time, starting at the numbered dot on the stroke chart. Straight strokes first, then curves.
Backstitch	Come up one stitch length (3 mm) along the line, go down at the start, come up 3 mm ahead and go back into the end of the last stitch. On curves, make the stitches a little shorter.
Corners	End a stitch exactly on every corner point (like the top of an A) so the corners stay sharp.
Finish	Weave the tail under the back of 4 stitches instead of knotting, so no lumps show through the fabric.

HOME hoop

Step 1	Backstitch the letters in grey teal 3768 with 2 strands (or stem stitch with 3 strands for a bolder line), one stroke at a time.
Step 2	Backstitch the vine in pine green 3363 and add the 4 leaves as lazy daisies.

Step 3	Work each flower as 5 lazy daisy petals (salmon 3712 or white 3865) around a topaz 725 French knot.
Counts	backstitch 3363: 26 · backstitch 3768: 111 · lazy daisy 3363: 4 · lazy daisy 3712: 10 · lazy daisy 3865: 5 · French knot 725: 3

Embroidery Alphabet · Stroke Chart

Start each stroke at its numbered dot and backstitch along the line. Strokes in number order.



1 in tall · 3 mm backstitch, 2 strands · or stem / chain stitch with 3 strands · cozymakery.com

HOME Hoop · Stitch Chart (5 in hoop)

Enlarged 2×. Letters 1 in tall in grey teal 3768; vine, leaves and flowers below.



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Embroidery Alphabet · print at 100% (actual size)

Letters are 1 in tall. Each dash is one 3 mm backstitch; trace the lines, not the gaps.



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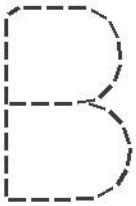
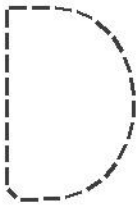


B · 31 sts



C · 15 sts



D · 25 sts



E · 23 sts



F · 18 sts



G ·



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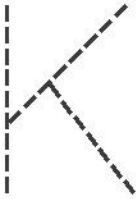
I · 15 sts



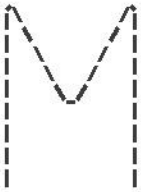
J · 13 sts



K · 24 sts



L · 14 sts



M · 29 sts



N ·



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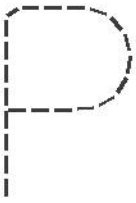
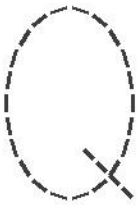
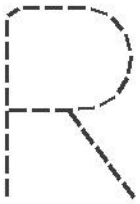


P · 22 sts



Q · 26 sts



R · 27 sts



S · 21 sts



T · 15 sts



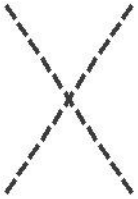
U ·



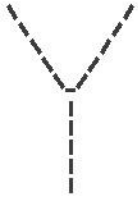
V · 18 sts



W · 28 sts



X · 22 sts



Y · 16 sts



Z · 22 sts

1 in check square: measure it after printing

HOME Hoop Template · print at 100% (actual size)

The circle is a 5 in hoop. Trace the lines; dots = French knots, loops = lazy daisies.



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