



MINI CHALLENGE 2026
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MOUNTAINS

This design is based off a painting by David Hockney, the colourful and inspirational British artist who sadly passed away recently. I have always loved Hockney's use of colour and texture, and I really enjoyed creating this almost-abstract mountain scene.



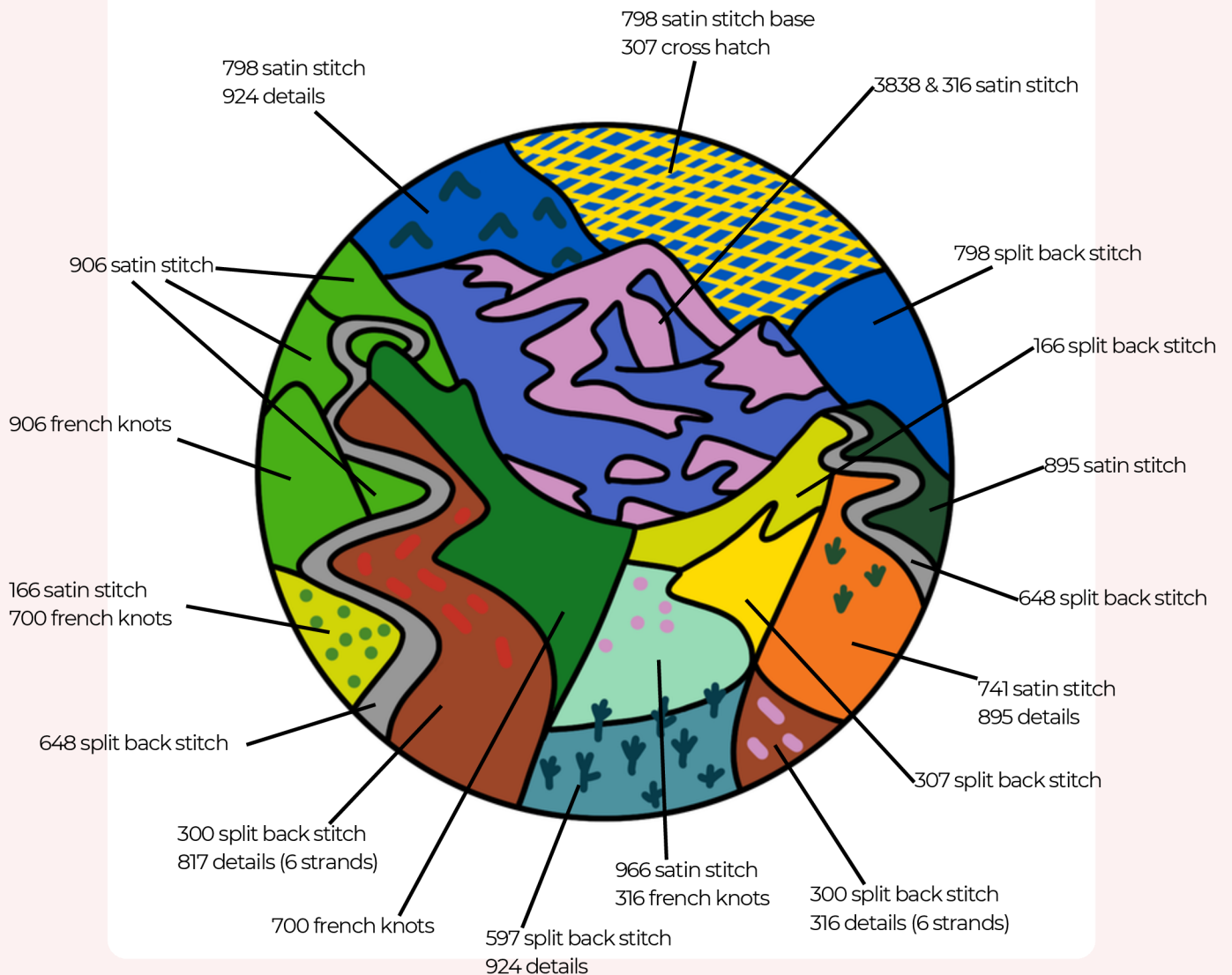
THE PATTERN

This pattern, when printed onto A4 paper, will fit a 3" hoop.

We're not stitching the black outlines this time!



STITCH GUIDE



DMC Colour Codes:

- DMC 924 (dark teal)
- DMC 798 (royal blue)
- DMC 3838 (soft blue)
- DMC 316 (lilac)
- DMC 966 (turquoise)
- DMC 300 (brown)
- DMC 817 (red)
- DMC 741 (orange)
- DMC 307 (yellow)
- DMC 895 (dark green)
- DMC 700 (rich green)
- DMC 906 (bright green)
- DMC 166 (lime green)
- DMC 597 (grey-blue)
- DMC 648 (grey)

Unless otherwise stated, stitch with THREE strands of thread.

STITCH TIPS



Always stitch the base colours for each section first, then freehand add the extra details like french knots and little trees. It doesn't have to be super neat - it can be more expressive like a Hockney painting!



To stitch the crosshatch, first stitch long straight stitches over the blue base. Then, at each yellow intersection, add a tiny couch stitch to secure the long stitches into place.



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I hope you enjoyed stitching this pattern!

I'd love to see your projects! Tag me @pennydowdell on Instagram, or use the hashtag #pennysabcchallenge!