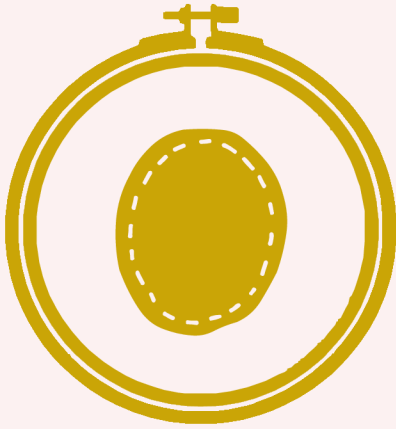




MINI CHALLENGE 2026
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There were so many angles to choose from with this week's subject! I debated coral reefs, sailing ships, and lots of other ideas. But with the summer here and my holidays coming soon, I felt most in the mood to create a chill surfing scene! Nothing better than salty hair and sunshiney beach days!



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

Sun

744 satin stitch sun, with straight stitch ray details

Palm tree

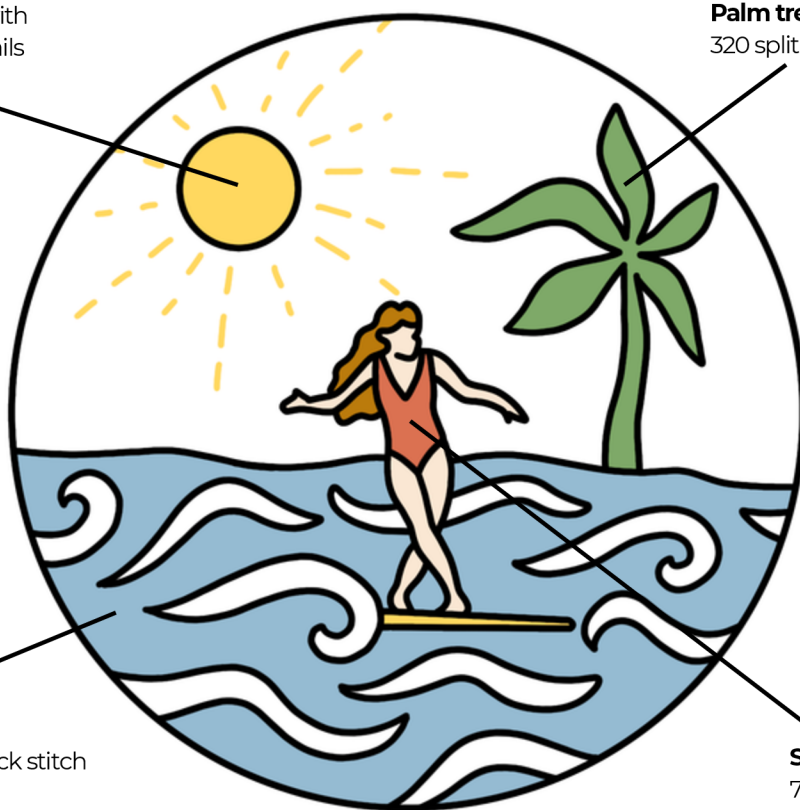
320 split back stitch

Ocean

3755 & BLANC split back stitch

Surfer

744 surfboard: split back stitch
948 skin: split back stitch
780 hair: split back stitch
3830 swimsuit: satin stitch



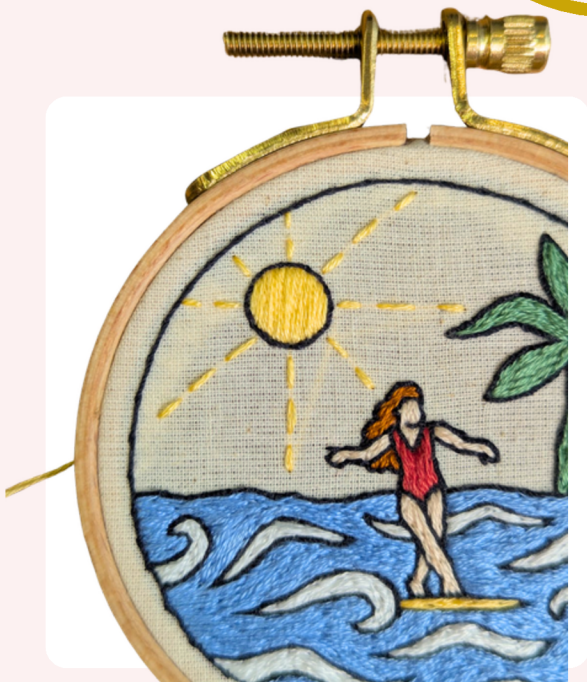
DMC Colour Codes:

- DMC 3830 (red)
- DMC 3755 (blue)
- DMC 780 (orange-brown)
- DMC 744 (yellow)
- DMC 948 (pale peach)
- DMC 320 (green)
- DMC BLANC (white)

Feel free to change the skin and hair colours (780 & 948) in order to create your own surfer chick!

Unless otherwise stated, stitch with THREE strands of thread.

STITCH TIPS



Add the sun rays on with some freehand straight stitches. First, add eight 'spokes' going vertical, horizontal, and diagonal, of three stitches.



Then in between the three stitch spokes, add shorter two stitch spokes. It doesn't have to be perfect, it will still look cool!



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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!