



MINI CHALLENGE 2026
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CHERRY BLOSSOM

A breezy springtime scene, inspired by Japanese art and by the upcoming Lunar New Year. French knots are used in abundance to create the beautiful tiny pink flowers. The more the better in this design!



THE PATTERN

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

Stitch the black lines in black perle thread, size 12.



STITCH GUIDE

Background

In my design, I've not stitched the background, but you might want to with a sky blue colour, or anything you like!

Blossom

All french knots
151 & 3833

Lanterns

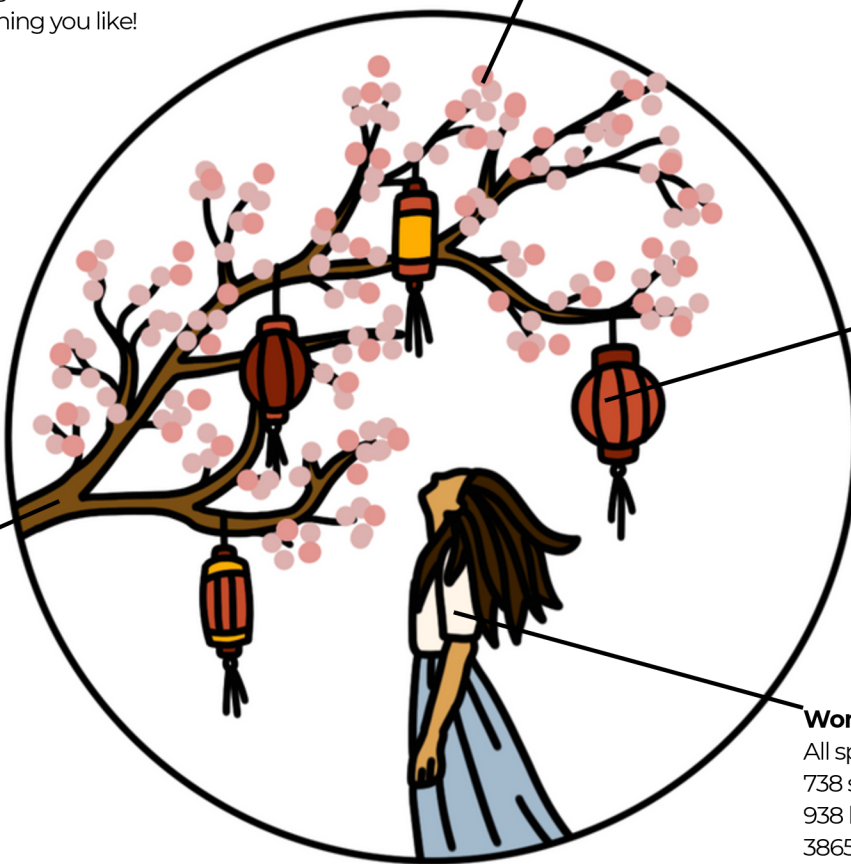
Satin stitch/split back stitch (as preferred)
3777, 351 & 3852

Tree trunk

3862 split back stitch

Woman

All split back stitch
738 skin
938 hair
3865 t-shirt
3752 skirt



DMC Colour Codes:

- DMC 938 (dark brown)
- DMC 3862 (brown)
- DMC 738 (pale brown)
- DMC 3777 (dark red)
- DMC 351 (red)
- DMC 3852 (mustard yellow)
- DMC 3752 (pale blue)

- DMC 3865 (almost white)
- DMC 151 (pale pink)
- DMC 3833 (pink)

Unless otherwise stated, stitch with THREE strands of thread.



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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!

