



MINI CHALLENGE 2026
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FARMERS MARKET

Vibrant fruits and vegetables, cheerful blooms, and paper-wrapped bundles of fresh produce! There's no better way to welcome spring than a trip to your local farmers market to stock up on the best of the season.



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 embroidery, I've not stitched the background, but you might want to with a pale blue, or anything you like!

Canopy

All satin stitch
22 & BLANC canopy
437 side posts

Flowers

All satin stitch
29 pot
905 leaves

Eggs

All satin stitch
780 basket
945 eggs

Woman

740 hat and socks: satin stitch
433 hair: french knots
945 skin: split back stitch
BLANC list: satin stitch
30 dress: split back stitch
29 dress detail: straight stitch
(TWO STRANDS)
604 vest: satin stitch
437 bag: satin stitch
BLANC shoes: split back stitch

Bread

All satin stitch
780 & 437 baguettes
30 pot

Wheel of cheese

All satin stitch
740 outer
3823 inner

Tablecloth

3823 split back stitch

Floor baskets

Choose satin stitch/split back stitch
437 & 780 crate
604 pink basket
433 & 437 right side basket



DMC Colour Codes:

- DMC 22 (red)
- DMC BLANC (white)
- DMC 433 (brown)
- DMC 780 (orange-brown)
- DMC 437 (pale brown)
- DMC 3823 (cream)
- DMC 945 (pale pink)

- DMC 905 (green)
- DMC 740 (orange)
- DMC 604 (pink)
- DMC 30 (purple)
- DMC 29 (dark purple)

Unless otherwise stated, stitch with THREE strands of thread.

STITCH TIPS



Straight stitch the grid of dark purple onto the dress and sleeve, using two strands. Then, anchor down with a tiny stitch at each intersection point,



Fill the baskets with red/yellow/orange beads, to look like fruit, and tiny purple flowers on top of the elaves. Stitch with one strand of the green thread to resemble stalks. If you don't have suitable beads, use french knots instead.



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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!