Which Hobby

Embroidery starter checklist

Everything to start embroidery on one page. Tick it off as you go.

Shopping list

☐ 6-inch wooden embroidery hoop	$3 to $10
☐ Plain cotton fabric (fat quarter to 1 yard)	$2 to $10
☐ Six-strand floss, 5 to 6 colors	$6 to $10
☐ Embroidery needles, pack	$1 to $4
☐ Small embroidery scissors	$4 to $10
☐ Water-soluble fabric marker	$3 to $6
Starter total	**about $20 to $50**

First project: a leafy branch

1. Trace our free leafy branch pattern onto the fabric with the pen.
2. Stitch the stem in stem stitch.
3. Fill the leaves with fishbone stitch.
4. Add French knots as berries.

Done in about 1 weekend.

Skip for now

- A 25-piece hoop set or a 100-color floss pack.
- Kits with tiny printed grids.
- A light box or transfer pens.

Your first week

☐ **Day 1, 30 minutes:** Set the fabric drum-tight in the hoop and practice running stitch and back stitch on one straight sampler line.

☐ **Day 2, 45 minutes:** Add stem stitch on a curved line and fishbone stitch on a few small leaves, then practice French knots until they sit tight.

☐ **Day 3 and 4, 1 to 2 hours:** Stitch your first project, the leafy branch pattern. Rinse the pen marks out with cold water when you finish.