Anime cat girl with a paper lantern

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of navy cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

21 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

How to read it

Floss has six strands: cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number named one at a time, and lay them together.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
   Tail, tail rings, tail tip, hair, neck, kimono, lantern, sleeves, hands (color 8), ears, inner ears, face, irises, fringe



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 21
   Moon, collar, sash, lantern caps, sleeve lining, hands (color 8), blush, eyes, pupils, eye highlights, eyelashes, hair blossom



3. **Whipped back stitch**
   3 strands, colors 1, 12
   Sash cord



4. **Split stitch**
   colors 1, 3, 6, 10, 14, 16, 18, 19
   1 strand: edges of the hair, edges of the collar, lantern ribs, edges of the hands, edges of the ears, edges of the face, edges of the fringe, lamplight, edges of the hair blossom
   2 strands: edges of the sleeves, mouth

5. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 21
   Edges of the eyelashes

6. **Stem stitch**, colors 6, 12, 14, 20
   2 strands: edges of the lantern, edges of the lantern caps, eyebrows
   3 strands: ring

7. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 19
   Nose, lines of the stars



8. **Lazy daisy stitch**
   2 strands, color 5
   Loops of the sleeve flowers



9. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 1, 12, 13
   2 strands: knots of the sleeve flowers, knots of the stars
   1 strand: knots of the eye highlights, blossom center



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 744 Pale Yellow	8	DMC 951 Light Tawny	15	DMC 971 Pumpkin
2	DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet	9	DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany	16	DMC 606 Bright Orange-Red
3	DMC 155 Medium Dark Blue Violet	10	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	17	DMC 352 Light Coral
4	DMC 341 Light Blue Violet	11	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	18	DMC 351 Coral
5	DMC BLANC White	12	DMC 742 Light Tangerine	19	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
6	DMC 333 Very Dark Blue Violet	13	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow	20	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
7	DMC 598 Light Turquoise	14	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red	21	DMC 3371 Black Brown

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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a dashed line is whipped back stitch; a finer one inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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