Astronaut reading on the moon bookmark

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 2.5 × 4.6 in (6.4 × 11.7 cm)



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

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, 8, 14
   Planet, moon, face
2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15
   Ring, planet bands, little moon, craters, stars, backpack, suit, boots, boot soles, cuffs, neck ring, ear pads, helmet, hair, eyes, pages, book cover, mitts, book star
3. **Blanket stitch**, 3 strands, color 1
   Border
4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, colors 1, 3, 8, 9, 10
   Edges of the moon, edges of the backpack, edges of the suit, edges of the boots, edges of the ear pads, edges of the helmet, smile, edges of the pages, edges of the mitts
5. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 6, 11, 13
   1 strand: edges of the eyes
   3 strands: visor rim, book spine
   2 strands: helmet light
6. **Back stitch**, colors 1, 6
   2 strands: lamp cord
   1 strand: lines of the pages
7. **Straight stitch**, colors 6, 9
   2 strands: lamp rays
   1 strand: lines of the mitts
8. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps, color 11
   Small stars

Take out lines that still show, press face down on soft cloth.

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.

15 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.

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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 3820 Dark Straw	6	DMC 3822 Light Straw	11	DMC 3865 Winter White
2	DMC 352 Light Coral	7	DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green	12	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...
3	DMC 349 Dark Coral	8	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	13	DMC 3371 Black Brown
4	DMC 351 Coral	9	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	14	DMC 407 Dark Desert Sand
5	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	10	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	15	DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green

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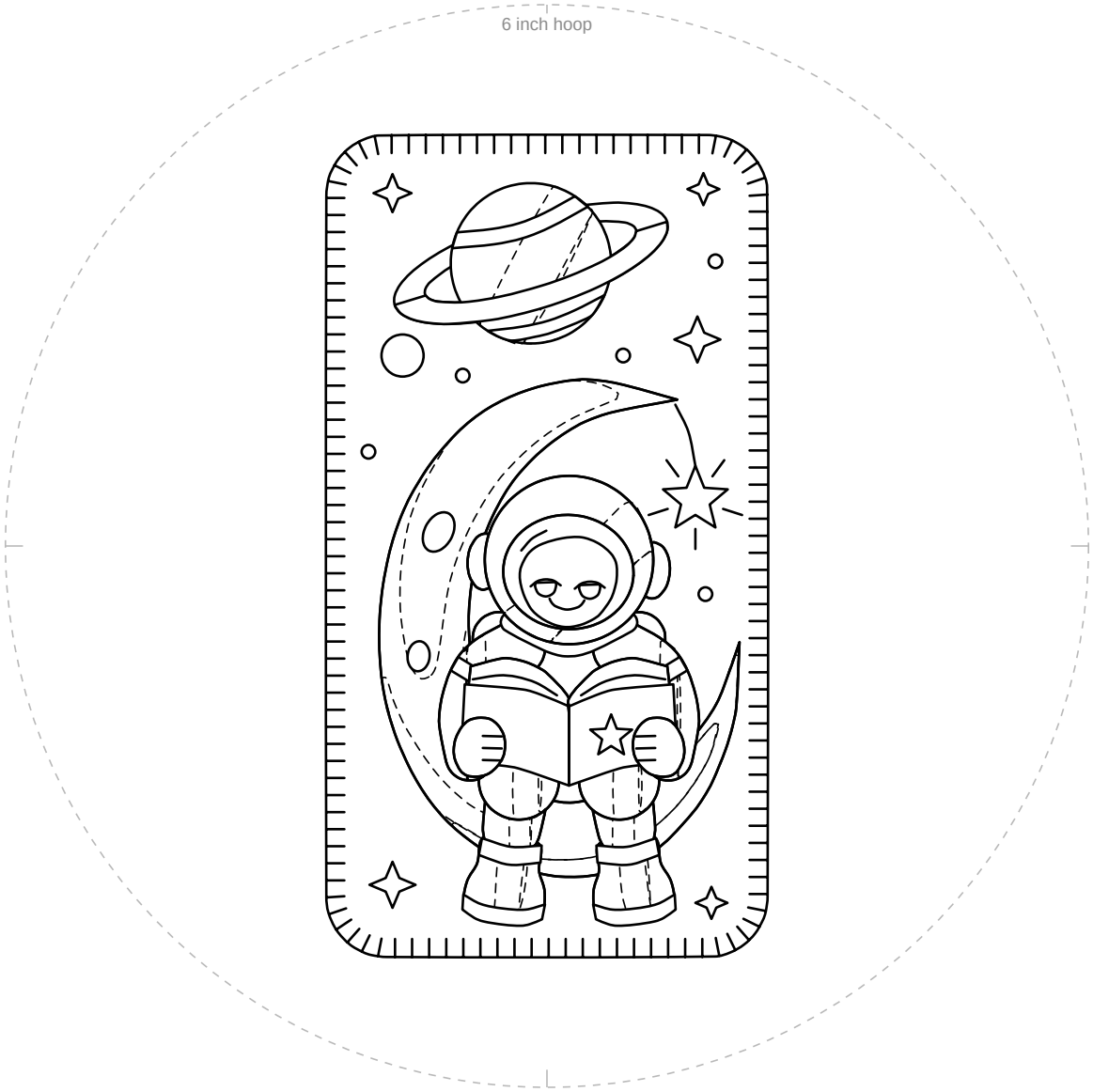
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a broken line 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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