Baby seal on snow in whitework

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



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

9 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC BLANC; one of each other 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
   Snow, hind flippers, coat, front flippers, muzzle
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands, colors 4, 9
   Eyes, eye highlights, nose, scalloped edge
3. **Stem stitch**, colors 6, 8
   1 strand: flipper lines
   2 strands: mouth

Stitch in this order, continued

4. **Straight stitch**, colors 4, 8
   2 strands: claws
   1 strand: snowflakes
5. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands, color 4
   Snowflake petals
6. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps, colors 1, 4, 8
   Knots of the eye highlights, whisker dots, snowflake knots

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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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 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	**4**	DMC BLANC White	**7**	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
2	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	**5**	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	**8**	DMC 317 Pewter Gray
3	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...	**6**	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	**9**	DMC 310 Black

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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 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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