Baseball in a ring of stars

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.2 in (11.7 × 10.7 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.

13 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. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Ring
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Ball
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Sparks, stars
4. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Seams (color 2)
5. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Seams (colors 2 and 9)
6. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Edge of the ball
7. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Moon
8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Spark hearts

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 747 Very Light Sky Blue	**6**	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	**11**	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
2	DMC 321 Red	**7**	DMC B5200 Snow White	**12**	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow
3	DMC 3865 Winter White	**8**	DMC 160 Medium Gray Blue	**13**	DMC 3821 Straw
4	DMC 159 Light Gray Blue	**9**	DMC 815 Medium Garnet		
5	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...	**10**	DMC 712 Cream		

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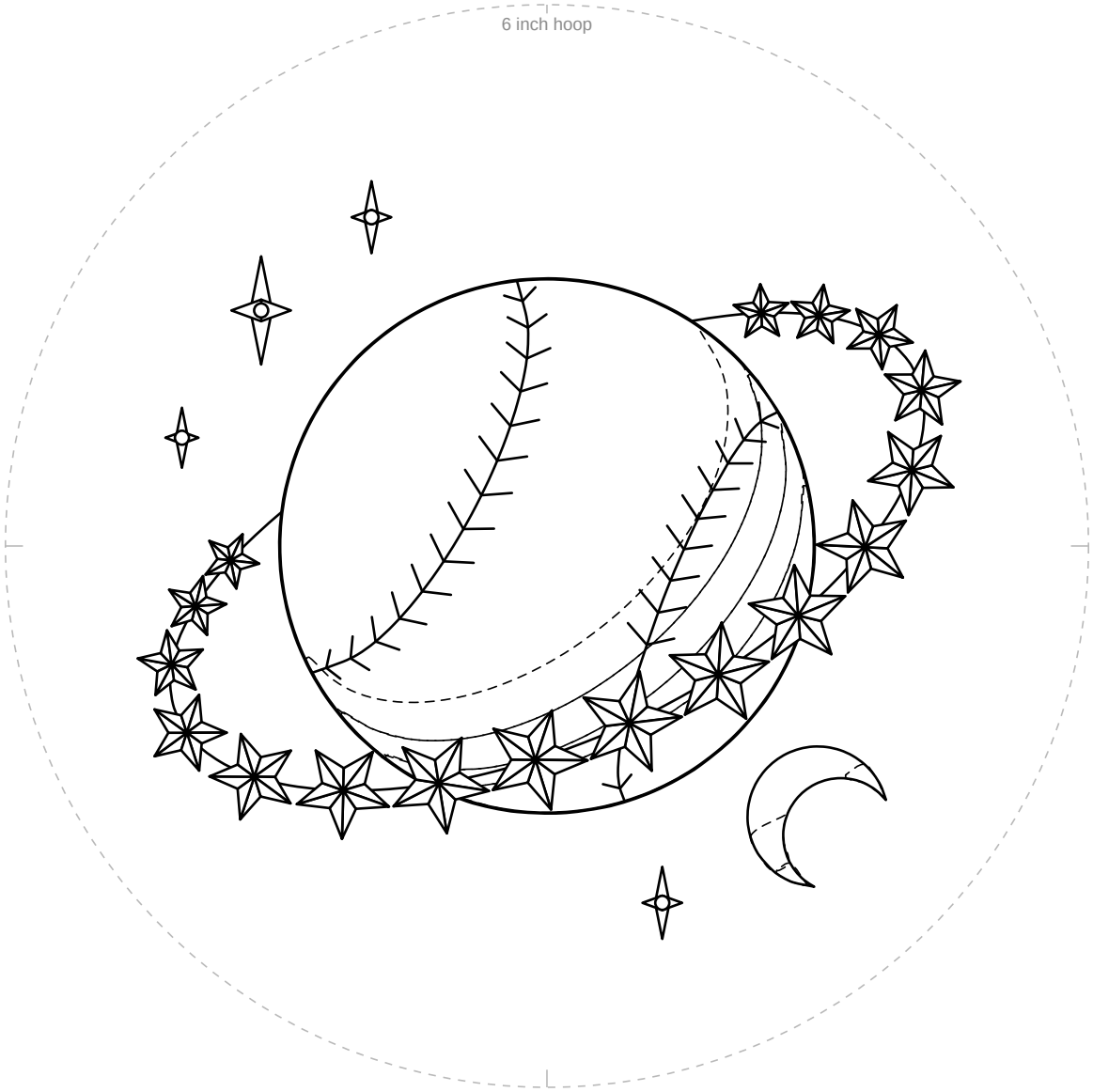
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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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