Be you

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.8 × 4 in (9.7 × 10.2 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of charcoal 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. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands, colors 2, 12
   Lines of the stripes
2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
   Tail, tail stripes, ears, far legs, leg stripes, coat, stripes, muzzle, hooves, mane, ear insides, eye, letters
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand, colors 2, 3, 4, 5
   Tail tuft
4. **Feather stitch**, 2 strands, colors 13, 16
   Lines of the stripes
5. **Herringbone stitch**, 2 strands, colors 9, 14
   Lines of the stripes
6. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands, colors 3, 7, 12, 13
   Lines of the stripes
7. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, colors 6, 11
   Edge
8. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, color 6
   Edges of the ears
9. **Straight stitch**, colors 19, 21
   1 strand: lashes
   3 strands: nostril
10. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 21
    Mouth
11. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands, colors 3, 15
    Loops of the stripes
12. **French knot**, two wraps, colors 8, 15, 20
    2 strands: knots of the stripes
    1 strand: eye highlight

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 822 Light Beige Gray	8	DMC 703 Chartreuse	15	DMC 743 Medium Yellow
2	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet	9	DMC 913 Medium Nile Green	16	DMC 907 Light Parrot Green
3	DMC 209 Dark Lavender	10	DMC 3846 Light Bright Turquoise	17	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray
4	DMC 208 Very Dark Lavender	11	DMC 712 Cream	18	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
5	DMC 550 Very Dark Violet	12	DMC 351 Coral	19	DMC 310 Black
6	DMC 644 Medium Beige Gray	13	DMC 3340 Medium Apricot	20	DMC BLANC White
7	DMC 996 Medium Electric Blue	14	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine	21	DMC 815 Medium Garnet

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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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