Beach

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.9 in (11.7 × 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.

18 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: frayed end, lines of the words
   3 strands: legs

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Rope, whipping, anchor ring, flukes, feet, tail, wing tips, bill, eye, words



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Anchor, gull body, wing



4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Rope strands, whipping edge, anchor edge, rope edge, wing edge, bill line

5. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Fluke ridge, wing feathers

6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Eye highlight



7. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Anchor stock



8. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Wing spots, bill spot



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

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Beach

6 inch hoop

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



1	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	7	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	13	DMC BLANC White
2	DMC 437 Light Tan	8	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	14	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
3	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	9	DMC 3756 Ultra Very Light Baby Blue	15	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
4	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	10	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	16	DMC 310 Black
5	DMC 816 Garnet	11	DMC 3712 Medium Salmon	17	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray
6	DMC 321 Red	12	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	18	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Beach

6 inch hoop

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%.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.