Ship’s anchor

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

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. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
   Long rays, short rays, frame, keystones, arms, flukes, shank, stock, stock ends, stock hearts, eye, ring, boss



Stitch in this order, continued

2. **Back stitch**, 2 strands, color 4
   Inner line

3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, color 13
   Ridges

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.



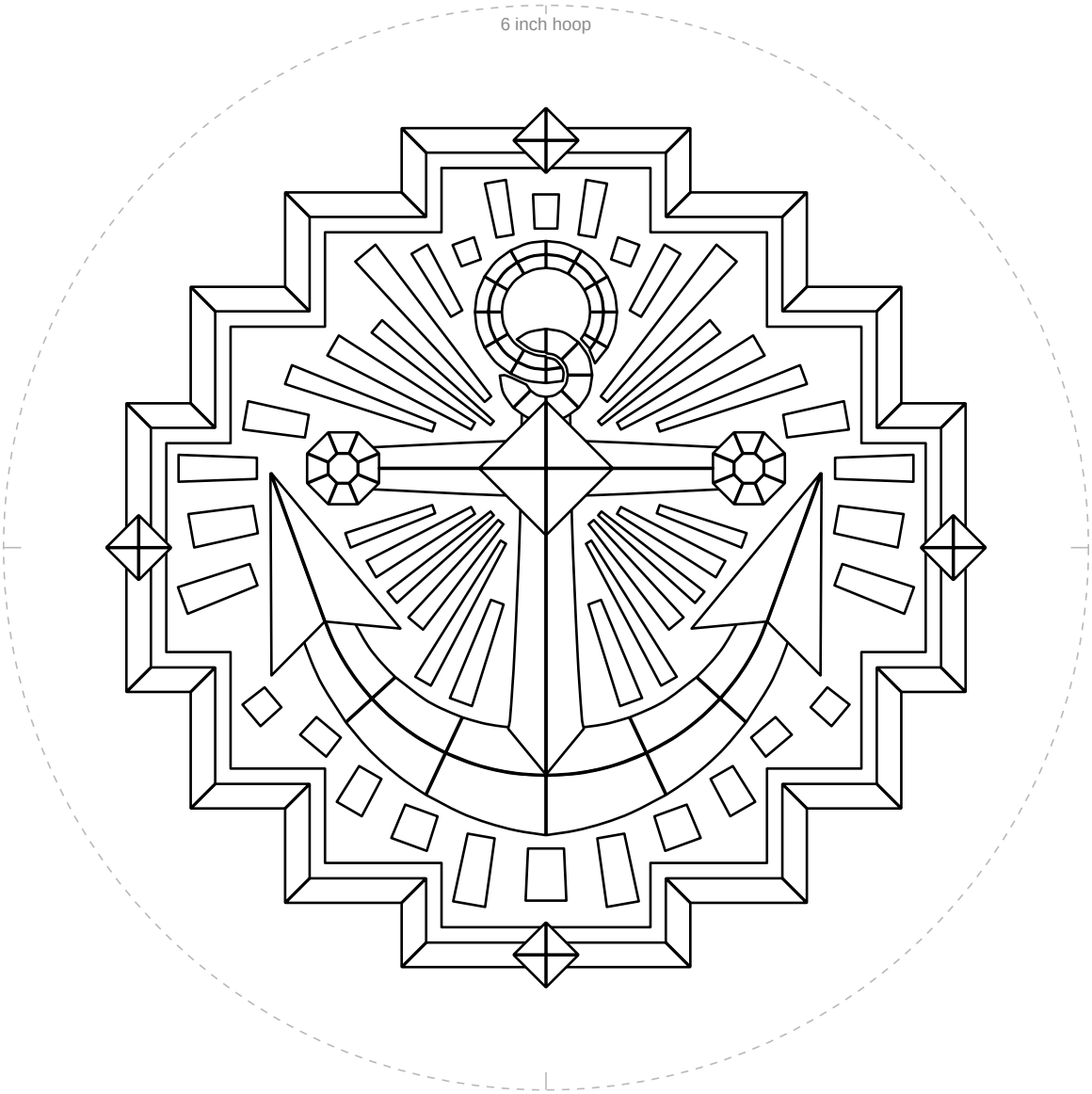
1	DMC 729 Medium Old Gold	6	DMC 919 Red Copper	11	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue
2	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	7	DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany	12	DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany
3	DMC 676 Light Old Gold	8	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	13	DMC B5200 Snow White
4	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...	9	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue		
5	DMC 921 Copper	10	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray		

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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.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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