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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.7 in (11.9 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue 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 water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

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, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
   Puddle, coats, sleeves, hats, umbrella, ducks



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13
   Umbrella stick, stockings, boots, boot tops, hands, braids, ribbons, umbrella tip, letters, bills



3. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 11
   Rain, lines of the braids



4. **Split stitch**, colors 2, 7, 15, 21
   1 strand: coat edges, hat edges, lines of the hat seams, ripples, duck edges
   2 strands: coat seams, umbrella seams, duck wings

5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands, colors 5, 13, 21
   Boot soles, umbrella hem

6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 2, 5, 7, 15
   Knots of the hat seams, rib tips, duck eyes



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

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

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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 931 Medium Antique Blue	8	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	15	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise
2	DMC 3865 Winter White	9	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	16	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise
3	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	10	DMC 3772 Very Dark Desert Sand	17	DMC 3687 Mauve
4	DMC 433 Medium Brown	11	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	18	DMC 3803 Dark Mauve
5	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	12	DMC 351 Coral	19	DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve
6	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	13	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red	20	DMC 814 Dark Garnet
7	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	14	DMC 597 Turquoise	21	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape

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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

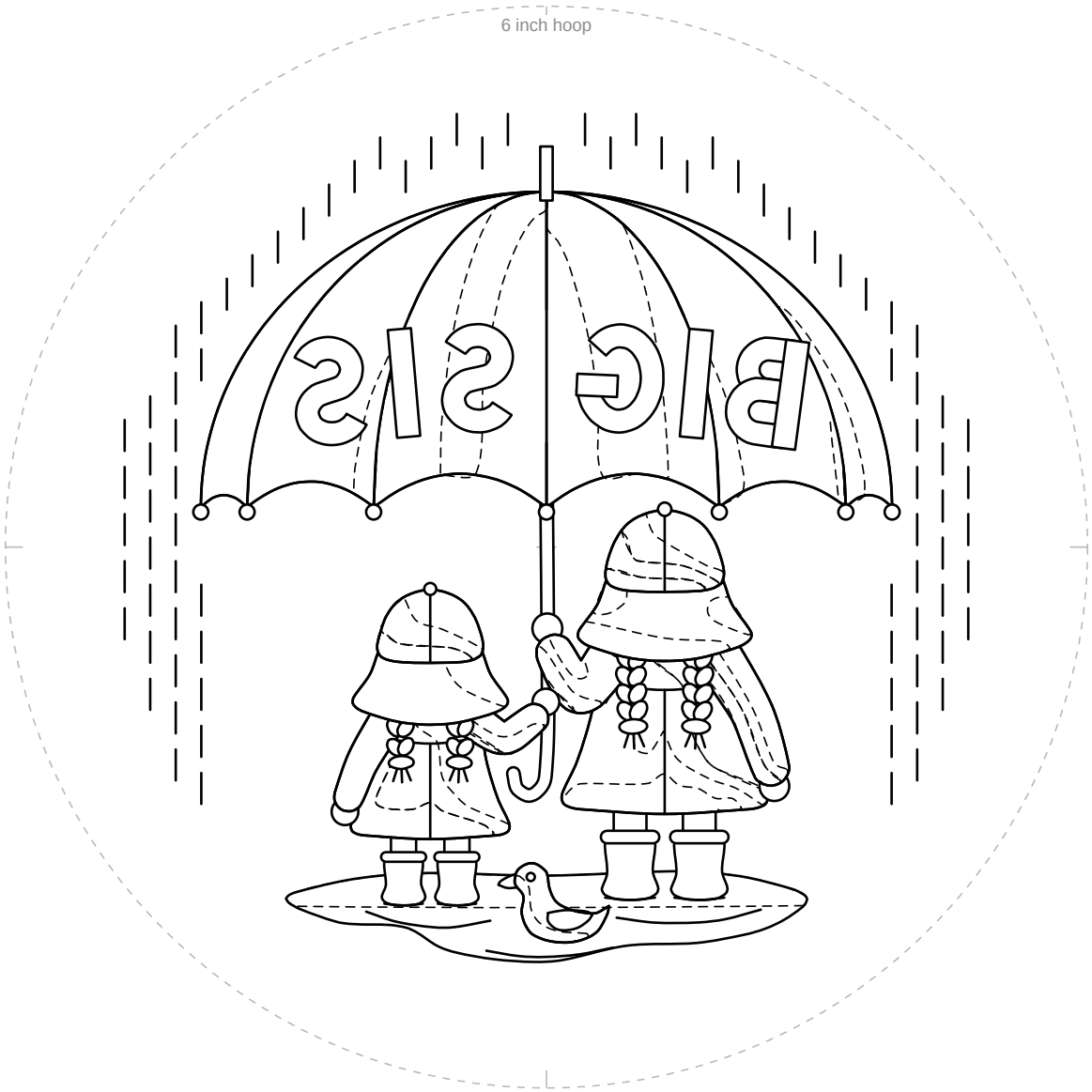
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