Birthday boy

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.3 in (11.7 × 10.9 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.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

23 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. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Balloon strings
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Smoke, balloons (colors 3 and 6), puppy, puppy white, puppy ears, arms (color 17), face, paper crown, wagon box, boiler box, cab box
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Balloons (colors 4 and 7), balloon highlight, box insides, puppy eyes, puppy nose, puppy tongue, party hat, party hat stripes, neck, shirt, shirt stripes, ears, curls, eyes, cheeks, mouth, crown band, chimney, chimney stripes, chimney top, cupcake case, candle, flame, frosting, box flaps, box rims, bunting, boiler bands, stars, lamp, cowcatcher, wheels, hubs, paws, arms (color 19), ties, saying
4. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: balloon edges, edges of the puppy ears, edges of the party hat, skin edges (color 16), edges of the shirt, edges of the chimney, edges of the frosting, box edges (color 9), edges of the lamp, edges of the cowcatcher, edges of the paws
   2 strands: edges of the paper crown
5. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: brows
   2 strands: box edges (color 9), wheel edges (color 2)
   4 strands: coupling, rail
6. **Back stitch**
   1 strand: puppy smile, skin edges (color 16), edges of the box rims, bunting string, wheel edges (color 2)
   2 strands: nose
7. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: puppy brows, lines of the cupcake case, candle stripes, edges of the paws, skin edges (color 16)
   2 strands: teeth, lines of the cowcatcher, spokes
8. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Heart
9. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: knots of the smoke, pompom, knots of the curls, crown beads
   1 strand: eye highlights

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 3865 Winter White	9	DMC 433 Medium Brown	17	DMC 3772 Very Dark Desert Sand
2	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue	10	DMC 3853 Dark Autumn Gold	18	DMC 3064 Desert Sand
3	DMC 3822 Light Straw	11	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany	19	DMC 407 Dark Desert Sand
4	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	12	DMC 921 Copper	20	DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink
5	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	13	DMC 3371 Black Brown	21	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
6	DMC 350 Medium Coral	14	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	22	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
7	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	15	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	23	DMC 437 Light Tan
8	DMC 349 Dark Coral	16	DMC 632 Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand		

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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.



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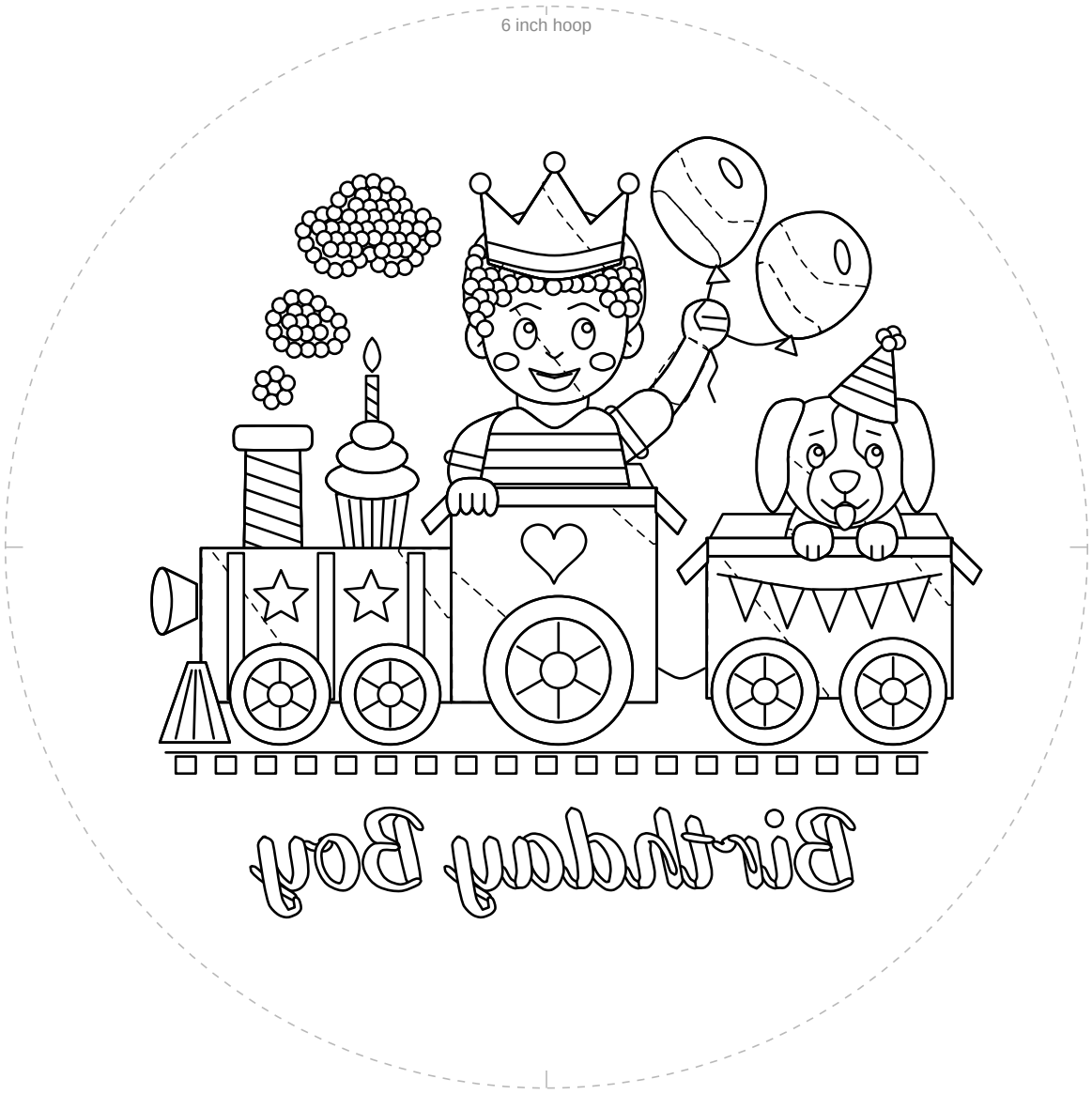
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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