Bow-top caravan in mirror work

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



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of teal cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

9 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. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 9
   Curtains



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8
   Chimney, mirrors, flower pot, pot leaves, eaves, painted blocks, sequins, spokes



3. **Herringbone stitch**
   2 strands, color 5
   Herringbone band



4. **Chain stitch**, colors 1, 2, 4, 5, 6
   3 strands: arch bands, lines of the eaves, body edges, lines of the shafts, wheels
   2 strands: brackets



5. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands, color 6
   Fly stitch band



6. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands, color 5
   Curtain trim

7. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands, color 6
   Pot stem



8. **Buttonhole stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 4, 5
   Mirror rings



9. **Lazy daisy stitch**
   2 strands, color 5
   Loops of the daisies, loops of the pot flower



10. **French knot**
    two wraps, colors 2, 3, 4, 5
    2 strands: knots of the chimney, knots of the daisies, knots of the pot flower, knots of the shafts, bead swags
    1 strand: bead edging, knots of the sequins



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 946 Medium Burnt Orange	**4**	DMC 3805 Cyclamen Pink	**7**	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
2	DMC 742 Light Tangerine	**5**	DMC 712 Cream	**8**	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
3	DMC 3846 Light Bright Turquoise	**6**	DMC 907 Light Parrot Green	**9**	DMC 718 Plum

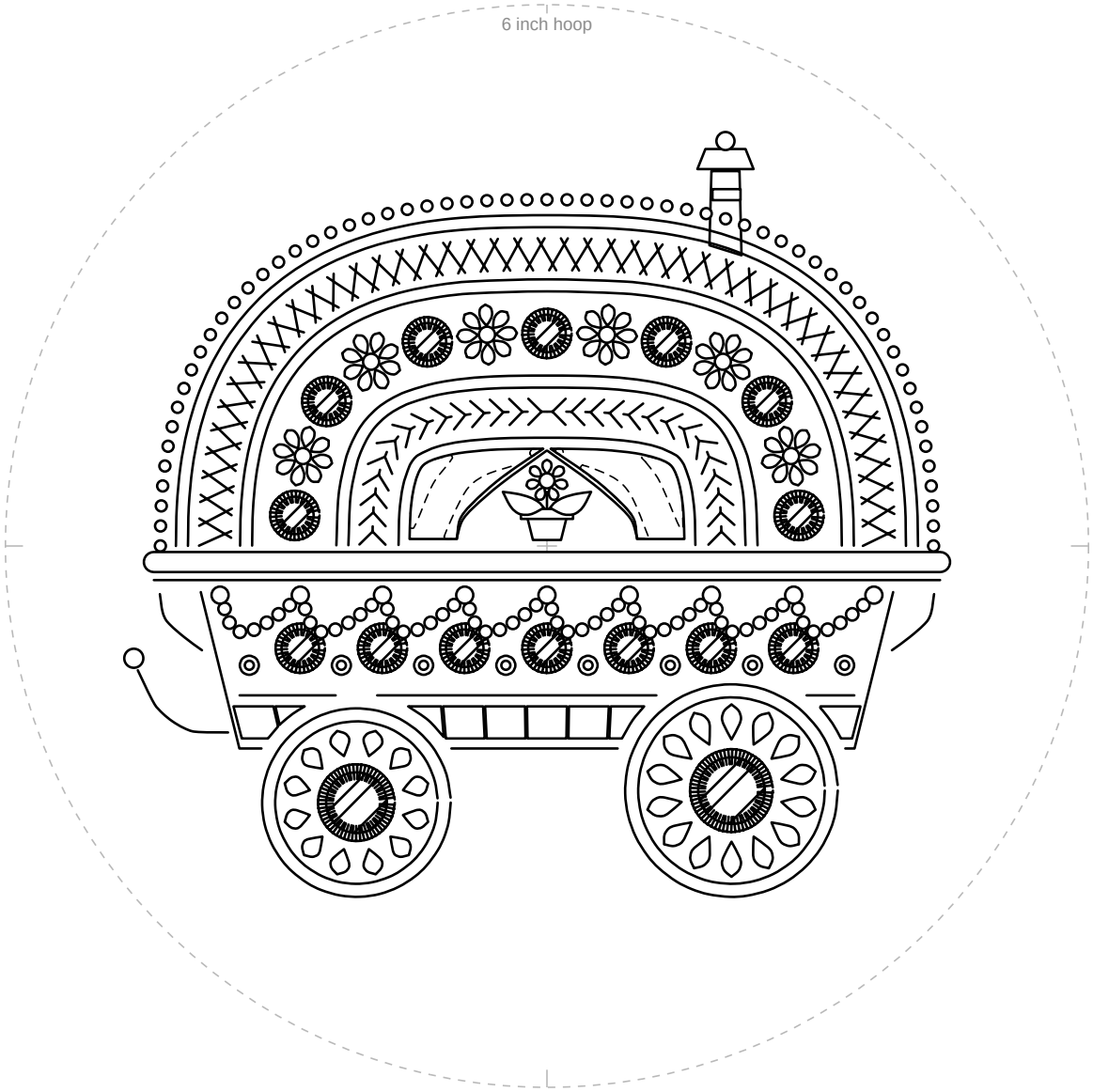
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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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