Captain’s hat with an anchor

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.9 × 4.4 in (9.9 × 11.2 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.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

16 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. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands, color 3
   Frayed end



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 11, 14, 15
   Rope, rope whipping, ribbon band



3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 4, 8, 9, 12, 13
   Crown top



4. **Whipped back stitch**
   3 strands, colors 1, 2, 3
   Edges of the rope

5. **Couching**, colors 6, 7
   4 strands: gold outline
   6 strands: cap cord



6. **Split stitch**, 2 strands, color 4
   Crown seams, piping shadow

7. **Stem stitch**, colors 13, 16
   4 strands: piping
   2 strands: peak edge
   1 strand: band edge

8. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16
   Flukes, arms, shank, stock, stock ball, collar, eye, brass ring, crown sides, peak, buttons



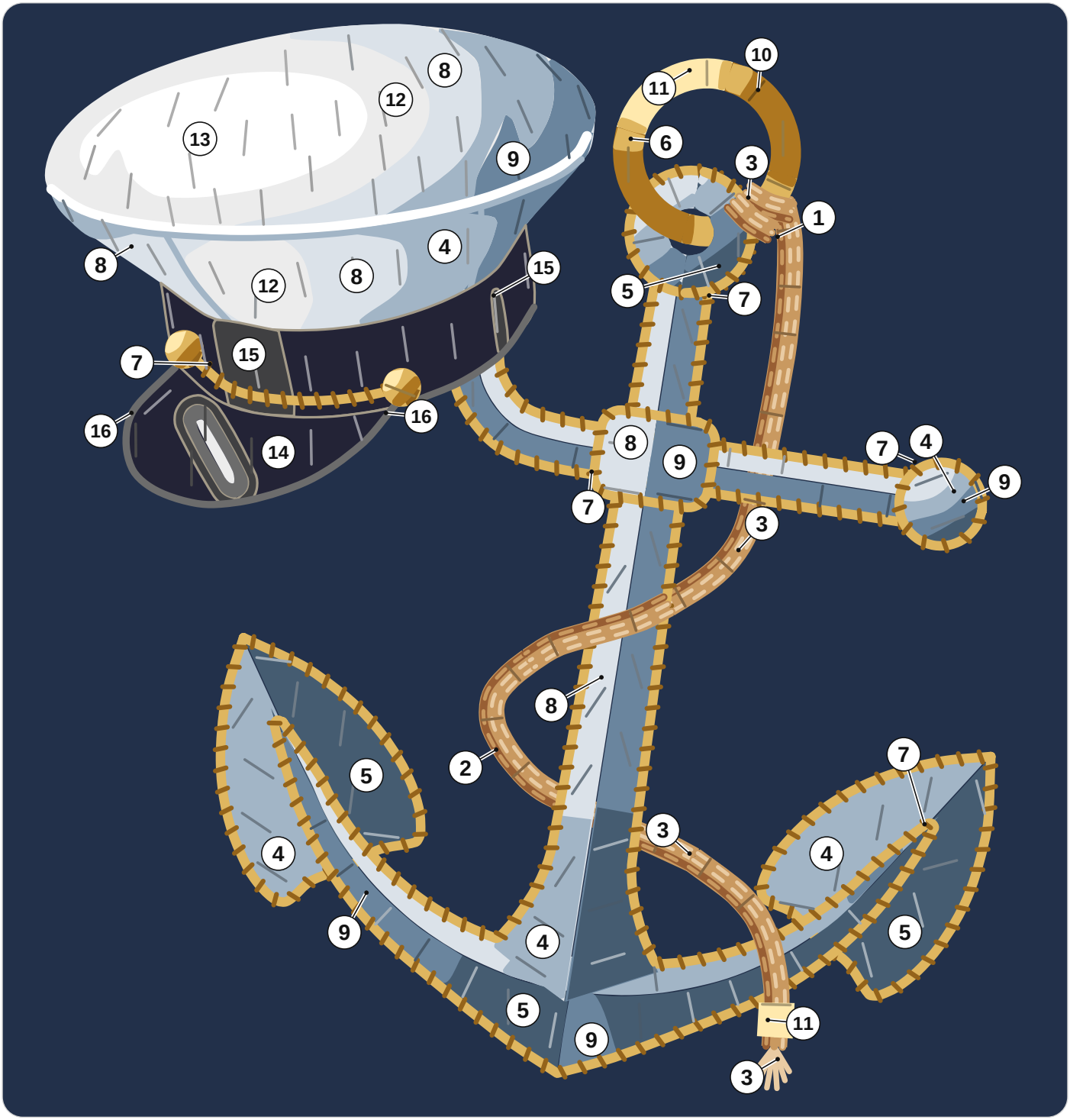
Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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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 436 Tan	**7**	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	**13**	DMC B5200 Snow White
2	DMC 434 Light Brown	**8**	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...	**14**	DMC 310 Black
3	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	**9**	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	**15**	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray
4	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	**10**	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	**16**	DMC 317 Pewter Gray
5	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue	**11**	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow		
6	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**12**	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray		

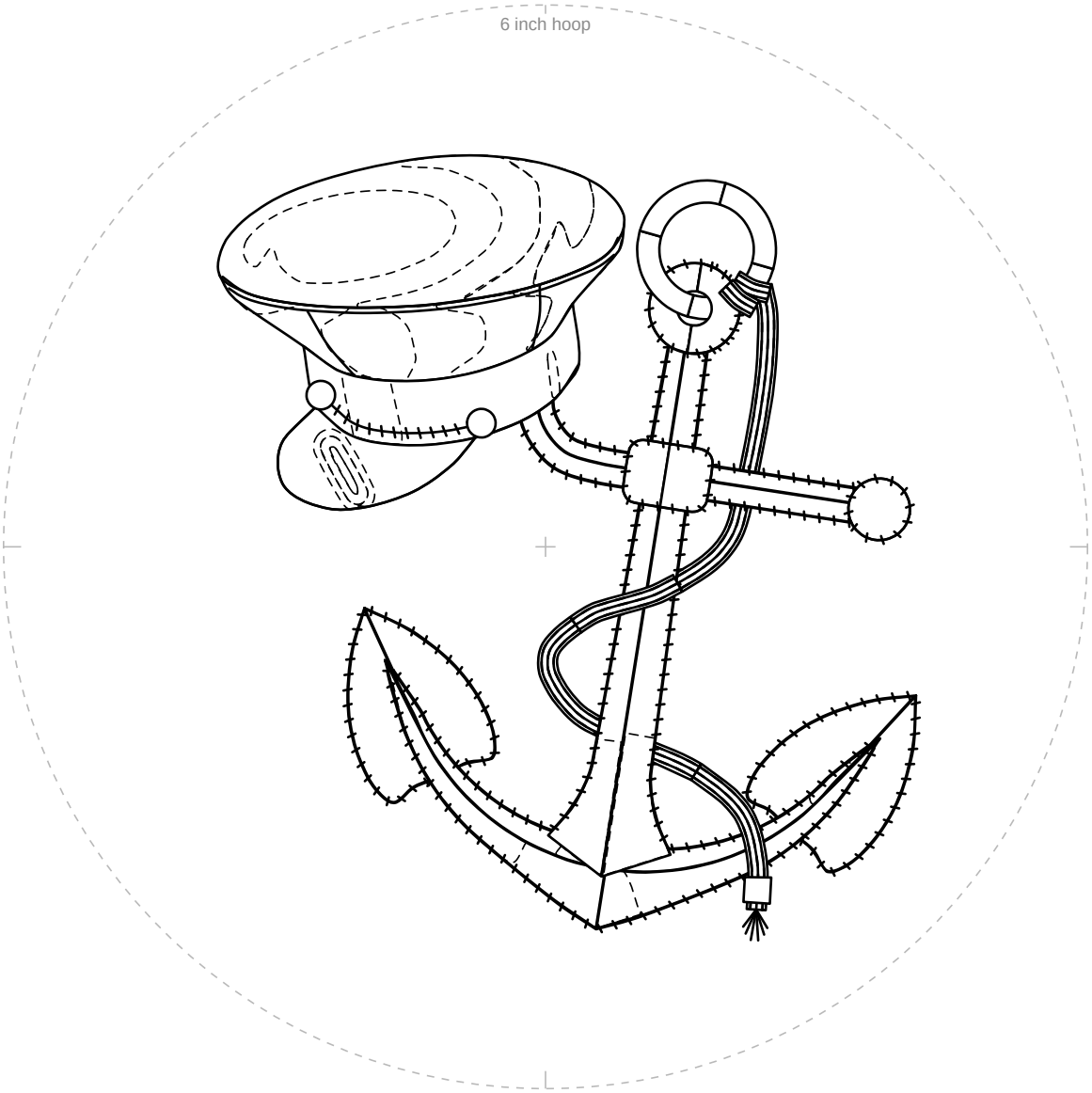
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a dashed line is whipped back stitch; a finer one 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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