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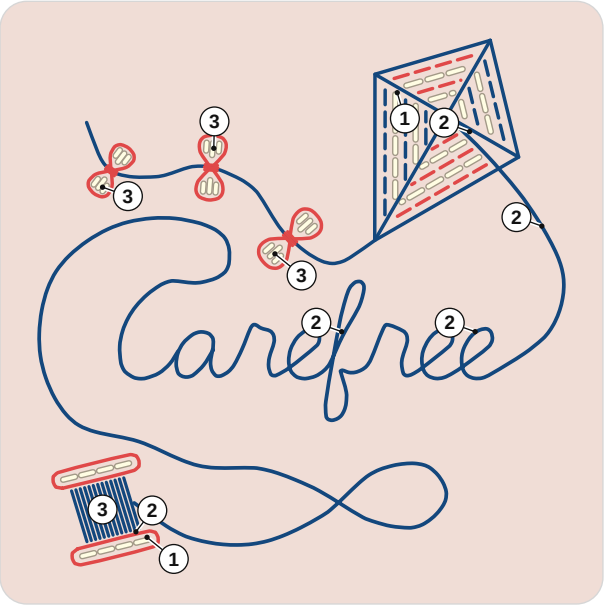
6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.8 × 3.8 in (9.7 × 9.7 cm)



Floss

DMC 350 Medium Coral
Bows and reel (darker), kite stripes (middle)

DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow
Kite stripes (light), bows and reel (lighter)

DMC 797 Royal Blue
String and word, wound string, kite edge, kite spars and tail, kite stripes (dark)

A number is a row of the list.
Fabric: blush pink cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 7, and size 5 for 4 strands.

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 2 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 2 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 3, 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 with a small knot on the back; end under a few stitches.

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. **Running stitch**
   3 strands: kite stripes
   4 strands: reel (DMC 3823)

2. **Back stitch**
   2 strands: kite spars, tail
   3 strands: kite edge, bows (DMC 350), reel (DMC 350)
   4 strands: string and word

Stitch in this order, continued

3. **Straight stitch**
   4 strands: bows (DMC 3823 and DMC 350)
   3 strands: wound string



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

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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 running stitch.



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6 inch hoop

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



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