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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.5 in (11.4 × 11.4 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

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. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Branch

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Tail, tail stripes, tail tip, far foreleg, body, stripes, haunch, paws, near foreleg, foreleg stripes, ears, ear linings, head, muzzle, chin



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Stars, sparkles, letters, nose



4. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: leaf veins, toes
   2 strands: mouth

5. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Closed eyes

6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Whiskers



7. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Outer leaves, inner leaves, moon rim, small leaves, berries



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Seed knots



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 415 Pearl Gray	7	DMC 712 Cream	13	DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany
2	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...	8	DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany	14	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
3	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	9	DMC 400 Dark Mahogany	15	DMC 760 Salmon
4	DMC 3865 Winter White	10	DMC 301 Medium Mahogany	16	DMC 3371 Black Brown
5	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	11	DMC 3776 Light Mahogany		
6	DMC 3822 Light Straw	12	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan		

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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

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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