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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: 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.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

19 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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18
   Sun, ground, trousers, sleeves, face, hair, helmet, sparrow (color 9)



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19
   Petals, scabbard, socks, sandals, breastplate, skirt plates, sash, sash bow, hands, blade, hilt, sword guard, shoulder plates, neck guard, brim, side flaps, flap crests, horns, crest, helmet knob, blush, eyes, eye highlights, mouth, chin bow, sparrow (colors 1, 10 and 19), beak



3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, color 2
   Edges of the petals

4. **Straight stitch**, colors 6, 8, 16, 19
   2 strands: grass, hilt wrapping, edges of the sparrow
   1 strand: nose



5. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands, color 11
   Lacing



6. **Stem stitch**, colors 2, 6, 8, 11, 14
   2 strands: edges of the sun, edges of the ground, outlines, sandal straps, helmet ribs
   3 strands: eyelashes, eyebrows

7. **Back stitch**, colors 8, 10, 13, 16
   2 strands: trouser folds, sleeve folds, brim line, lines of the crest
   1 strand: blade line, edges of the flap crests, edges of the mouth

8. **Whipped back stitch**
   3 strands, color 11
   Chin cord



9. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 8, 9
   1 strand: knots of the eye highlights
   2 strands: knots of the sparrow



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

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6 inch hoop

A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 352 Light Coral	8	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	15	DMC 945 Tawny
2	DMC 351 Coral	9	DMC BLANC White	16	DMC 3822 Light Straw
3	DMC 3824 Light Apricot	10	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	17	DMC 951 Light Tawny
4	DMC 3326 Light Rose	11	DMC 666 Bright Red	18	DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue
5	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	12	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	19	DMC 3858 Medium Rosewood
6	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	13	DMC 336 Navy Blue		
7	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red	14	DMC 3820 Dark Straw		

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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.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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



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