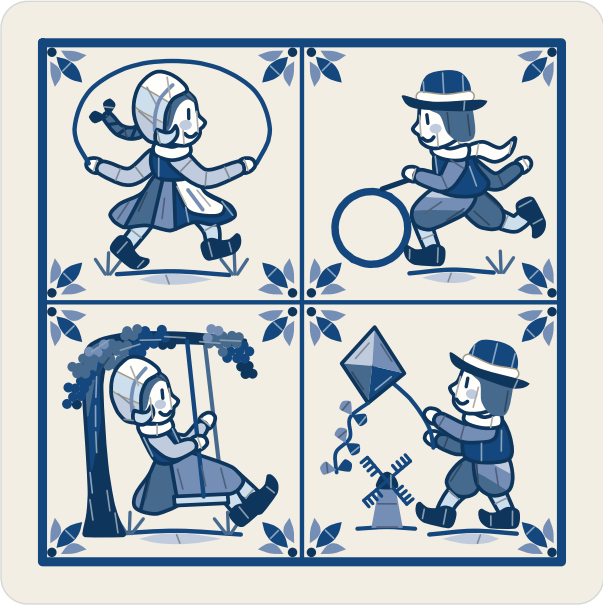
Children playing in Delft blue tiles

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.6 × 3.6 in (9.1 × 9.1 cm).



Which color goes where.

Stitches

- **Stem stitch**, 1 to 3 strands
  Tile lines, ground, skipping rope, stick, swing ropes, kite string
- **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
  Outer border
- **Satin stitch**, 1 strand
  Corner leaves, shadows, hands, sleeves, braids, braid bows, stockings, clogs, skirts, aprons, bodices, faces, collars, cheeks, hair, and 11 more
- **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
  Corner dots, leaves
- **Straight stitch**, 1 to 3 strands
  Grass, braids, eyes, windmill sails
- **Split stitch**, 1 strand
  Hands, sleeves, braids, stockings, clogs, skirts, aprons, apron folds, bodices, collars, faces, smiles, lace caps, breeches, jackets, and 5 more
- **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
  Tree trunk

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.

Floss

- **DMC 797 Royal Blue**
  Outer border and tile lines, corner leaves (darker), jackets (lighter) and 14 more parts
- **DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue**
  Corner leaves (lighter), skirts (lightest), breeches (light) and 7 more parts
- **DMC 820 Very Dark Royal Blue**
  Tree trunk (dark), clogs, sleeves (darkest), stockings (darker) and 21 more parts
- **DMC 800 Pale Delft Blue**
  Sleeves, breeches and kite (lightest), shadows and cheeks, lace caps (middle)
- **DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue**
  Hair and grass, breeches and sleeves (dark), skirts and leaves (light) and 4 more parts
- **DMC BLANC White**
  Faces, scarves, hands, aprons and collars (lighter), lace caps (lightest), hat bands
- **DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue**
  Stockings and swing seat (lighter), lace caps (light)

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker’s carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 2 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on**
   Go over the lines of page 3, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron.

Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

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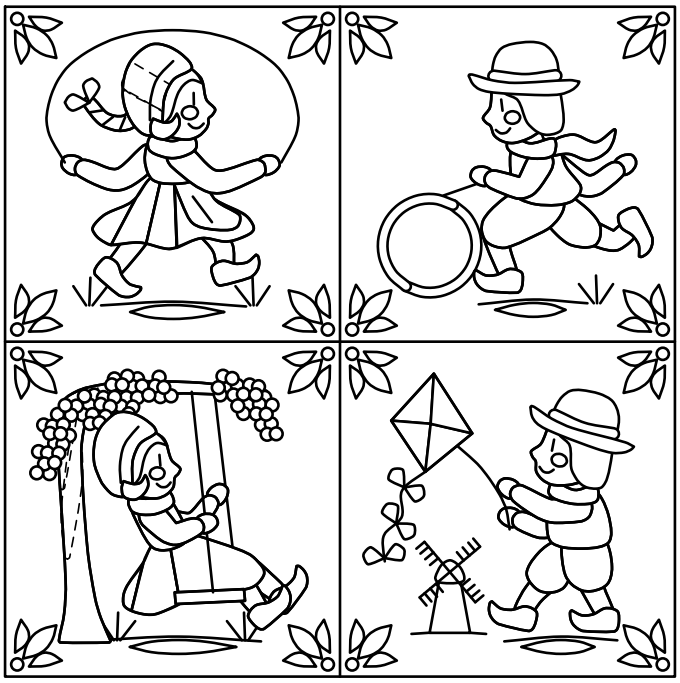

1 in
25.4 mm

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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.

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