Chinese dragon roundel with clouds

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 cm)



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

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Talons, toes, feet, legs, back fin, belly, pearl flame, horns, lower jaw, tongue, teeth, head, upper lip, nostril, eye, brow, ear, clouds



2. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Pearl



3. **Couching**
   5 strands: ring
   3 strands: body edges, pearl edge, whiskers
   2 or 3 strands: head edges
   2 strands: toe edges, feet, legs, leg edges, body, lower jaw, head



4. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Tail tuft, leg flames, mane, beard, eye rim, cloud curls

5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Belly plates



6. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Eye highlight



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

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.

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.

Buy: 12 colors of floss (page 2), 2 skeins of DMC 3820; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 3 for 4 or 5 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of indigo cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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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 3821 Straw	**5**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**9**	DMC 809 Delft Blue
2	DMC 321 Red	**6**	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow	**10**	DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue
3	DMC 3816 Celadon Green	**7**	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	**11**	DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue
4	DMC BLANC White	**8**	DMC 796 Dark Royal Blue	**12**	DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue

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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.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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