Chinese New Year lanterns at a moon gate

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.7 in (11.9 × 11.9 cm)



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

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18
   Sky, far hills, garden wall, snow, lantern light on the snow, glow in the pavilion, snow on the platform, roof tiles, snow on the roof, garden rocks, snow on the rocks, plum trunk, snow at the foot of the tree, gate edge in shade, plaster gate, gate in the shade of the snow, snow on the gate
2. **Satin stitch**
   colors 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16
   2 strands: wall coping, snow on the wall, path stones, back posts, platform, steps, front posts, beam, brackets, snowy ridges, lantern caps
   1 strand: plum blossoms
3. **Straight stitch**, colors 2, 6, 9, 10, 11
   1 strand: stars, eave cords
   2 strands: railing (color 9), tassels, bird tracks
4. **Stem stitch**, colors 4, 6, 9, 11, 14
   2 strands: railing (color 9), beam line, lantern cords
   4 strands: plum branches
   3 strands: snow on the tree, gate line
5. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands, colors 9, 10, 12
   Finial, lanterns
6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 7, 11, 12, 16
   Tile ends, beads, plum buds

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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

18 colors of floss (page 2): 6 skeins of DMC 3743 and 2 of DMC 160; one of each other 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.

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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 3743 Very Light Antique Violet	7	DMC 317 Pewter Gray	13	DMC 3371 Black Brown
2	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue	8	DMC 743 Medium Yellow	14	DMC 838 Very Dark Beige Brown
3	DMC 3807 Cornflower Blue	9	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	15	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown
4	DMC 160 Medium Gray Blue	10	DMC 321 Red	16	DMC 352 Light Coral
5	DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany	11	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	17	DMC 644 Medium Beige Gray
6	DMC 3865 Winter White	12	DMC 350 Medium Coral	18	DMC 822 Light Beige Gray

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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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