Cloud with raindrops

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.3 in (11.9 × 10.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 7.

10 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. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
   Cloud bands, cloud hearts, raindrops, raindrop highlights, boat sail, boat hull



2. **Chain stitch**, colors 3, 4, 5, 6
   3 strands: cloud rings
   2 strands: ripples (color 4)



3. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, colors 2, 5
   Cloud outline, raindrop outlines, ripples (color 5)

4. **Running stitch**
   2 strands, color 4
   Rain lines

5. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, color 1
   Cloud rims, cloud base



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.



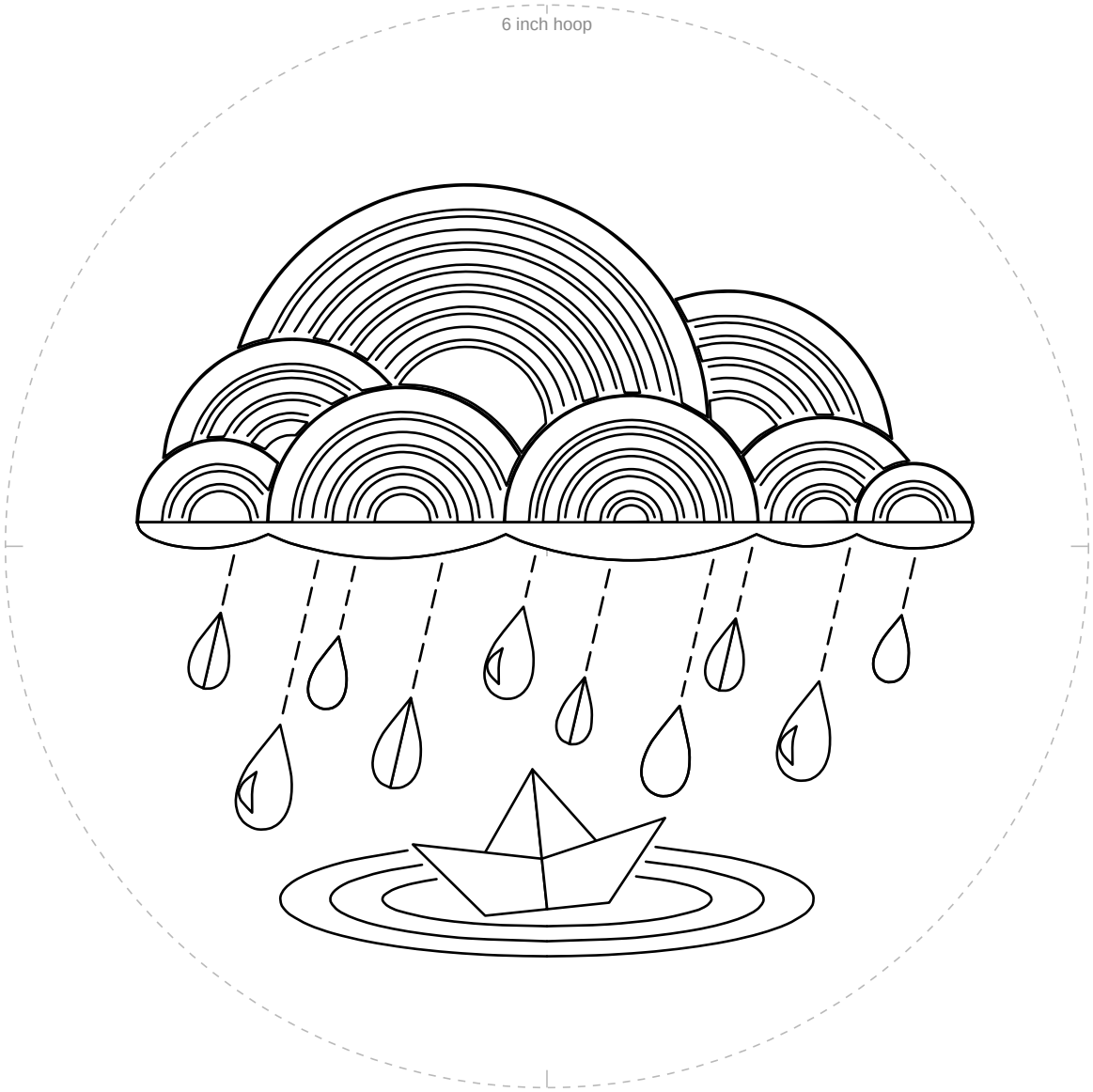
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2	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue	**6**	DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue	**10**	DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon
3	DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue	**7**	DMC 760 Salmon		
4	DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue	**8**	DMC 3328 Dark Salmon		

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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 dashed line is running stitch.



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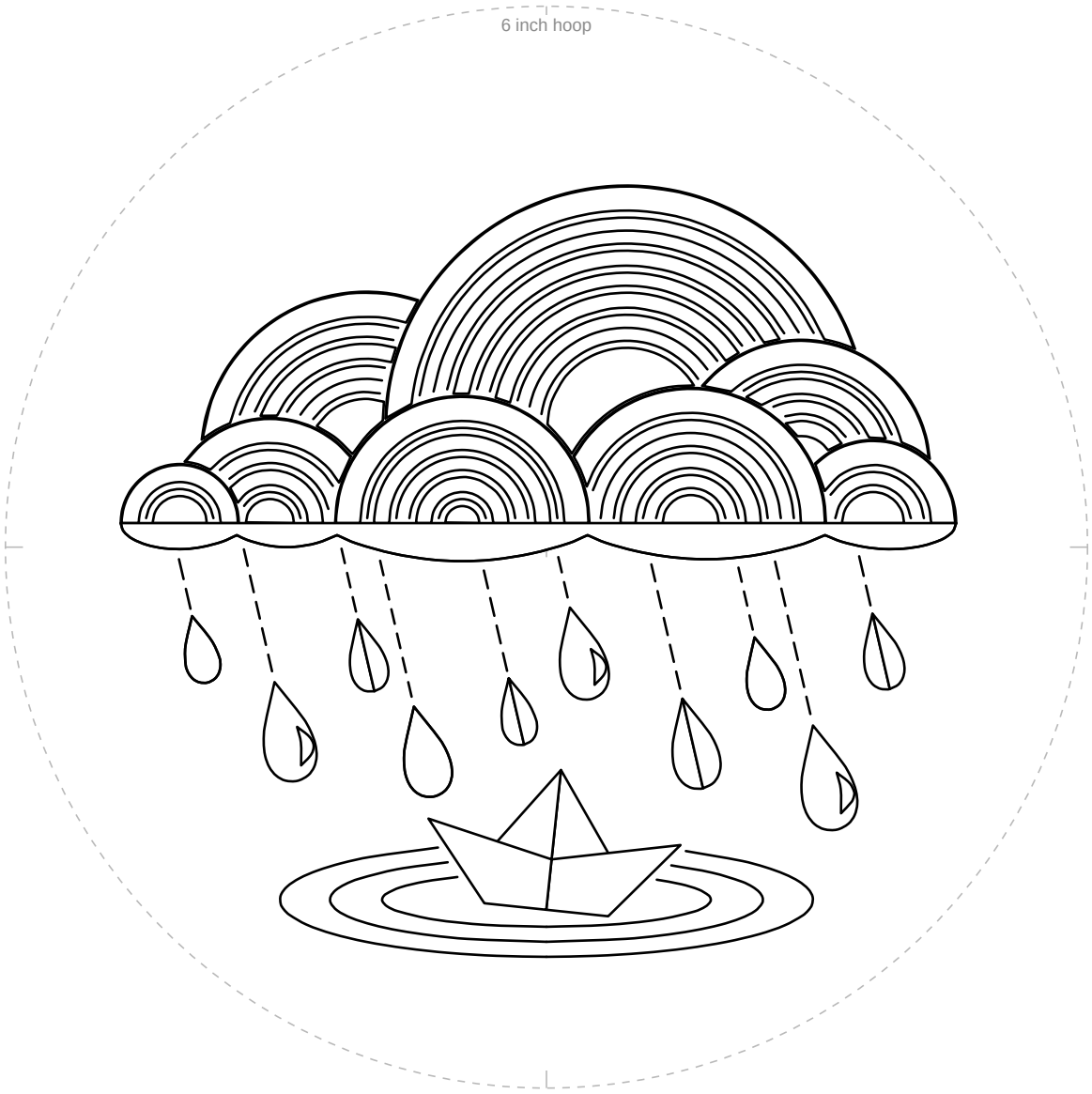
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