Dapple gray rocking horse in moonlight

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.2 in (11.4 × 10.7 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. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: skirting board
   1 strand: floorboards
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Window sky, window frame, moonlight on the floor, shadow on the floor, far legs, tail, body, near hind leg, near foreleg, ears, head, mane, saddle, girth
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Moon, window bars, window sill, window bar shadows, rocker shadow, rockers, hooves, slats, eye, breast strap
4. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: rocker edge, mouth, cheek
   2 strands: stirrup (color 16)
5. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: eye highlight
   2 strands: nostril
6. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Stirrup (color 22), bridle, reins
7. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: stars, brass studs
   2 strands: brass pegs

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.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

22 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each 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 932 Light Antique Blue	**9**	DMC 902 Very Dark Garnet	**17**	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown
2	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue	**10**	DMC 317 Pewter Gray	**18**	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
3	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	**11**	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray	**19**	DMC 712 Cream
4	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	**12**	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	**20**	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
5	DMC 3865 Winter White	**13**	DMC 3371 Black Brown	**21**	DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink
6	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	**14**	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	**22**	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
7	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	**15**	DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink		
8	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...	**16**	DMC 815 Medium Garnet		

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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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