Double decker bus on a rainy night

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.7 in (12.4 × 11.9 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

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

19 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.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Far sidewalk

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Platform wall



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Roofs, clock, house windows, shadow under the bus, roof sides, roof, lower panels, back panels, window posts, red bands, cream band, cream gutter, platform floor, stair treads, stairs, platform step, windows, passengers, newspaper, bobble hat, window bar, wheels, hubs, tail lamp, red reflections, window reflections, tail lamp reflection, boot reflection, coat reflection, umbrella reflection, lamp reflection, lamp post, street lamp, lamp cap, legs, boots, coat, coat belt, coat sleeves, hands, hair, scarf, beret, umbrella



4. **Back stitch**
   2 strands: rooftops (color 2)
   1 strand: moldings, umbrella ribs

5. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: rooftops (color 2), umbrella handle
   2 strands: platform edge, tire edges
   1 strand: roof light
   4 strands: pole

6. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: rooftops (color 3), dog collar, wet street, lines of the red reflections
   1 strand: clock hands, ripples, lamp glow, rain, splashes
   3 strands: hat cuff, umbrella tip



7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Coat folds

8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Hat bobble



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.



1	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue	8	DMC 321 Red	15	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape
2	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	9	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	16	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise
3	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	10	DMC 498 Dark Red	17	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...
4	DMC 712 Cream	11	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	18	DMC 3834 Dark Grape
5	DMC 310 Black	12	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	19	DMC 598 Light Turquoise
6	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	13	DMC 3822 Light Straw		
7	DMC 666 Bright Red	14	DMC 433 Medium Brown		

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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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