Draft horse team plowing

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.8 in (12.2 × 12.2 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.

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

24 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 948; one of each other 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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24
   Sky, sun, clouds, far hills, near hill, stubble field, plowed land, furrows, black horse, leg feather, mane, horse heads, blazes, forelocks, chestnut horse, tail, plow beam, trousers, shirt, plowman, turned sod, moldboard
2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 3, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24
   Barn, barn roof, barn door, hooves, ears, collars, eye rims, eyes, harness straps, swingletree, plow handles, coulter, boots, plowman hair, neckerchief, straw hat, plowshare, gull wings, gulls
3. **Split stitch**, colors 6, 11, 15, 19, 22, 23
   1 strand: edges of the sun, edges of the collars, edges of the swingletree, lines of the shirt, edges of the moldboard
   2 strands: lines of the brass, driving lines
4. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands, color 15
   Plow chain
5. **Straight stitch**, colors 7, 15, 16, 19, 23
   1 strand: edges of the ears, eye highlights, plow wheel (color 15), plowman mouth, gull legs
   3 strands: nostrils
   2 strands: gull wing tips, gull bills
6. **Stem stitch**, colors 11, 15, 19, 23, 24
   2 strands: tree trunks, bridles, hat band
   3 strands: hames, lines of the harness straps, plow wheel (color 15)
   1 strand: mouths
   4 strands: traces, edge
7. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 23, 24
   1 strand: trees, knots of the plow wheel, plowman eye, gull eyes
   3 strands: rosettes
   2 strands: knots of the brass

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

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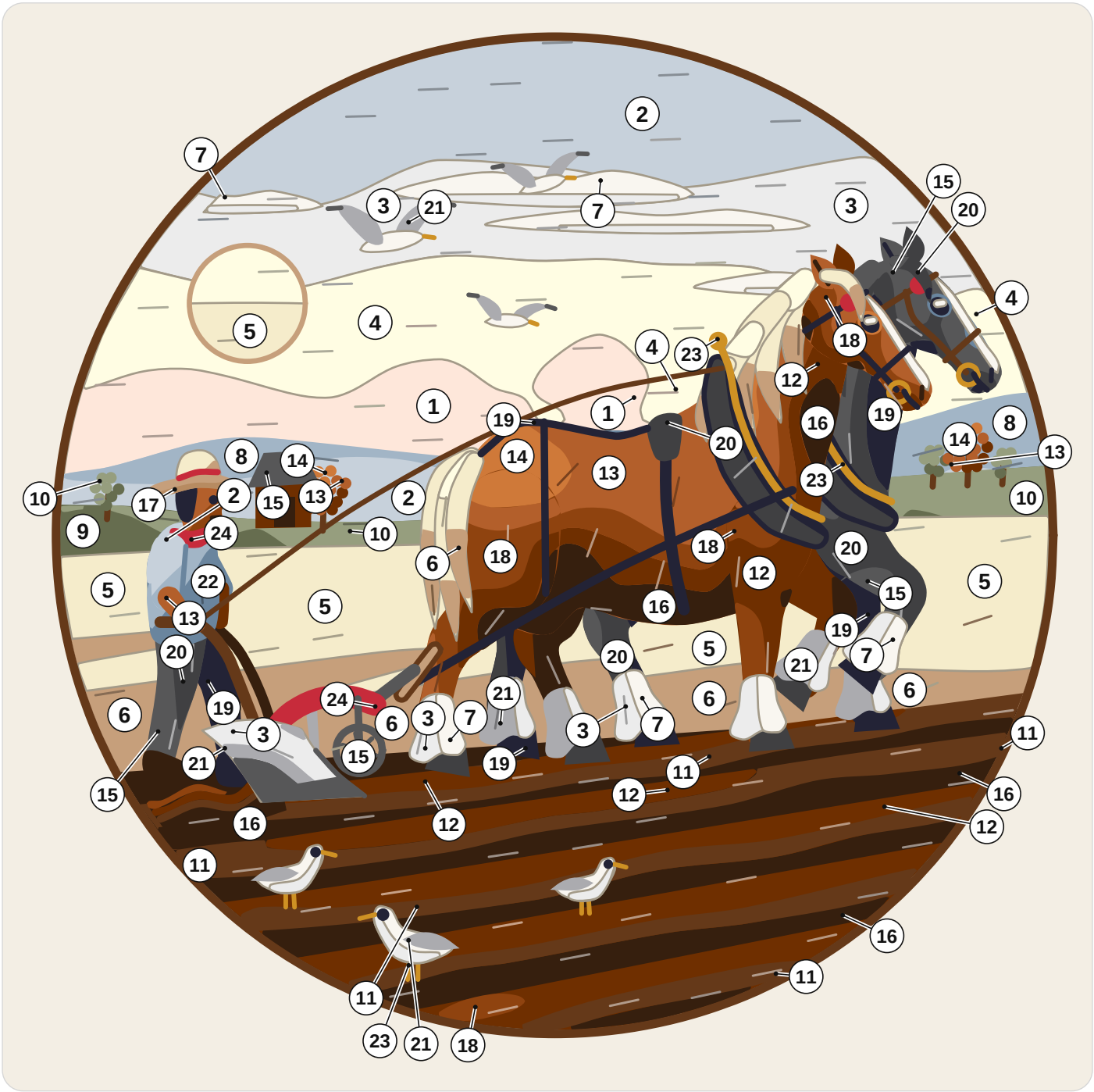
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 948 Very Light Peach	9	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green	17	DMC 3828 Hazelnut Brown
2	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	10	DMC 522 Fern Green	18	DMC 400 Dark Mahogany
3	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	11	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	19	DMC 310 Black
4	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow	12	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany	20	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray
5	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold	13	DMC 301 Medium Mahogany	21	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
6	DMC 422 Light Hazelnut Brown	14	DMC 3776 Light Mahogany	22	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue
7	DMC 3865 Winter White	15	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray	23	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
8	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	16	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	24	DMC 321 Red

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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.



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