Easy rainbow northern lights and peaks

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 4.6 in (11.4 × 11.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: indigo cotton or linen.

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3705 Dark Melon**
  Aurora rays and lake reflection (darkest)
- **2 DMC 727 Very Light Topaz**
  Aurora rays and lake reflection (lightest), stars
- **3 DMC 955 Light Nile Green**
  Aurora rays and lake reflection (middle), aurora hem
- **4 DMC 3846 Light Bright Turquoise**
  Aurora rays and lake reflection (light)
- **5 DMC 210 Medium Lavender**
  Shaded slopes, aurora rays and lake reflection (dark)
- **6 DMC BLANC White**
  Lit slopes, peak outlines and snow drifts
- **7 DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green**
  Spruces and spruce trunks

Stitch in this order

1. **Straight stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Aurora rays, stars
2. **Whipped back stitch**, 6 strands
   Aurora hem
3. **Stem stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Lit slopes, snow drifts
4. **Back stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Shaded slopes, peak outlines, spruce trunks
5. **Running stitch**, 3 strands
   Lake reflection
6. **Fly stitch**, 3 strands
   Spruces

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How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Start each thread with a small knot on the back, and end it by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

A dashed line is running stitch.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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How many strands

Straight stitch. 4 strands: aurora rays; 2 strands: stars.
Stem stitch. 3 strands: snow drifts; 2 strands: lit slopes.
Back stitch. 4 strands: peak outlines; 2 strands: shaded slopes, spruce trunks.

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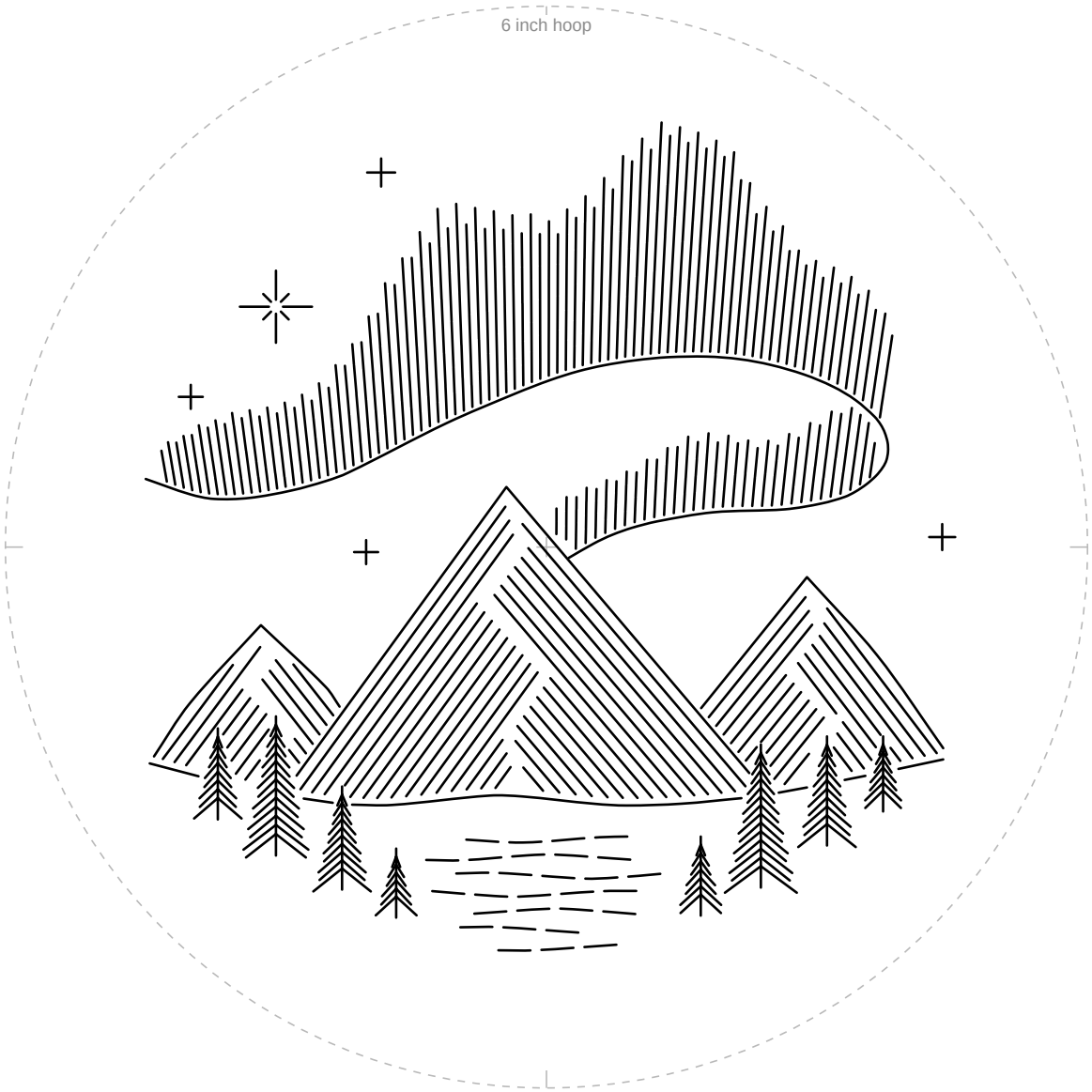
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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