Easy unicorn head with a daisy mane

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.3 × 3.9 in (8.4 × 9.9 cm).



Which color goes where. Each number is a stitch of the list.
Fabric: indigo cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

1. **Back stitch**
   3 strands: head and neck, mouth, eye, ear, horn
   2 strands: inner ear
2. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: nostril, horn
   2 strands: eyelashes
3. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 3 strands
   Daisies
4. **French knot**
   3 strands, two wraps
   Daisy centers

Floss

- **DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Daisies (lighter), head and neck, ear, eye, eyelashes, mouth and nostril
- **DMC 3608 Very Light Plum**
  Daisies (darker), inner ear
- **DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Horn and daisy centers

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.

Each small ring is one French knot. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point.

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

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 2 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 2 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 2 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 2 is the pattern at actual size (page 3 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.

What you need

Beginner. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, in indigo. Embroidery needle: size 7. Skeins: one of each color is enough. An estimate for the 6 inch hoop, from the length of each line and the area of each filled shape, with a fifth added for tails.

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6 inch hoop

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

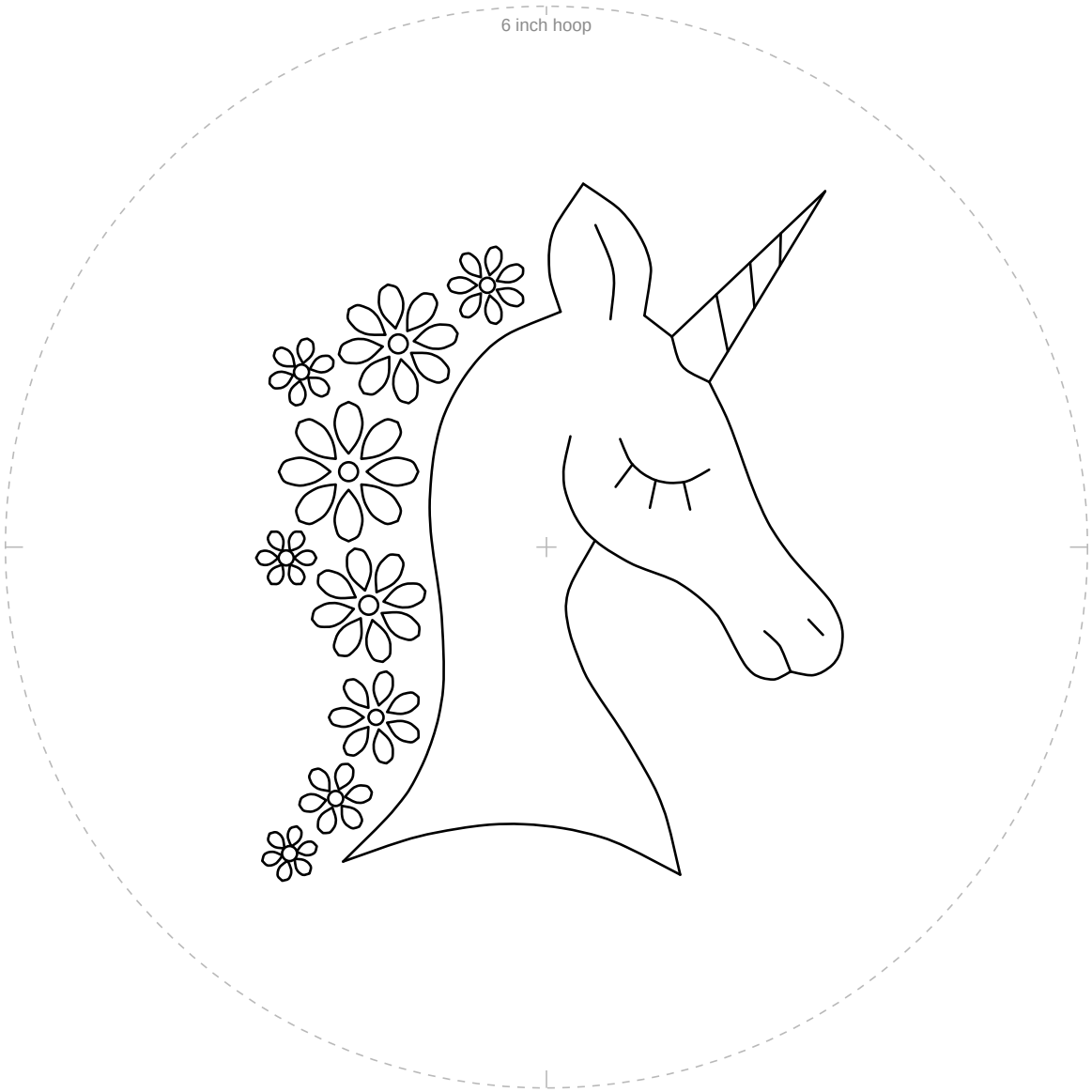
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6 inch hoop

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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