Closed lashes

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.4 in (11.9 × 11.2 cm)



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

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.

24 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 161; one of each other 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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
   Moon, eyelids, brows, lips, clouds, sleeping star
2. **Satin stitch**, colors 5, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 21, 23, 24
   1 strand: lashes, lash line, nose, parting of the lips, cloud wisps
   2 strands: stars

Stitch in this order, continued

3. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand, colors 12, 13, 24
   Crease, star lashes (color 13), star smile
4. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand, color 13
   Star lashes (color 13)
5. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps, color 5
   Star knots

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 161 Gray Blue	9	DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink	17	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue
2	DMC 160 Medium Gray Blue	10	DMC 778 Very Light Antique Mauve	18	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue
3	DMC 157 Very Light Cornflower Blue	11	DMC 3836 Light Grape	19	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue
4	DMC 159 Light Gray Blue	12	DMC 3835 Medium Grape	20	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue
5	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	13	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue	21	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow
6	DMC 712 Cream	14	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	22	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
7	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow	15	DMC 3688 Medium Mauve	23	DMC 3822 Light Straw
8	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink	16	DMC 3687 Mauve	24	DMC 783 Medium Topaz

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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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