Flying saucer with beams

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

23 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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
   Far firs, near firs, meadow, pines, belly, glass dome, beams, pools of light, hare, pale chest, haunch, near bank



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 21, 22, 23
   Great stars, rim edge, rim, upper deck, inner deck, rim through the glass, light on the glass, dome collar, port rings, ports, ears, ear tips, hare feet, near grass



3. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand, colors 2, 3, 4, 11, 20
   Grass tips, grass at the pools



4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, color 22
   Haunch edge

5. **Stem stitch**
   colors 1, 9, 11, 13, 14
   2 strands: belly edge, flower stems
   1 strand: lines of the rim through the glass, rim lip
   3 strands: rim of the round

6. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 1, 2, 8, 16, 18, 19
   2 strands: stars, rim lamps, eye, tail, violet flowers
   1 strand: small stars



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger 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 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	**9**	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray	**17**	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold
2	DMC 28 Medium Light Eggplant	**10**	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	**18**	DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet
3	DMC 333 Very Dark Blue Violet	**11**	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	**19**	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow
4	DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet	**12**	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	**20**	DMC 729 Medium Old Gold
5	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	**13**	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	**21**	DMC 434 Light Brown
6	DMC 29 Eggplant	**14**	DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue	**22**	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown
7	DMC 317 Pewter Gray	**15**	DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue	**23**	DMC 435 Very Light Brown
8	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	**16**	DMC 3821 Straw		

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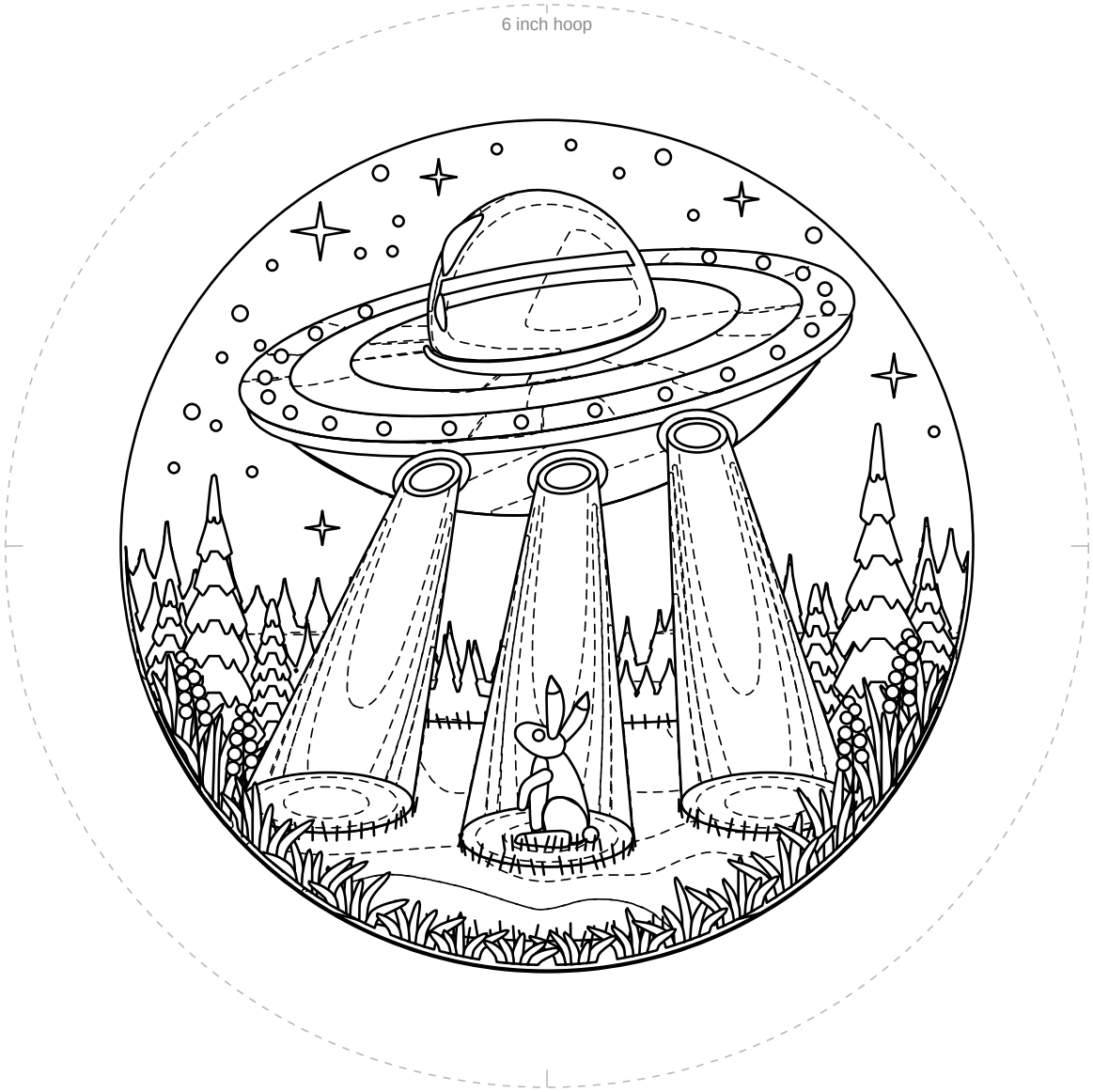
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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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