French fries in a striped carton

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.8 × 4.4 in (9.7 × 11.2 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of teal 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
   Shadow, fries, crisp ends, inside of the carton, red stripes, cream stripes, ketchup pot, ketchup



2. **Satin stitch**, colors 17, 20
   2 strands: pot rim
   1 strand: ketchup shine



Stitch in this order, continued

3. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 5, 18, 19
   Fry edges, stripe edges, edges of the pot rim

4. **Stem stitch**, colors 13, 14, 19
   2 strands: carton lip
   3 strands: carton fold

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 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	9	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	17	DMC 350 Medium Coral
2	DMC 3855 Light Autumn Gold	10	DMC 839 Dark Beige Brown	18	DMC 498 Dark Red
3	DMC 743 Medium Yellow	11	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown	19	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
4	DMC 976 Medium Golden Brown	12	DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown	20	DMC 3865 Winter White
5	DMC 433 Medium Brown	13	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	21	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray
6	DMC 434 Light Brown	14	DMC 712 Cream	22	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
7	DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown	15	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	23	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
8	DMC 838 Very Dark Beige Brown	16	DMC 321 Red		

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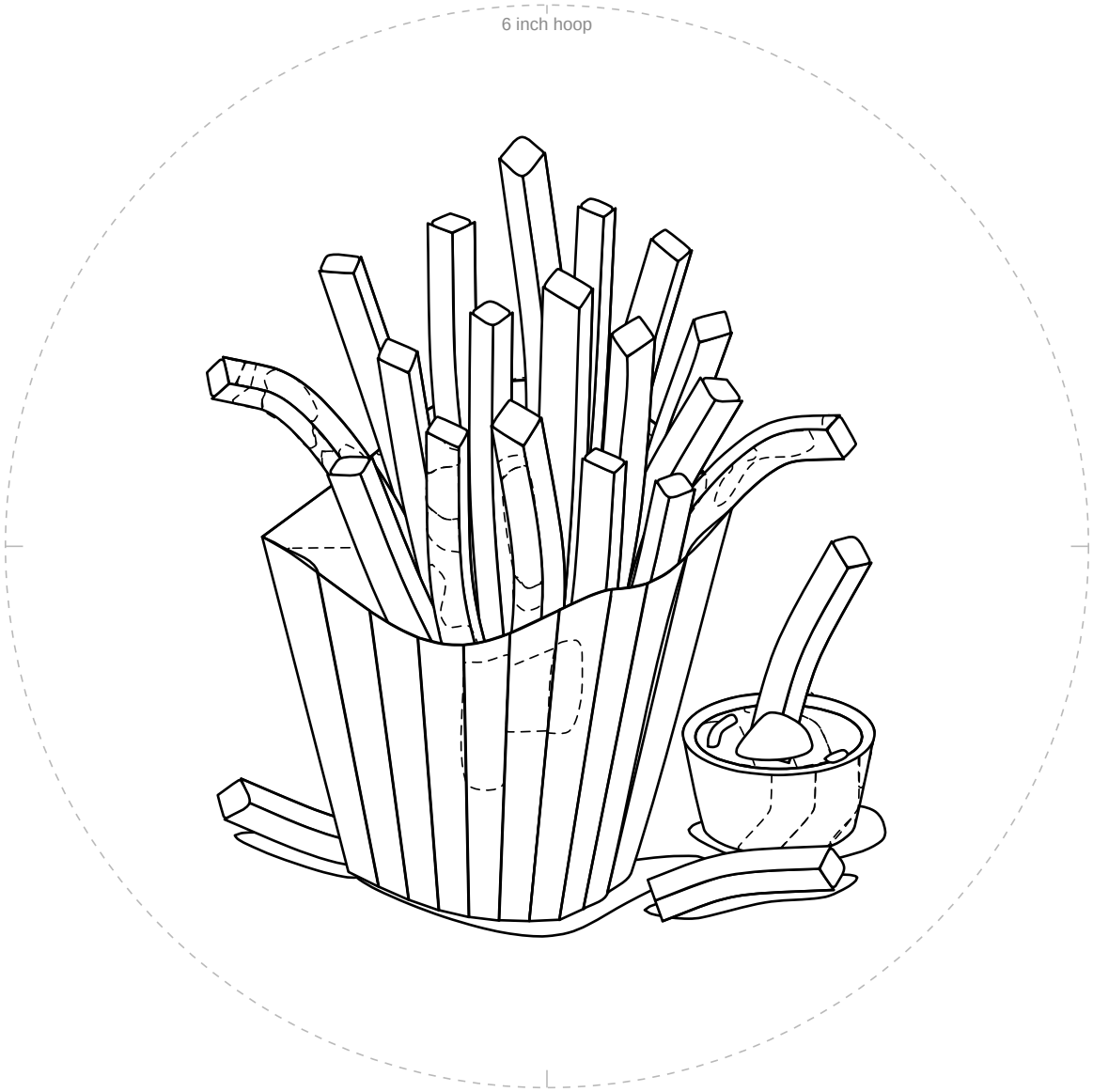
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.
On the drawing a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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