Sleeping moon ringed with stars

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 5 × 5 in (12.7 × 12.7 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.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

16 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. **Stem stitch**, 4 strands
   Wave

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Moon face, eyelids



3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Lash lines, brows, lips, large stars, small stars



5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Eyelid creases, lashes, nose, lip line, moon edge

6. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Rim



7. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Halo



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 3865 Winter White	7	DMC 3713 Very Light Salmon	13	DMC 597 Turquoise
2	DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green	8	DMC 761 Light Salmon	14	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise
3	DMC 926 Medium Gray Green	9	DMC 924 Very Dark Gray Green	15	DMC 3822 Light Straw
4	DMC 927 Light Gray Green	10	DMC 760 Salmon	16	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
5	DMC 928 Very Light Gray Green	11	DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink		
6	DMC 3770 Very Light Tawny	12	DMC 598 Light Turquoise		

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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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