Geometric camel caravan at dusk

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



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

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.

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.

Buy: 9 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 7, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of indigo cotton or linen, a white pencil.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Sun, ridge crest, chevron dune crest, triangles, fan dune crest, near dune crest, lead camel far legs, lead camel near legs, mother camel far legs, mother camel near legs, calf far legs, calf near legs, star



2. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands
   Lead camel body, mother camel body, calf body



3. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Sun chain rings, ridge chain rows, chevron dune rows, near dune chain



4. **Running stitch**
   2 strands: sun glow, near dune dashes
   3 strands: ridge dashes, fan dune rows

5. **Back stitch**, 3 strands
   Chevrons

6. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: fans, lead camel tail (color 9), mother camel tail (color 9), calf tail (color 9)
   3 strands: lead camel ear, mother camel ear, calf ear



7. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: fan edges
   3 strands: lead camel tail (color 9), mother camel tail (color 9), calf tail (color 9), round edge

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 745 Light Pale Yellow	**4**	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	**7**	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise
2	DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany	**5**	DMC 3830 Terra Cotta	**8**	DMC 3802 Very Dark Antique Mauve
3	DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose	**6**	DMC 3849 Light Teal Green	**9**	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape

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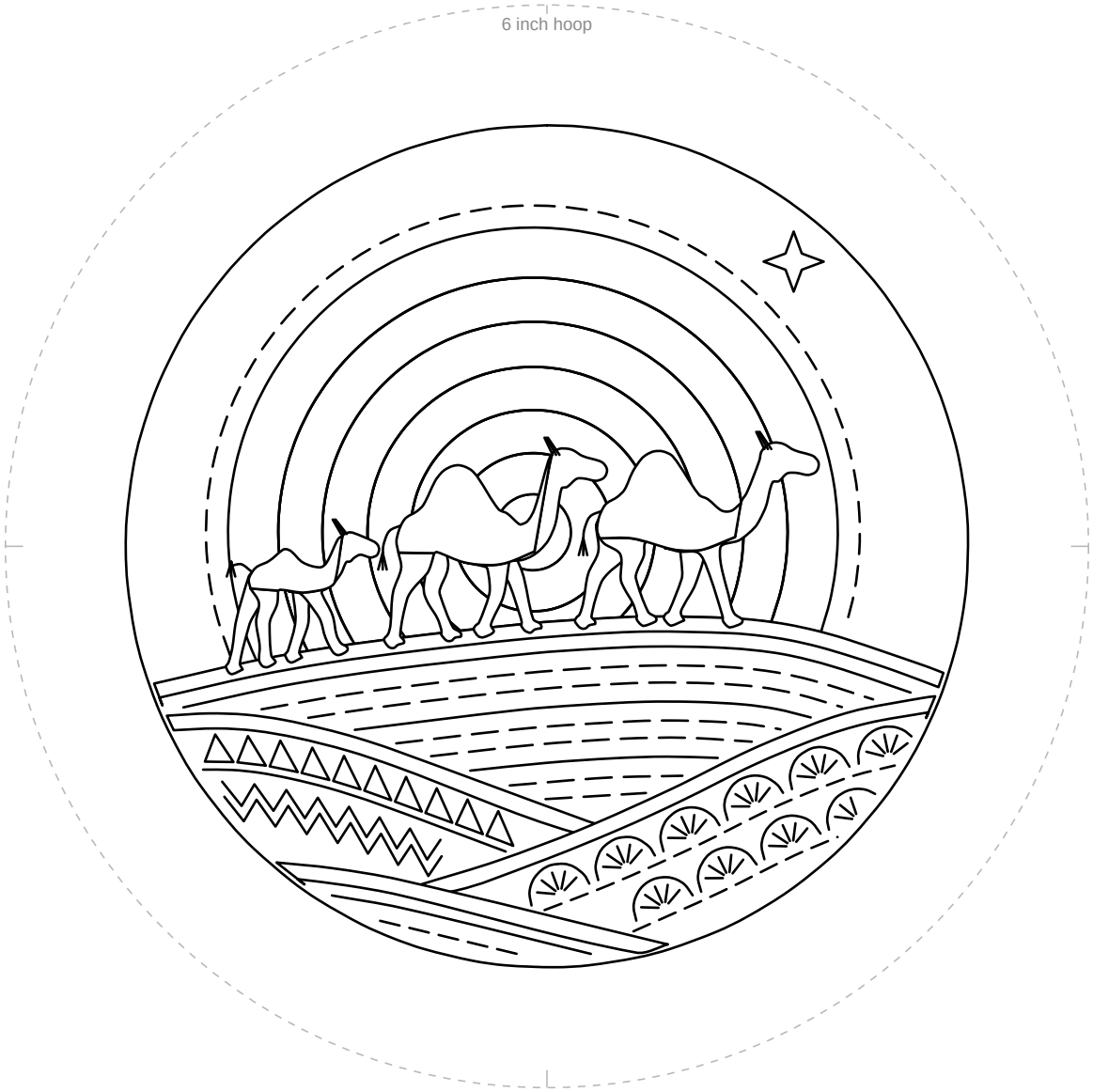
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.
On the drawing a dashed line is running stitch.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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