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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 1.7 × 4.7 in (4.3 × 11.9 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of indigo cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

7 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, 4, 5
   Body, raised arm, orange patches, haunch, head, black patches (color 5)



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7
   Border band, cushion, paws, tail, black patches (color 5), inner ears, nose, collar, bell, branch, plum blossoms, flower cups, buds, fallen petal



3. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands, color 2
   Border line



4. **Running stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 3
   Waves, cushion stitching

5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, color 5
   Closed eyes

6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 5
   Mouth

7. **Straight stitch**, colors 3, 5
   2 strands: lines of the tassels
   1 strand: whiskers, toes, bell slot, lines of the stamens



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, color 3
   Knots of the tassels, knots of the stamens



Take out lines that still show, press face down on soft cloth.

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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 321 Red
2 DMC 3865 Winter White
3 DMC 3820 Dark Straw
4 DMC 922 Light Copper
5 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray
6 DMC 761 Light Salmon
7 DMC 3862 Dark Mocha Beige

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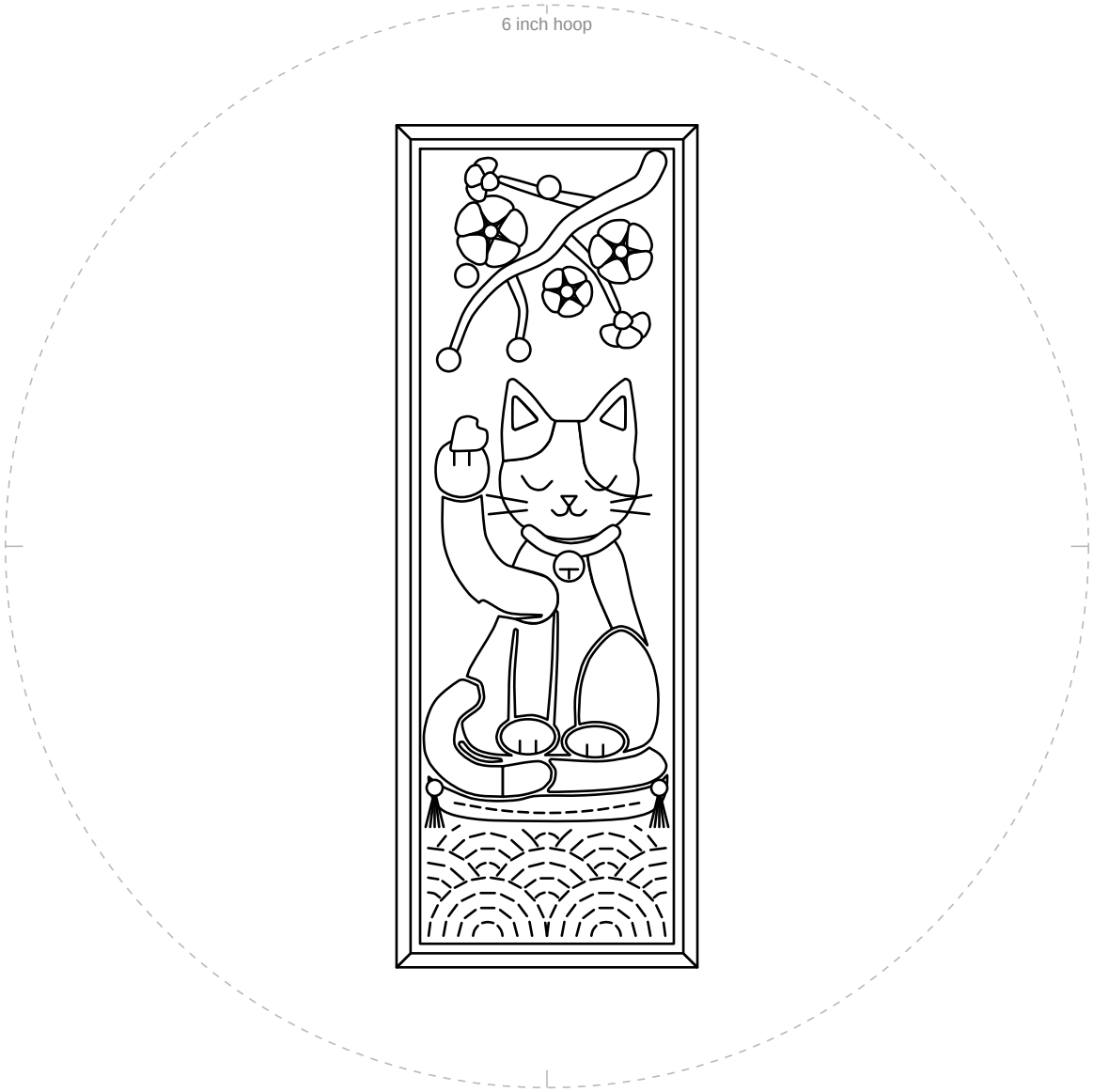
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.
On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a dashed line is running stitch.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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