Harbor seal rising from the water

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.4 in (11.4 × 11.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: sage green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of sage green 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 water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

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. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 4, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21
   Ripples, nose, eyelids, eyes, eye highlights



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 23
   Fur, muzzle and throat, wet crown, spots, wet fur, reflection



3. **Stem stitch**, colors 9, 16, 17
   3 strands: nostrils
   2 strands: mouth
   1 or 2 strands: whiskers

4. **Split stitch**, 2 strands, colors 9, 20
   Eye highlights, glints

5. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, color 18
   Whisker dots



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 926 Medium Gray Green	9	DMC 3865 Winter White	17	DMC 3371 Black Brown
2	DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green	10	DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown	18	DMC 838 Very Dark Beige Brown
3	DMC 646 Dark Beaver Gray	11	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray	19	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown
4	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	12	DMC 3032 Medium Mocha Brown	20	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue
5	DMC 645 Very Dark Beaver Gray	13	DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown	21	DMC 924 Very Dark Gray Green
6	DMC 647 Medium Beaver Gray	14	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray	22	DMC 644 Medium Beige Gray
7	DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray	15	DMC 317 Pewter Gray	23	DMC 712 Cream
8	DMC 3072 Very Light Beaver Gray	16	DMC 310 Black		

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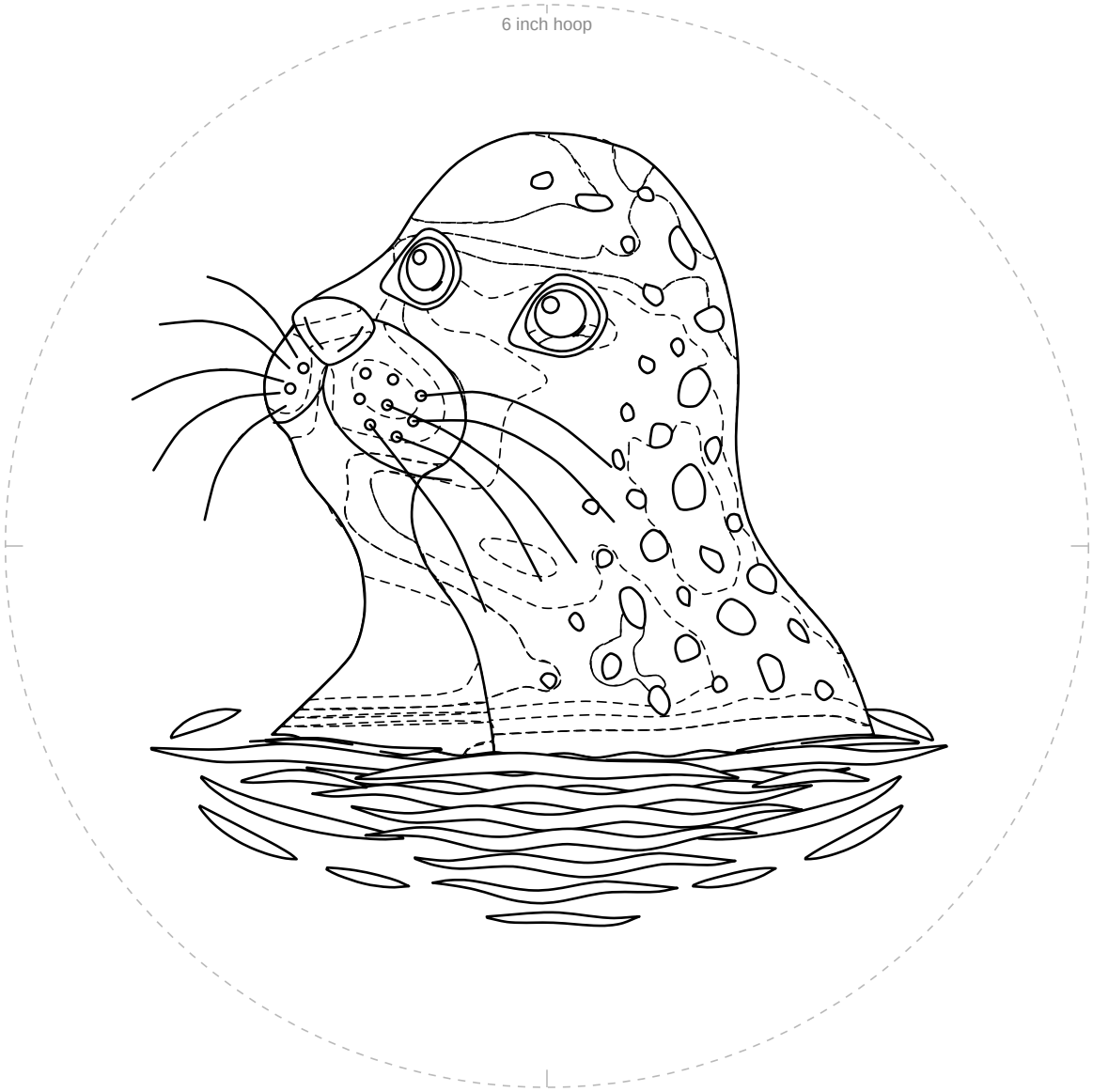
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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.



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25.4 mm

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