I’d rather be fishing, three lures

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.7 in (11.7 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: teal 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: 20 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing’s lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of teal cotton or linen, a white pencil.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Split rings

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Chugger body, red head, minnow belly, minnow back, diver body, coral belly



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tail feathers, cupped mouth, red bands, eye rings, eyes, pupils, propeller, propeller hub, diving lip, spots, words



4. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: hooks (color 1), mouth rim, gill, lines of the ring
   2 strands: scales

5. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: hooks (color 1)
   3 strands: atomic stars



6. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: lip edge
   1 strand: edges of the words

7. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: eye highlights
   2 strands: star centers, knots of the ring



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger 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 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	8	DMC 350 Medium Coral	15	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
2	DMC 415 Pearl Gray	9	DMC 3371 Black Brown	16	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise
3	DMC 321 Red	10	DMC 3865 Winter White	17	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
4	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	11	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz	18	DMC 727 Very Light Topaz
5	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	12	DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue	19	DMC 900 Dark Burnt Orange
6	DMC 712 Cream	13	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise	20	DMC 351 Coral
7	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	14	DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue		

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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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