If the broom fits, ride it

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.2 × 4.6 in (10.7 × 11.7 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.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14
   Broom bristles, bodice, face (color 3), silver hair, hat, cat (color 12)



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15
   Broom handle, sleeves, striped stockings, boots, boot cuffs, boot heels, broom binding, skirt bands, skirt hem, belt, silver braid, braid tie, face (color 13), cheek, hat band, hat brim, hat star, collar, gloves, cuffs, cat (colors 11 and 14), cat ears, cat face, stars, lettering



3. **Back stitch**, colors 1, 16
   1 strand: handle light, lines of the cat face
   2 strands: eye (color 16), smile

4. **Chain stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2
   Skirt chains



5. **Feather stitch**
   2 strands, color 10
   Skirt feathers



6. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 7
   Skirt edge, hat edge

7. **Straight stitch**
   colors 1, 4, 6, 11, 14, 16
   1 strand: bristle lines, star stitches, eye (color 16), glove fingers, cat whiskers
   2 strands: braid end, lines of the cat face, cat stripes



8. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, color 13
   Face edge

9. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2
   Crescent moon



10. **French knot**, two wraps, color 1
    1 strand: boot buttons
    2 strands: earring, bodice buttons



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 3822 Light Straw	7	DMC 3836 Light Grape	13	DMC 433 Medium Brown
2	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	8	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	14	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray
3	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	9	DMC 3835 Medium Grape	15	DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta
4	DMC 434 Light Brown	10	DMC 598 Light Turquoise	16	DMC 3371 Black Brown
5	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise	11	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray		
6	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	12	DMC 415 Pearl Gray		

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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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