Jacob’s Ladder with angels at night

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.8 × 4.8 in (12.2 × 12.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Opening, clouds, far dunes, near dunes, robes, stone, tunic, cloak
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Star rungs, wings, haloes, feet, sashes, heads, hair, hands, jacob's feet, jacob's arm, jacob's neck, jacob's hair, cloak hem, jacob's ear
3. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Wings
4. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Light rays
5. **Couching**, strands by part on page 2
   Rungs, ladder rails, border
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Sashes, hands, stars
7. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Star rungs, jacob's hair, stars

Floss

- **1 DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow**
  Opening (middle), haloes and light rays, stars (lighter), star rungs (darker)
- **2 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Border, rungs and ladder rails (lighter), opening (dark), cloak hem and sashes
- **3 DMC 712 Cream**
  Wings and opening (light), clouds (lightest), robes (shade 7 of 7), star rungs (lighter)
- **4 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Wings and clouds (dark), tunic (middle), robes (shade 4 of 7)
- **5 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue**
  Clouds, stone and tunic (light), wings (middle), stars (darker), robes (shade 6 of 7)
- **6 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Clouds (darkest), tunic (dark), robes (shade 2 of 7)
- **7 DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet**
  Far dunes (darker), near dunes (dark)
- **8 DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet**
  Near dunes (middle), far dunes (lighter), stone (dark)
- **9 DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet**
  Robes (shade 3 of 7), near dunes (light), stone (middle)
- **10 DMC 782 Dark Topaz**
  Border, rungs and ladder rails (darker)
- **11 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Jacob's neck, jacob's feet, jacob's arm and jacob's ear, heads, feet and hands (darker)
- **12 DMC 3371 Black Brown** Jacob's hair and hair
- **13 DMC 435 Very Light Brown**
  Heads, feet and hands (lighter)
- **14 DMC 3726 Dark Antique Mauve**
  Robes (shade 1 of 7)
- **15 DMC 778 Very Light Antique Mauve**
  Robes (shade 5 of 7)
- **16 DMC 921 Copper** Cloak (lighter)
- **17 DMC 918 Dark Red Copper** Cloak (darker)

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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6	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	12	DMC 3371 Black Brown		

How many strands

Couching. 6 strands: ladder rails, border; 3 or 4 strands: rungs.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: hands; 2 strands: sashes; 1 or 2 strands: stars.
French knot. 2 strands: jacob's hair, stars; 1 or 2 strands: star rungs.

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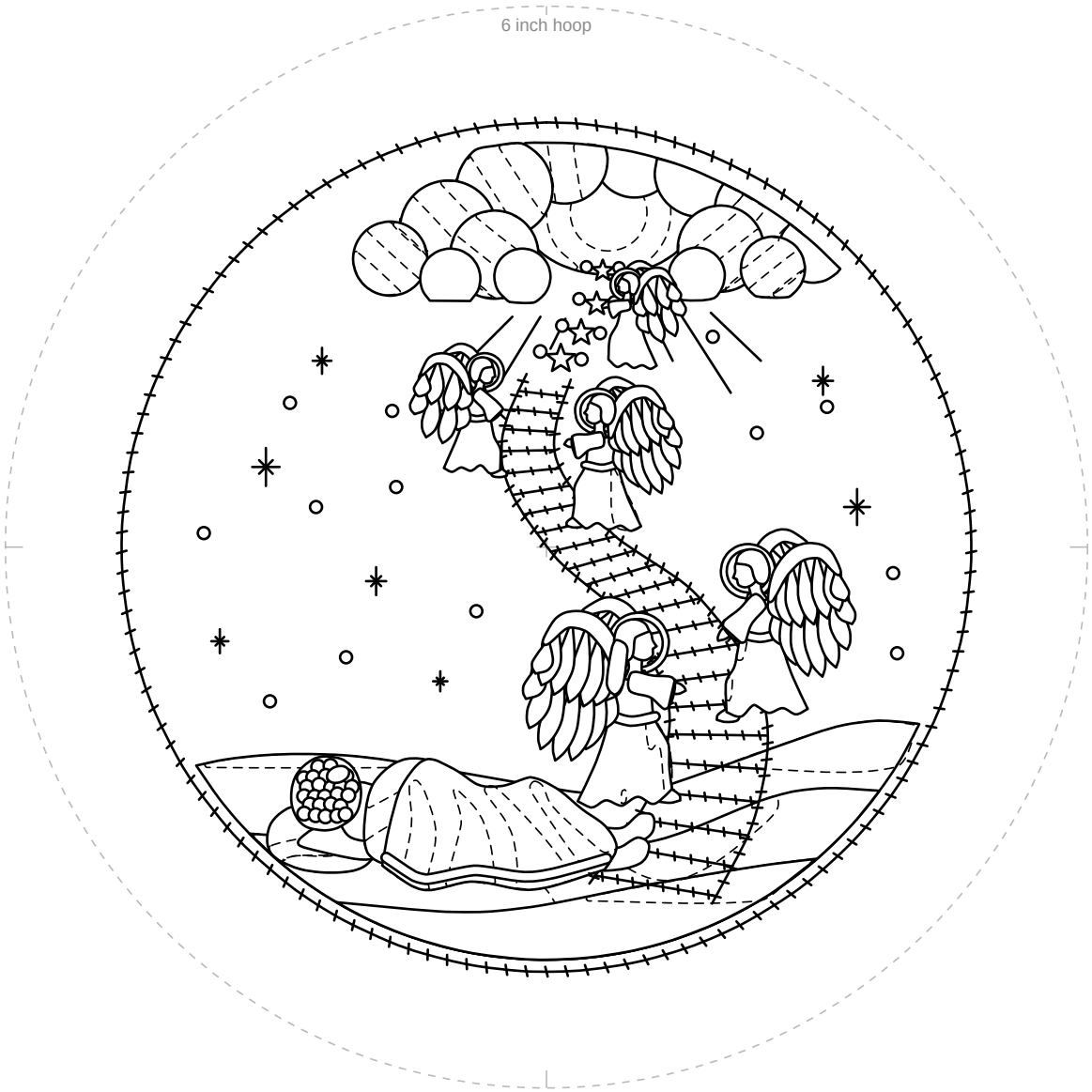
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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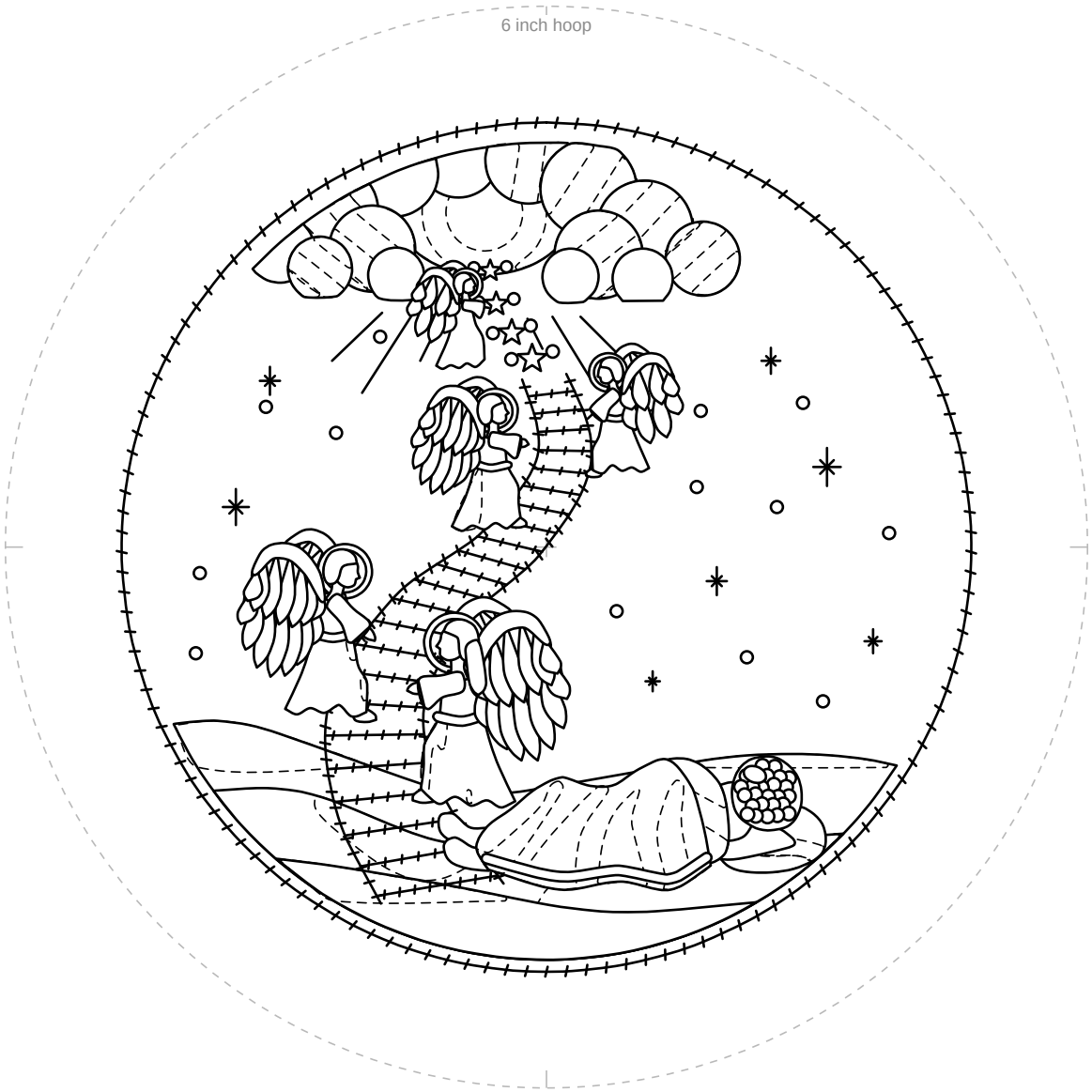
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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