Magic

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.9 × 4.6 in (9.9 × 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.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

14 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. **Couching**, 4 strands
   Gold thread
2. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Twigs
3. **Running stitch**, 1 strand
   Star trail
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Crescent moon
5. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
6. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Star berry, falling stars, letters
7. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Berry shadows
8. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries

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 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	**6**	DMC 3815 Dark Celadon Green	**11**	DMC 3816 Celadon Green
2	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray	**7**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**12**	DMC 964 Light Seagreen
3	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	**8**	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	**13**	DMC 3822 Light Straw
4	DMC 415 Pearl Gray	**9**	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green	**14**	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
5	DMC 3865 Winter White	**10**	DMC 3817 Light Celadon Green		

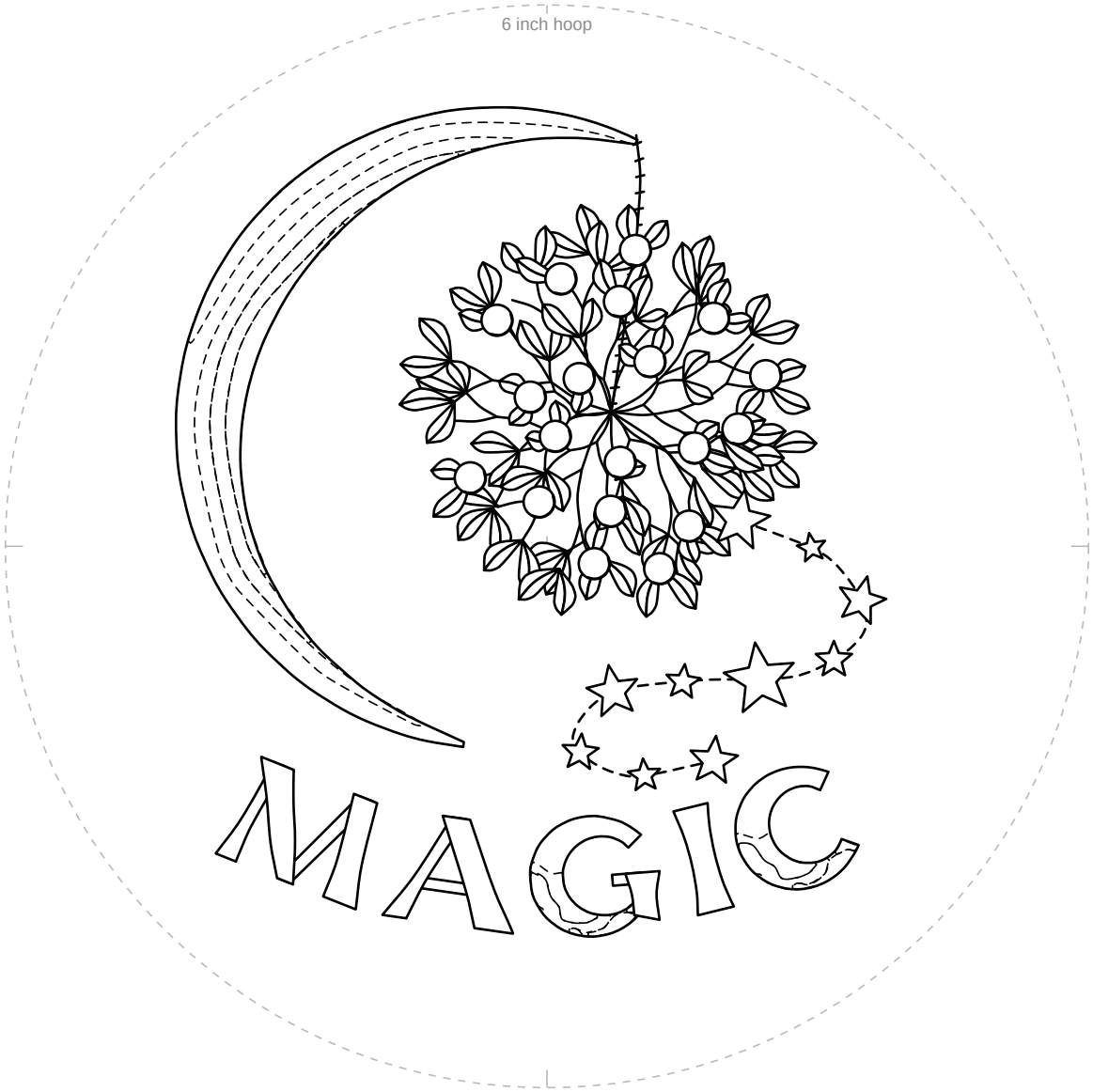
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a dashed line is running stitch; a finer one 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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