My first Fourth of July, fireworks

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: indigo cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bunting, chimneys, houses, roofs, doors, windows, path, words
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Ground
3. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Trails, words
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Star fireworks, large fireworks, ring fireworks, flower stems
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Poles, tree trunks, trees
6. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Bunting cord, roof edges
7. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
   Trees
8. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 1 strand
   Flower leaves

Floss

- **1 DMC 921 Copper** Trails (dark), sparks (shade 1 of 7)
- **2 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Large fireworks and trails (middle), path (darker), houses (dark) and 3 more parts
- **3 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Words (darker), large fireworks (light), sparks (shade 6 of 7) and 5 more parts
- **4 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Words (lighter), sparks (shade 7 of 7), houses (lightest) and 5 more parts
- **5 DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon**
  Star fireworks and large fireworks (dark), flowers (darkest), sparks (shade 2 of 7)
- **6 DMC 3341 Apricot**
  Star fireworks (middle light), sparks (shade 4 of 7)
- **7 DMC 321 Red** Roofs (dark), bunting and star fireworks (darkest)
- **8 DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue**
  Ring fireworks (middle), houses and star fireworks (light), sparks (shade 5 of 7)
- **9 DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue**
  Houses (middle), ring fireworks and flowers (dark), bunting and roofs (light)
- **10 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Poles and bunting cord, doors and roof edges (light)
- **11 DMC 782 Dark Topaz** Roofs (middle), tree trunks
- **12 DMC 503 Medium Blue Green** Trees (light)
- **13 DMC 502 Blue Green**
  Ground (light), trees (middle), bushes (lighter)
- **14 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green**
  Ground (middle), bushes (darker), trees (dark)
- **15 DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta**
  Houses (darkest), chimneys
- **16 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Roofs (darkest), roof edges and doors (dark)
- **17 DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue** Doors and roof edges (middle)
- **18 DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green** Ground (dark)
- **19 DMC 369 Very Light Pistachio Green**
  Flower leaves and flower stems

Stitches, continued

9. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Sparks, pole tops, trees, bushes, flowers

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. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point. 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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How many strands

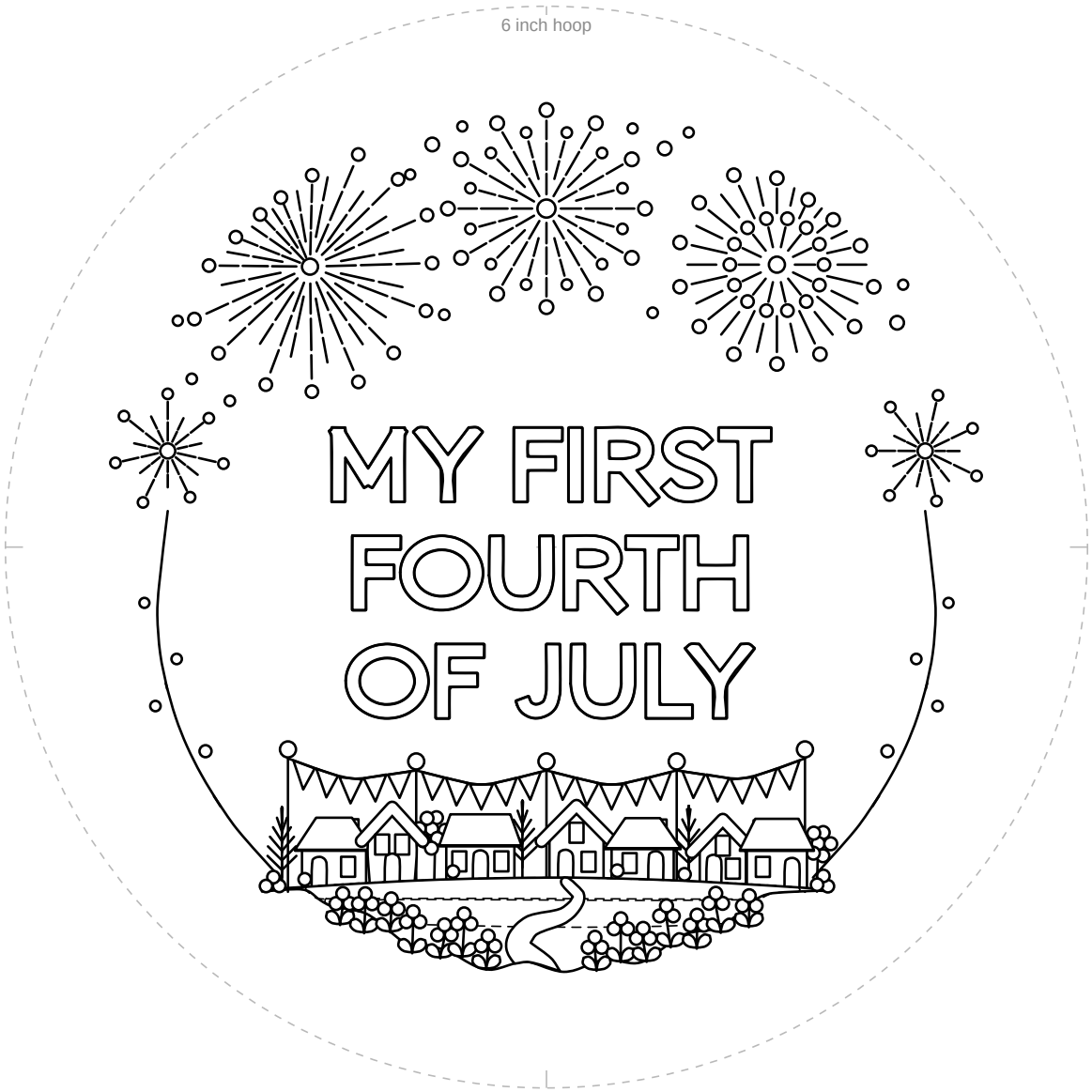
Split stitch. 1 to 4 strands: trails; 1 strand: words.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: star fireworks, flower stems; 1 or 2 strands: large fireworks, ring fireworks.
Stem stitch. 2 or 3 strands: tree trunks; 2 strands: poles; 1 strand: trees.
Back stitch. 2 strands: bunting cord; 1 strand: roof edges.
French knot. 2 strands: pole tops, trees, bushes, flowers; 1 or 2 strands: sparks.

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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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