Nebula over a mountain lake

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: black 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
   Glowing light, coral clouds, plum clouds, teal clouds, dark towers, far peaks, near peaks, lake, firs, spit, near bank
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Mirrored peaks, mirrored towers, shore, tent light on the lake, tent, stars, rim
3. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
   Firs
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Firs, tent edges, shore grasses
5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Tent edges
6. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Stars

Floss

- **1 DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue**
  Glowing light (shade 1 of 8), plum clouds (darkest) and 10 more parts
- **2 DMC 154 Very Dark Grape**
  Plum clouds and dark towers (dark), glowing light (shade 2 of 8), mirrored towers
- **3 DMC 3834 Dark Grape**
  Coral clouds (darkest), glowing light (shade 3 of 8) and 3 more parts
- **4 DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry**
  Glowing light (shade 4 of 8), coral clouds (dark), lake (shade 5 of 9) and 1 more part
- **5 DMC 351 Coral**
  Glowing light (shade 5 of 8), coral clouds (middle), lake (shade 7 of 9)
- **6 DMC 352 Light Coral**
  Glowing light (shade 6 of 8), coral clouds (light), lake (shade 8 of 9)
- **7 DMC 3824 Light Apricot**
  Glowing light (shade 7 of 8), coral clouds (lightest), lake (shade 9 of 9)
- **8 DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow**
  Glowing light (shade 8 of 8), tent and tent light on the lake (light), stars
- **9 DMC 3835 Medium Grape**
  Plum clouds (light), lake (shade 6 of 9)
- **10 DMC 3836 Light Grape**
  Plum clouds, far peaks and near peaks (lightest)
- **11 DMC 598 Light Turquoise** Teal clouds (light)
- **12 DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise**
  Lake (shade 4 of 9), teal clouds (dark), spit and near bank (light)
- **13 DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise** Teal clouds (middle)
- **14 DMC 964 Light Seagreen** Teal clouds (lightest)
- **15 DMC 32 Dark Blueberry**
  Far peaks and near peaks (dark), rim, lake (shade 2 of 9), mirrored peaks (lighter)
- **16 DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet** Far peaks and near peaks (light)
- **17 DMC 3854 Medium Autumn Gold**
  Tent and tent light on the lake (middle)
- **18 DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz**
  Tent and tent light on the lake (dark), tent edges
- **19 DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green**
  Firs, near bank and spit (middle)
- **20 DMC 502 Blue Green** Firs (light), shore grasses

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

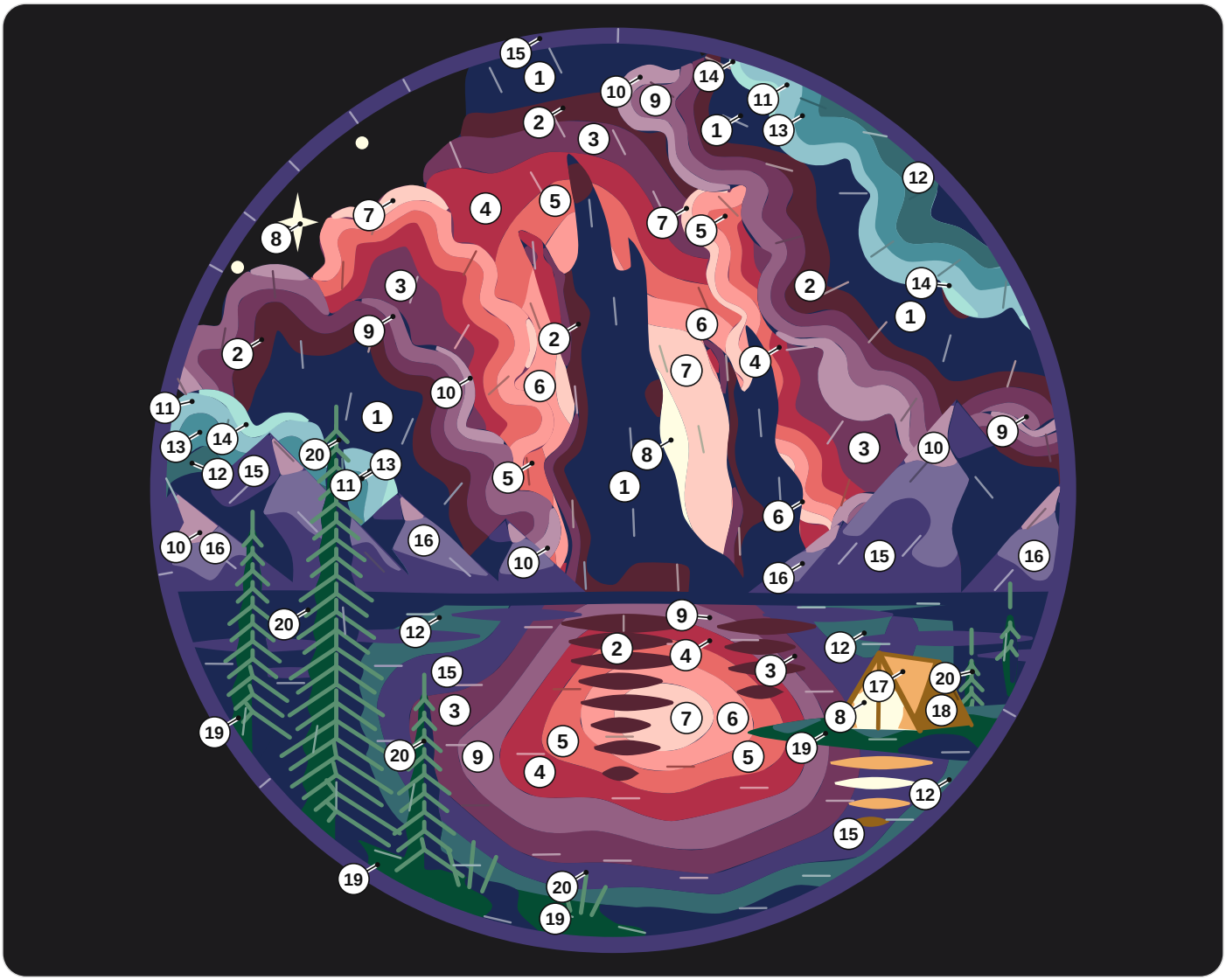
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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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How many strands

Straight stitch. 2 strands: firs, shore grasses; 1 strand: tent edges.

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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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