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



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of navy cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

20 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. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Fountain

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Clouds, whale, back fin, flipper



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cloud crests, belly grooves, eye, cottage walls, chimney, roof, lit window, door, stars, letters



4. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: cloud curls
   3 strands: mouth, smoke

5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Eye folds, whale edge, edges of the flipper, edges of the moon

6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Window bars

7. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: tree trunk
   1 strand: sky stars



8. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Moon



9. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: eye highlight, knots of the letters
   2 strands: grass, tree



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 3865 Winter White	8	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	15	DMC 3047 Light Yellow Beige
2	DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue	9	DMC 415 Pearl Gray	16	DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta
3	DMC 334 Medium Baby Blue	10	DMC 3822 Light Straw	17	DMC 3830 Terra Cotta
4	DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue	11	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	18	DMC 743 Medium Yellow
5	DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue	12	DMC 746 Off White	19	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown
6	DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue	13	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	20	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
7	DMC 336 Navy Blue	14	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow 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 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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