Ninja on a rooftop under the moon

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.3 in (11.4 × 10.9 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.

18 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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10
   Moon, wall, paper windows, roof, support arm, rear leg, body, front leg, hood, sword arm



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
   Clouds, timbers, eave shadow, tile rows, eave tiles, hip ridges, ridge, ridge tiles, ridge cap, end tiles, mist, scarf, hands, eye slit, eye, iris, brow, sword blade, hilt, guard



3. **Whipped back stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 3
   Moon edge

4. **Back stitch**, 2 strands, color 9
   Window bars

5. **Stem stitch**
   colors 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 18
   1 strand: tile courses, mist lines, wrist wraps, shin wraps, lash, hood folds, scarf edges, blade edge
   2 strands: edges of the eave tiles, hip ridge lines, end tile edge, rim highlight, sash
   3 strands: fingers

6. **Straight stitch**, colors 7, 9, 12, 17
   2 strands: ridge joints, stars
   1 strand: eye highlight, finger lines



7. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, color 12
   Small stars



Take out lines that still show, press face down on soft cloth.

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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 3822 Light Straw	7	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	13	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red
2	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	8	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue	14	DMC 352 Light Coral
3	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	9	DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown	15	DMC 350 Medium Coral
4	DMC 746 Off White	10	DMC 310 Black	16	DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany
5	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	11	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	17	DMC BLANC White
6	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	12	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	18	DMC 415 Pearl Gray

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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 dashed line is whipped back 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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