Oh baby

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.3 in (11.7 × 10.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

22 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

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
   Legs

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Clouds, flight feathers, small wing feathers, far wing, tail, body and neck, near wing, sling, baby face, swaddle



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Knees, bill, eye patch, sling stripe, sling lining, cheeks, baby hair, knot, letters



4. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Toes

5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Flight feather edges, covert edges, tail edges, body edge, breast feathers, bill line, sling folds, lines of the baby hair, swaddle folds, sling edge, knot folds

6. **Running stitch**, 1 strand
   Sling stitching

7. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Eyes and brows, nose and mouth (color 9)

8. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Eye highlight, nose and mouth (color 20)



9. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Eye



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 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	9	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red	17	DMC 435 Very Light Brown
2	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	10	DMC 349 Dark Coral	18	DMC 437 Light Tan
3	DMC 3865 Winter White	11	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	19	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown
4	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue	12	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	20	DMC 433 Medium Brown
5	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue	13	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	21	DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta
6	DMC 336 Navy Blue	14	DMC 3822 Light Straw	22	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
7	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	15	DMC 712 Cream		
8	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	16	DMC 436 Tan		

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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 running stitch; a finer one inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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