Primitive sheep and night sky

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 3.8 in (12.4 × 9.7 cm)



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

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.

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.

Buy: 15 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of indigo cotton or linen, a white pencil.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Back stitch**, 3 strands
   Sheep outline
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Face
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Legs, hooves, tail, check, collar, ear, eye, bell, moon, stars, house, chimney, roof, windows, door
4. **Blanket stitch**, 2 strands
   Rim
5. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Blanket bands (colors 1, 5 and 6), ground (color 14)
6. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: lines of the daisy band, eye highlight
   2 strands: nose and mouth (color 9), seed heads
7. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Blanket bands (colors 1, 5 and 6), grass
8. **Herringbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Blanket bands (colors 1 and 6)
9. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Nose and mouth (color 9)
10. **Feather stitch**, 2 strands
    Ground (color 15)
11. **Running stitch**, 2 strands
    Ground (color 14)
12. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
    Loops of the daisy band
13. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Knot row, topknot, knots of the bell, knots of the ground

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 842 Very Light Beige Brown	**6**	DMC 927 Light Gray Green	**11**	DMC 680 Dark Old Gold
2	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray	**7**	DMC 841 Light Beige Brown	**12**	DMC 833 Light Golden Olive
3	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown	**8**	DMC 3830 Terra Cotta	**13**	DMC 355 Dark Terra Cotta
4	DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown	**9**	DMC 3371 Black Brown	**14**	DMC 523 Light Fern Green
5	DMC ECRU Ecru	**10**	DMC 729 Medium Old Gold	**15**	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green

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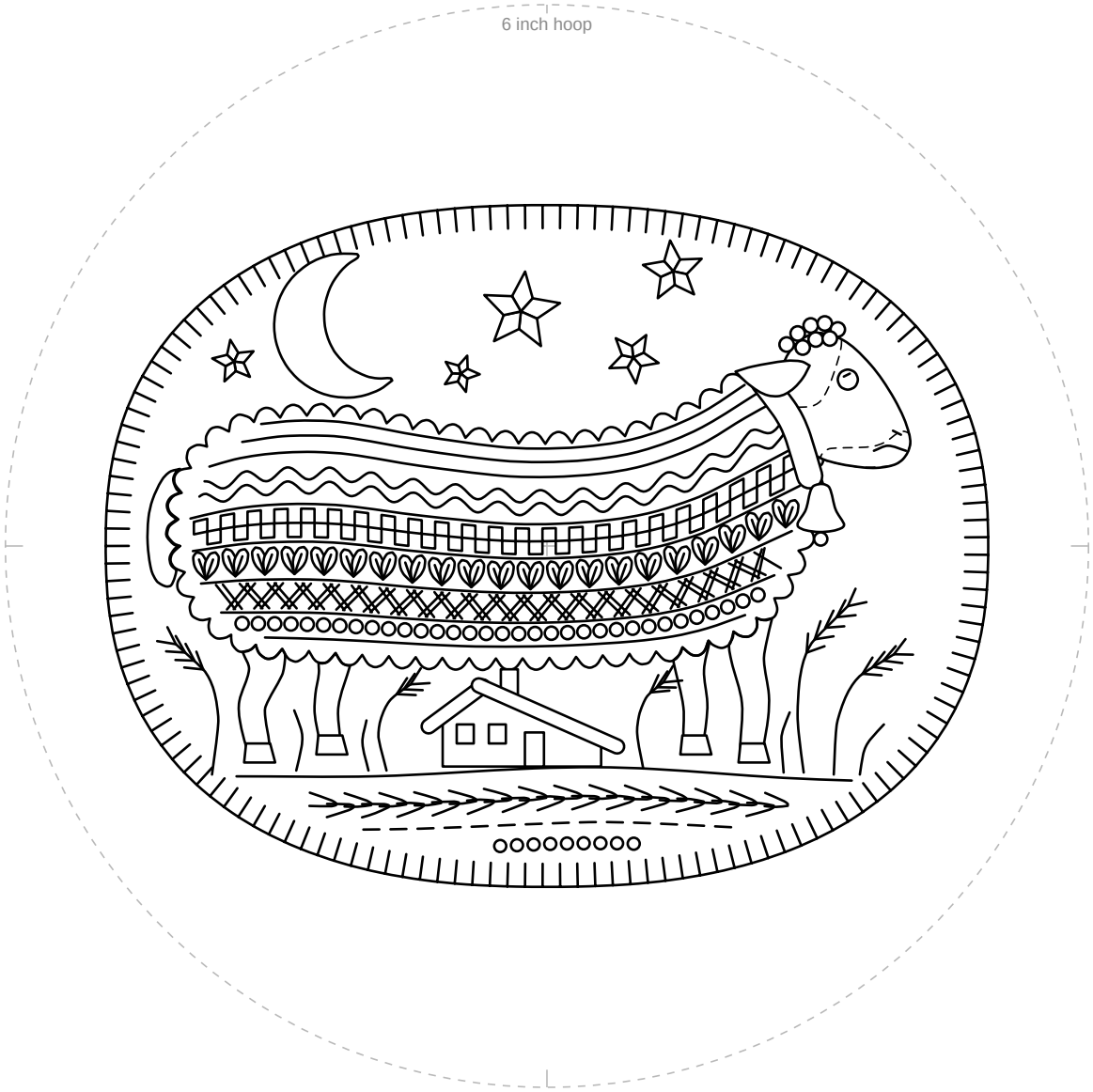
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; 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

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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