Rainbow baby after the storm

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 4.7 in (11.9 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue 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**
   strands by part on page 2
   Sky, storm clouds, far hills, meadow, arms, blanket, baby face, baby ear, neck and back, dress, ear, hair, curls
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Rainbow, wet gleam, baby cheeks, baby mouth, fingers, waist sash, hair tie, poppies
3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Blanket fold, baby brows, baby nose, spine line
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Baby eyes, neckline, sleeve edges, grass blades, flower stems, round edge
5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Finger lines
6. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Baby curls, earring, curls, poppies, poppy hearts, buttercups

Floss

- **1 DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow** Sky (lightest), blanket (lighter)
- **2 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue** Sky (darkest), storm clouds (middle)
- **3 DMC 3743 Very Light Antique Violet**
  Sky (dark), storm clouds (light), blanket and wet gleam (darker)
- **4 DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany**
  Sky (light), storm clouds (lightest), wet gleam (lighter)
- **5 DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue**
  Storm clouds (darkest), far hills (dark), round edge
- **6 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue** Far hills (middle), storm clouds (dark)
- **7 DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet** Rainbow (dark), blanket fold
- **8 DMC 598 Light Turquoise** Rainbow (middle light)
- **9 DMC 3364 Pine Green**
  Meadow, far hills and grass blades (light), rainbow (darkest), flower stems (lighter)
- **10 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Dress and rainbow (lightest), buttercups (lighter), earring
- **11 DMC 3854 Medium Autumn Gold** Rainbow (light)
- **12 DMC 352 Light Coral**
  Rainbow (middle dark), poppies (lighter), baby cheeks
- **13 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green**
  Meadow and grass blades (dark), flower stems (darker)
- **14 DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green**
  Meadow and grass blades (lightest)
- **15 DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown**
  Neck and back and arms (dark), curls and hair (middle), finger lines and 3 more parts
- **16 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown**
  Arms, curls, neck and back and hair (light), fingers and ear
- **17 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Arms and neck and back (lightest), dress (darkest)
- **18 DMC 435 Very Light Brown** Baby face (lighter)
- **19 DMC 434 Light Brown** Baby face (darker), baby ear
- **20 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Hair and curls (dark), baby curls, neck and back and arms (darkest) and 2 more parts
- **21 DMC 351 Coral** Poppies (darker), hair tie and baby mouth
- **22 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Dress (light), buttercups (darker)
- **23 DMC 782 Dark Topaz**
  Dress (dark), waist sash, neckline and sleeve edges
- **24 DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green**
  Grass blades and meadow (darkest)

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them 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

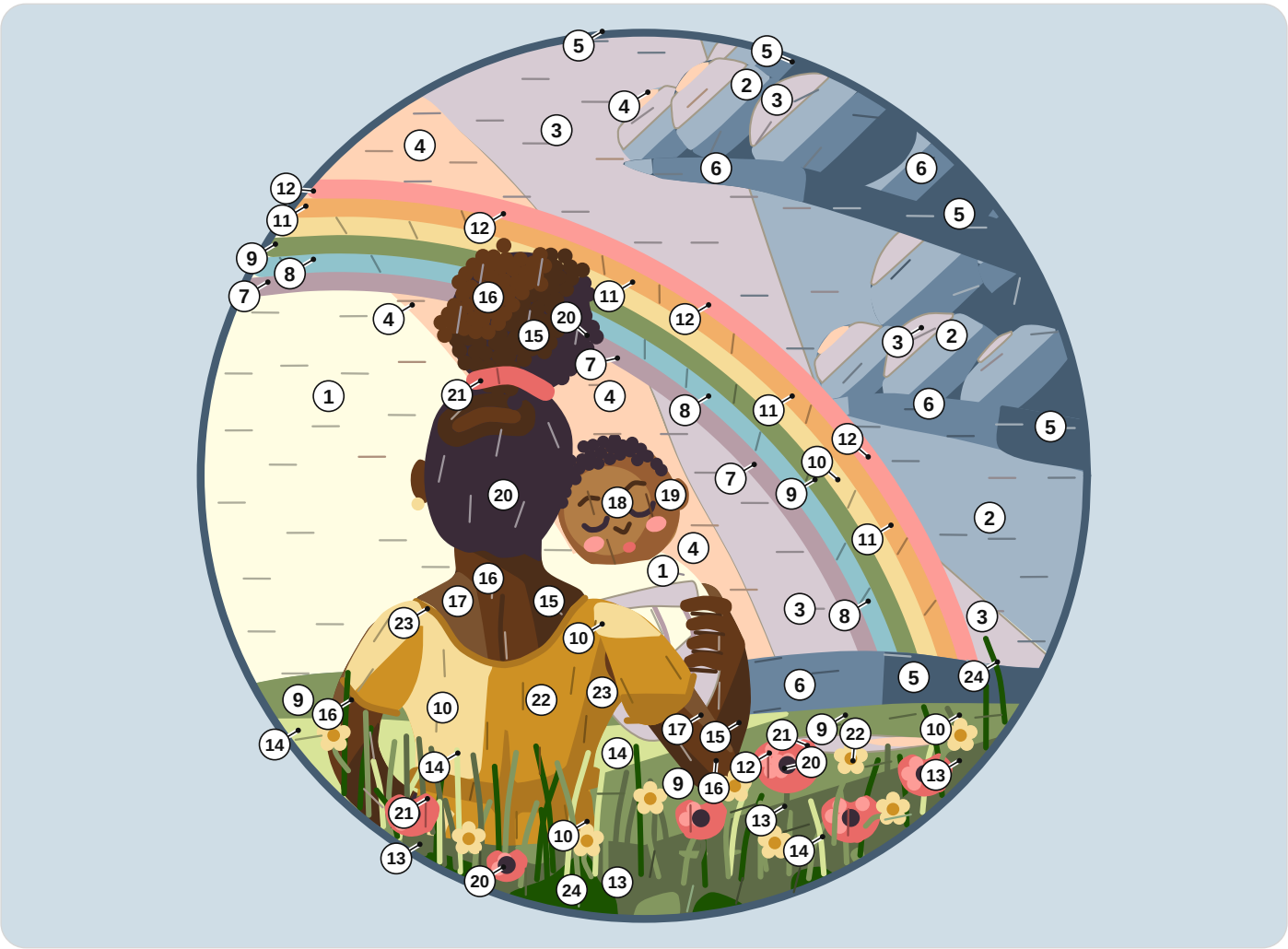
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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

Long and short stitch. 2 strands: sky, storm clouds, far hills, meadow, curls; 1 strand: arms, blanket, baby face, baby ear, neck and back, dress, ear, hair.
Stem stitch. 4 strands: round edge; 3 strands: neckline, sleeve edges; 2 strands: baby eyes, grass blades; 1 or 2 strands: flower stems.

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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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