Rainbow baby with bare feet

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4 in (11.4 × 10.2 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. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 16, 20
   Rainbow, clouds (color 9), leg cuffs, sleeve cuffs, collar, mouth



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21
   Clouds (colors 7 and 8), romper, legs, arms, heart, thumbs, soles, ears, face, cheeks, curls



3. **Chain stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 5
   Lines of the rainbow



4. **Whipped back stitch**
   2 strands, color 7
   Cream cords

5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands, colors 16, 17
   Heart edge, collar edge

6. **Split stitch**, colors 12, 15, 21
   1 strand: soft edges, sole creases, lines of the ears, nose, edges of the mouth
   2 strands: eyes, brows

7. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand, color 21
   Eyelashes



8. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 7, 13, 18
   Cloud crowns, toes



9. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 3, 21, 22
   Knots of the rainbow, knots of the curls



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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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 350 Medium Coral	9	DMC 159 Light Gray Blue	17	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red
2	DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice	10	DMC 746 Off White	18	DMC 3064 Desert Sand
3	DMC 743 Medium Yellow	11	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold	19	DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta
4	DMC 703 Chartreuse	12	DMC 3046 Medium Yellow Beige	20	DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta
5	DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue	13	DMC 407 Dark Desert Sand	21	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown
6	DMC 209 Dark Lavender	14	DMC 3772 Very Dark Desert Sand	22	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown
7	DMC 3865 Winter White	15	DMC 632 Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand		
8	DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet	16	DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green		

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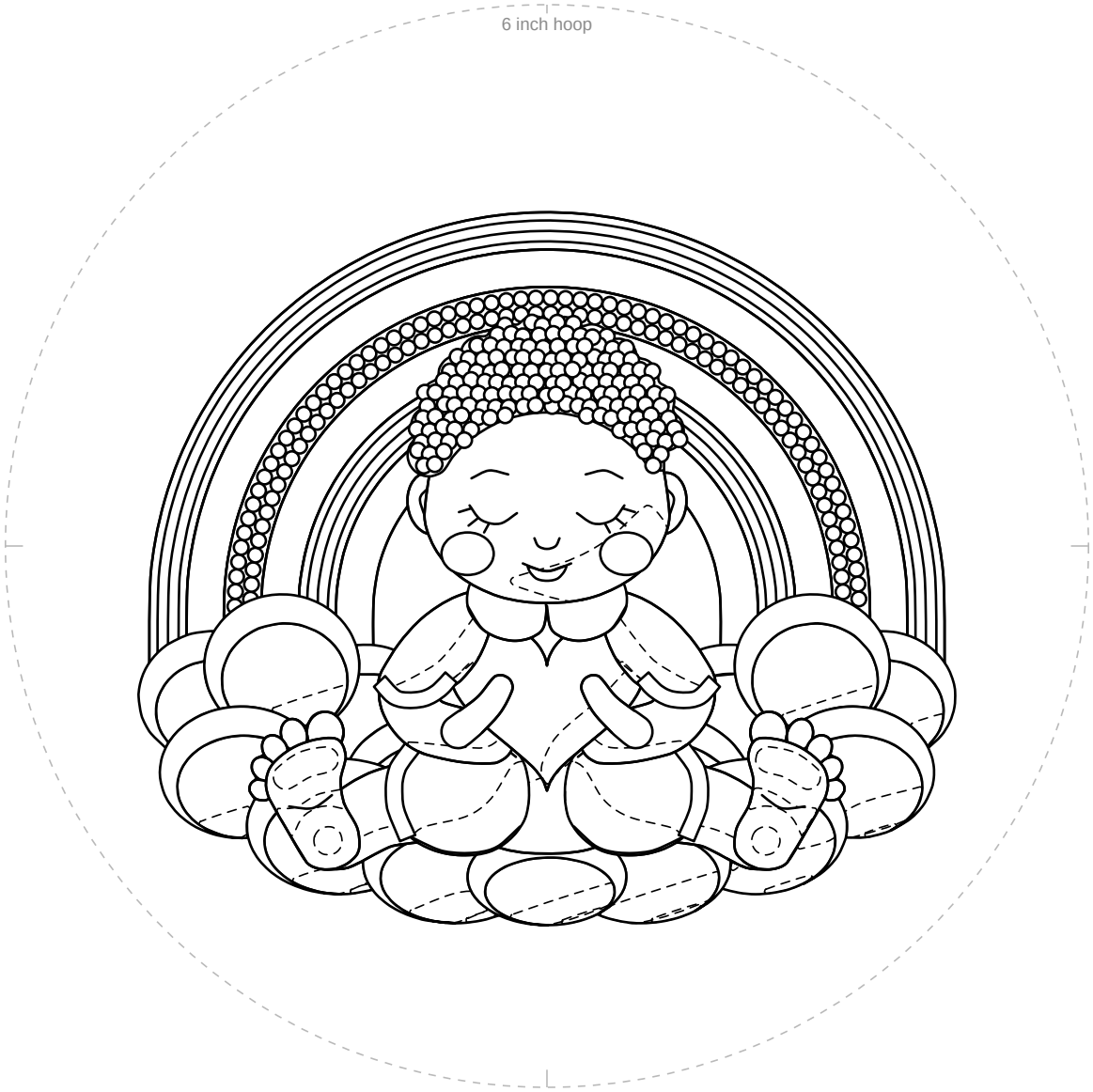
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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.



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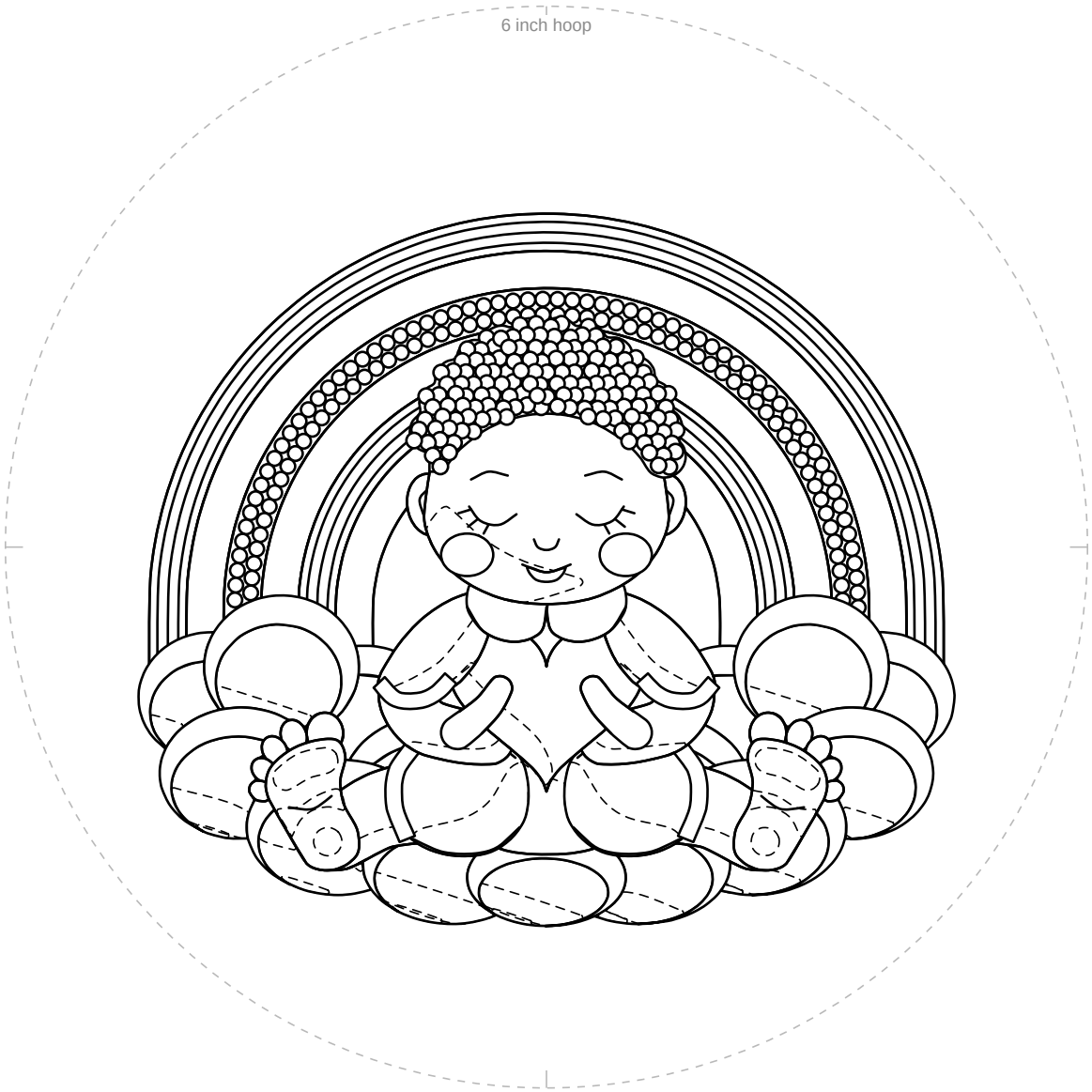
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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