Rainbow bridge with dog and cat

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.5 in (11.9 × 11.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue 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 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.

Buy: 20 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Split stitch**, 4 strands
   Rainbow

2. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Rainbow



3. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands: far hills, river, meadow, clouds
   1 strand: dog paws, dog coat, dog head, dog ears, cat paws, cat coat, cat ears, cat head, cat tail, dog tail



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Dog collar, cat collar



5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Toes

6. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Ground line

7. **Fly stitch**
   3 strands: birds
   2 strands: grass



8. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: river lights, grass (colors 2, 3 and 12)
   1 strand: lines of the daisies



9. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Loops of the daisies



10. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: knots of the clouds
    1 strand: daisy centers



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

In a 6 inch hoop the shortest lazy daisy loops are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger 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 503 Medium Blue Green	8	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet	15	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
2	DMC 989 Forest Green	9	DMC 553 Violet	16	DMC 435 Very Light Brown
3	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	10	DMC 3865 Winter White	17	DMC 437 Light Tan
4	DMC 3712 Medium Salmon	11	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	18	DMC 433 Medium Brown
5	DMC 722 Light Orange Spice	12	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	19	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
6	DMC 3822 Light Straw	13	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	20	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray
7	DMC 3755 Baby Blue	14	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray		

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6 inch hoop

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



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