Rainbow with stars

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.8 in (12.2 × 12.2 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: 21 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. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Trailing threads

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Falling star, house walls, roofs, chimneys, glowing window, cat, large stars, five-pointed stars



3. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands: ruby band, amber band, gold band, emerald band, sapphire band, amethyst band, ground
   1 strand: cloud



4. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: edges of the ruby band, edges of the amber band, edges of the gold band, edges of the emerald band, edges of the sapphire band, edges of the amethyst band
   2 strands: chimney smoke

5. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: roof edges
   2 strands: edges of the ground, cat tail

6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Window frame

7. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Window bars, dark windows, little stars



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Star dust, bushes, knots of the large stars, star knots



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

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6 inch hoop

A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon	8	DMC 911 Medium Emerald Green	15	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue
2	DMC 321 Red	9	DMC 3843 Electric Blue	16	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
3	DMC 970 Light Pumpkin	10	DMC 995 Dark Electric Blue	17	DMC 3835 Medium Grape
4	DMC 900 Dark Burnt Orange	11	DMC 209 Dark Lavender	18	DMC 161 Gray Blue
5	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz	12	DMC 3837 Ultra Dark Lavender	19	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green
6	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	13	DMC 3822 Light Straw	20	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green
7	DMC 954 Nile Green	14	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	21	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray

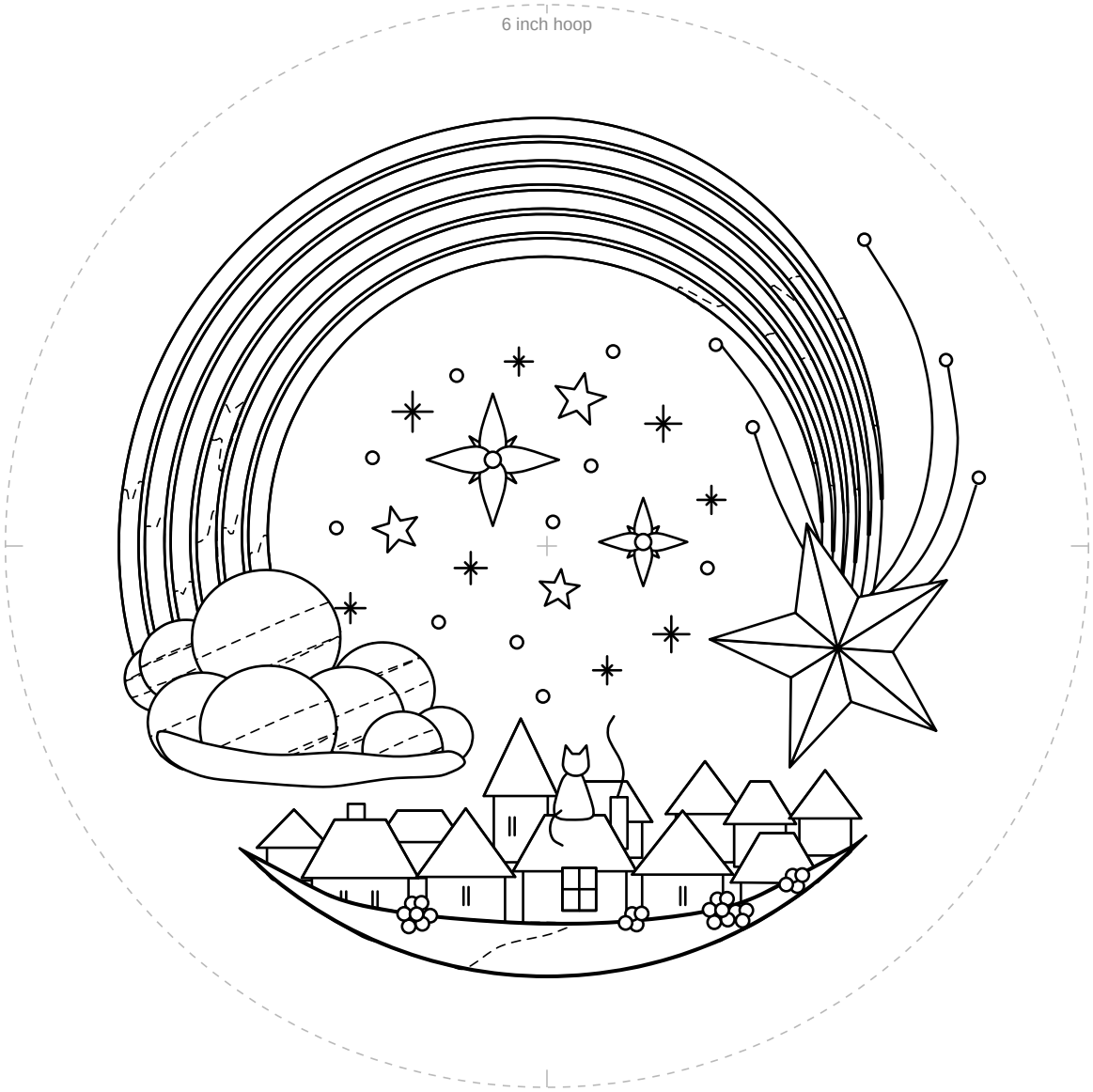
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6 inch hoop

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 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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