Rhino in many fillings

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 5 × 5 in (12.7 × 12.7 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of indigo cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

11 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

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.

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. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Sun (color 2)
2. **Running stitch**, 2 strands
   Sun (color 2)
3. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Sun rays
4. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
   Shoulder hump
5. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Sun (colors 1 and 3), rhino outline
6. **Trellis stitch**, 2 strands
   Rump
7. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ears, toes, horns, eye, bird, bird tail, bird wing, bird bill
8. **Brick stitch**, 2 strands
   Saddle
9. **Herringbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Lower legs
10. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
    Far legs (color 4), edges of the ears, plate edges, edges of the horns
11. **Straight stitch**
    2 strands: lines of the ears, tail (color 1), bird feet
    3 strands: earth (color 3)
12. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
    Far legs (colors 4 and 5), foreleg plate, thigh, belly (colors 6 and 8), edges of the eye, earth (colors 6 and 9), ring (color 2)
13. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
    Cheek, belly (colors 3 and 9), tail (color 7), earth (colors 1 and 2), ring (color 7)
14. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: muzzle
    1 strand: knots of the rump, bird eye

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 3820 Dark Straw	**5**	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	**9**	DMC 598 Light Turquoise
2	DMC 351 Coral	**6**	DMC 3733 Dusty Rose	**10**	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow
3	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**7**	DMC 712 Cream	**11**	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue
4	DMC 3811 Very Light Turquoise	**8**	DMC 353 Peach		

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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 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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