Nautical rope letters A to Z

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 5 × 5 in (12.7 × 12.7 cm).



Which color goes where.

Stitches

- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Rope strands, whipping, small letters, life ring, life ring bands, anchor
- **Stem stitch**, 1 to 3 strands
  Rope edges, whipping, life ring edge, anchor edge
- **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
  Small stripes, small whippings
- **Couching**, 6 strands
  Cable

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 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 2 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on**
   Go over the lines of page 3, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron.

Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

Floss

- **DMC BLANC White**
  Rope strands (shade 9 of 9), life ring and cable (lighter)
- **DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Rope strands (shade 7 of 9)
- **DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Blue**
  Small stripes, rope strands (shade 8 of 9), life ring (darker)
- **DMC 334 Medium Baby Blue**
  Rope strands (shade 6 of 9)
- **DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue**
  Rope strands (shade 4 of 9)
- **DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue**
  Rope strands (shade 5 of 9)
- **DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue**
  Rope strands (shade 2 of 9), cable (darker)
- **DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue**
  Small letters, rope edges and life ring edge, rope strands (shade 1 of 9)
- **DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Rope strands (shade 3 of 9)
- **DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Whipping and life ring bands (darker)
- **DMC 321 Red**
  Small whippings, whipping and life ring bands (lighter)
- **DMC 782 Dark Topaz**
  Anchor (dark)
- **DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz**
  Anchor (darkest)
- **DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Anchor (light)
- **DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Anchor (lightest)
- **DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown**
  Anchor edge

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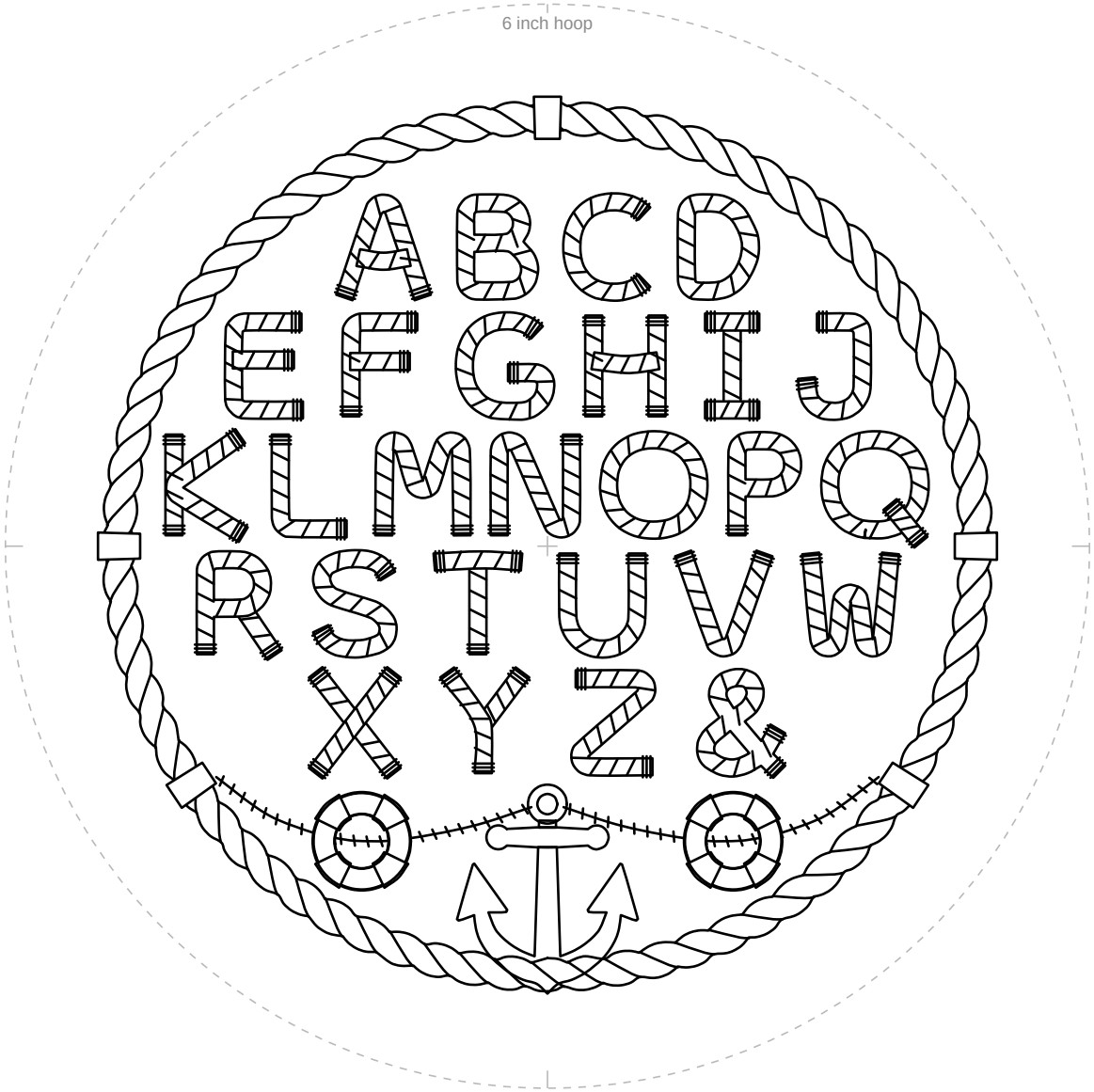

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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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