Row of stars bauble

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 4.9 in (10.9 × 12.4 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

22 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 939; one of each other 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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 21
   Sky, night sky, far hills, village hill, near snow, path, firs, star band
2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 22
   House walls, chimneys, snowy roofs, windows, trunks, family, hats, scarf, sled, stars, glass highlights, cap
3. **Straight stitch**, colors 13, 20
   2 strands: snow on the firs
   3 strands: sled runners (color 20)
4. **Stem stitch**, colors 9, 12, 20
   2 strands: sled tracks
   1 strand: rope
   3 strands: sled runners (color 20)
5. **Couching**, 6 strands, colors 18, 20, 22
   Band edges, cap rim
6. **Split stitch**, 2 strands, color 8
   Glass edge
7. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands, color 22
   Ring
8. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands, colors 7, 8, 9
   Moon
9. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps, color 9
   Knots of the hats

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

In a 6 inch hoop the widest satin stitch shape is 1/2 in (13 mm) across. Satin stitches longer than about 12 mm (just under 1/2 in) tend to work loose: divide the shape into sections, or work it in long and short stitch.

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots 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.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Row of stars bauble

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 939 Very Dark Navy Blue	9	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow	17	DMC 502 Blue Green
2	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue	10	DMC 336 Navy Blue	18	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
3	DMC 333 Very Dark Blue Violet	11	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	19	DMC 321 Red
4	DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet	12	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	20	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
5	DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green	13	DMC 3756 Ultra Very Light Baby Blue	21	DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue
6	DMC 3849 Light Teal Green	14	DMC 742 Light Tangerine	22	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
7	DMC BLANC White	15	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green		
8	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	16	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green		

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Row of stars bauble

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%.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.