Sagittarius zodiac sign

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.9 in (12.2 × 12.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

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

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

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.

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. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Bowstring



2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Moon, tail, far legs, body, near hind leg, near foreleg, bow, head, hair, bow hand, drawing arm



3. **Satin stitch**
   1 strand: stars
   2 strands: hooves, belt, fletching, arrowhead, cuffs



4. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: star rays
   1 strand: eye, eyebrow, mouth



5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Tail strands, bow edge

6. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Arrow

7. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Constellation lines

8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Star centers, belt beads, constellation stars



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

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.

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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 745 Light Pale Yellow	7	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper	13	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany
2	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	8	DMC 920 Medium Copper	14	DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue
3	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	9	DMC 921 Copper	15	DMC 336 Navy Blue
4	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	10	DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany	16	DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue
5	DMC 3822 Light Straw	11	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue		
6	DMC 922 Light Copper	12	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue		

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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 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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