Samurai on a snowy bridge

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 or 5 strands.

24 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 3855 and 2 of DMC BLANC; one of each other 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. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 22, 24
   Water, far trees, rails, rail snow, rail posts, post bands, footprints, shadow, socks, sandals, hands, crest, sash, scabbards, hilts, sword fittings, neck, collar, hat brim, fox legs, tail tip, fox chest, fox ears, fox cheek, fox eye



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24
   Sky, far mountains, snowy peak, far shore, post snow, snow on the bridge, kimono, hakama, shoulder vest, hair, straw hat, snow on the hat, fox tail, fox, pine branch, pine needles, snow on the pine



3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, color 22
   Finger lines (color 22)

4. **Straight stitch**
   colors 9, 11, 12, 15, 22
   2 strands: snow on the far trees, edges of the pine needles
   1 strand: scabbard light, finger lines (color 22), eye highlight



5. **Stem stitch**
   colors 2, 3, 7, 9, 17, 19, 20
   1 strand: ridges, ripples, plank lines, pleats, vest seams, sleeve folds, hat rings
   5 strands: frame

6. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 2, 9, 17
   1 strand: fox nose, fox prints
   2 strands: falling snow



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the 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 3855 Light Autumn Gold	9	DMC BLANC White	17	DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown
2	DMC 160 Medium Gray Blue	10	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	18	DMC 3834 Dark Grape
3	DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet	11	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	19	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape
4	DMC 3743 Very Light Antique Violet	12	DMC 502 Blue Green	20	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue
5	DMC 950 Light Desert Sand	13	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	21	DMC 336 Navy Blue
6	DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany	14	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red	22	DMC 400 Dark Mahogany
7	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue	15	DMC 350 Medium Coral	23	DMC 922 Light Copper
8	DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet	16	DMC 3828 Hazelnut Brown	24	DMC 921 Copper

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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.



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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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