San Francisco sea lion with a compass

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 4.6 in (11.7 × 11.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Rope ring, body pattern, ring line, wave crests and fore flipper and 13 more parts
- **2 DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw**
  Compass rays, lattice halves and compass rays, small points
- **3 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Compass rays, solid halves, compass ray outlines and gull legs, buoy lantern (lighter)
- **4 DMC 351 Coral**
  Buoy float and buoy tower (lighter), compass hub and north mark (darker), gull bill
- **5 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue**
  Wave shading, gull wing, whiskers and nose
- **6 DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon**
  Buoy float, buoy tower and buoy lantern (darker), gull eye

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Compass rays, small points, compass rays, solid halves, compass hub, north mark, buoy tower, buoy lantern, buoy float, buoy stripe, and 6 more
2. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Compass hub
3. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Compass ring, compass ray outlines, compass rays, lattice halves, wave shading, gull feathers, hind flippers, body pattern, head pattern, fore flipper
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Compass ring, gull legs
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Wave crests, buoy tower, buoy rim, hind flippers, sea lion outline, closed eye, mouth, fore flipper, ring line
6. **Outline stitch**, 1 strand
   Whiskers
7. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Gull eye

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How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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How many strands

Back stitch. 1 or 2 strands: compass ray outlines; 1 strand: compass ring, compass rays, lattice halves, wave shading, gull feathers, hind flippers, body pattern, head pattern, fore flipper.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: gull legs; 1 strand: compass ring.
Stem stitch. 3 strands: buoy rim, sea lion outline, closed eye, fore flipper; 2 or 3 strands: wave crests; 2 strands: buoy tower, hind flippers, mouth, ring line.

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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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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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