Shiba Inu on the beach with blue waves

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.7 in (11.9 × 11.9 cm)



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

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
   Tail, tail tip, body, haunches, paws, forelegs, chest, ears, inner ears, head, cheeks and muzzle
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands, colors 1, 4, 10, 12, 15
   Shell, brows, eyes, tongue, nose
3. **Running stitch**, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
   5 strands: sun, sun rays, waves, sand, ring
   6 strands: foam line
4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, color 13
   Folds
5. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands, color 13
   Toes
6. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, color 15
   Mouth
7. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps, color 4
   Eye highlights

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.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

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

15 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each 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.

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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 351 Coral	6	DMC 3755 Baby Blue	11	DMC 301 Medium Mahogany
2	DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown	7	DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue	12	DMC 712 Cream
3	DMC 3822 Light Straw	8	DMC 977 Light Golden Brown	13	DMC 400 Dark Mahogany
4	DMC 3865 Winter White	9	DMC 3776 Light Mahogany	14	DMC 437 Light Tan
5	DMC 334 Medium Baby Blue	10	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	15	DMC 3371 Black Brown

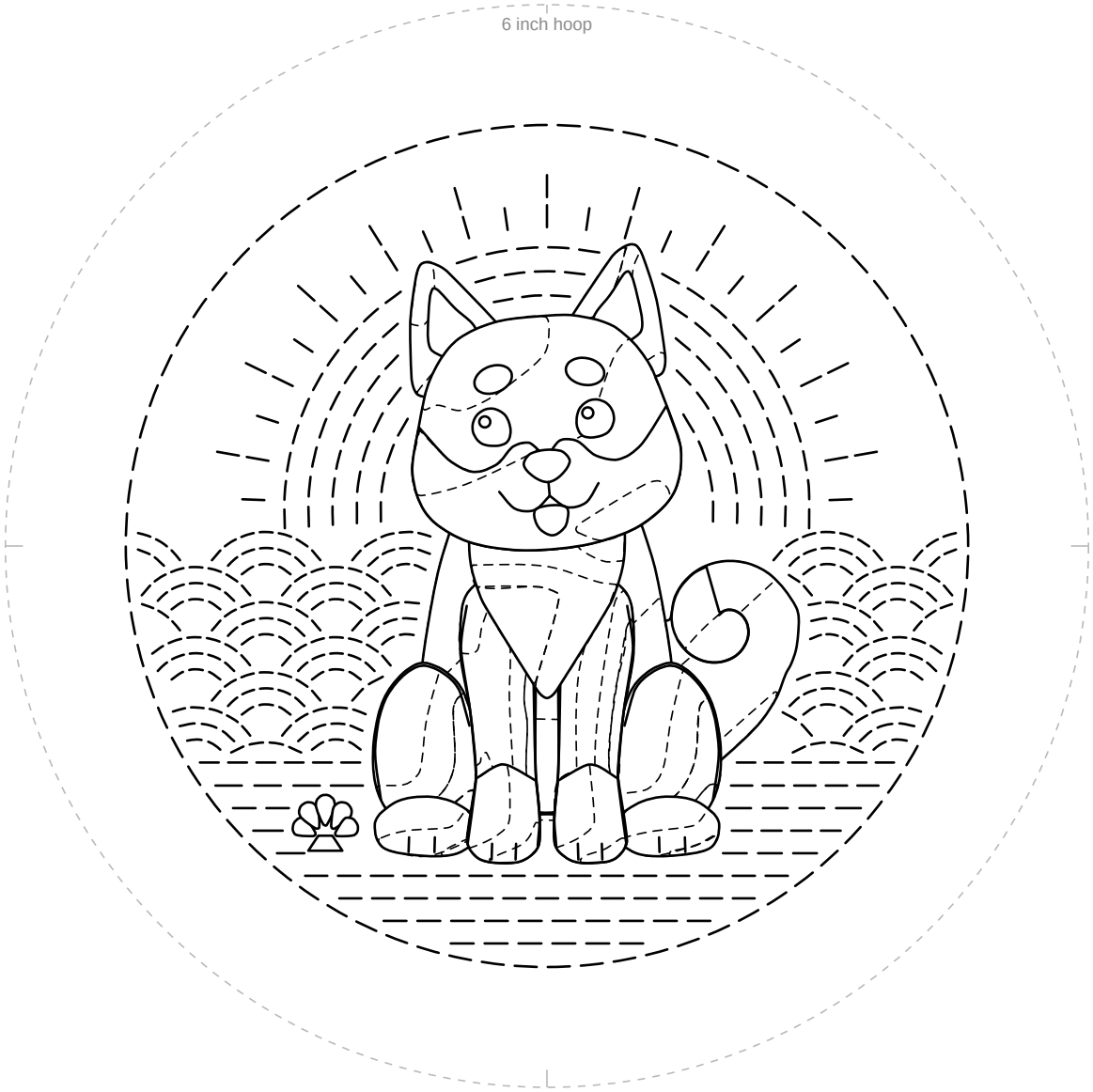
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6 inch hoop

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 dashed line is running stitch; a finer one 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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