Sleeping baby seal ornament

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 5 for 4 strands.

22 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.

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, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22
   Far firs, nose, moon, ring, cap, holly leaves, bow tails, bow loops, bow knot



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11
   Far drift, snowdrift, shadow on the snow, hind flippers, coat, fore flippers, head, blush, muzzle



3. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, color 21
   Berries



4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, colors 7, 9
   Flipper lines

5. **Straight stitch**
   colors 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17
   3 strands: fir needles, gold winding
   2 strands: claws, lashes, nose highlight
   1 or 2 strands: snowflakes
   1 strand: whiskers, berry highlight



6. **Stem stitch**
   colors 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20
   4 strands: hanging loop
   3 strands: eyes, ring edge
   2 strands: mouth, fir stems, cap edge
   1 strand: holly veins

7. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 22
   Bow knot

8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 5, 7
   Brow dots, falling snow



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 161 Gray Blue	9	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray	17	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
2	DMC 3755 Baby Blue	10	DMC 160 Medium Gray Blue	18	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
3	DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue	11	DMC 3354 Light Dusty Rose	19	DMC 702 Kelly Green
4	DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue	12	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	20	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green
5	DMC BLANC White	13	DMC 3822 Light Straw	21	DMC 321 Red
6	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...	14	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	22	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
7	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	15	DMC 988 Medium Forest Green		
8	DMC 159 Light Gray Blue	16	DMC 701 Light Green		

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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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