Small curled mustache

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 5 in (12.4 × 12.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

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

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. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Leaf stems

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   White stripes, red stripes, blue stripes, gold caps, comb teeth, comb back, comb face, rose center



3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves



4. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand: mustache, gold knob
   2 strands: rose



5. **Couching**, 4 strands
   Gold edges



6. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: outline
   1 strand: lock lines, rose edge, gold knob edge

7. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Comb edge

8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Comb studs, gold pollen



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

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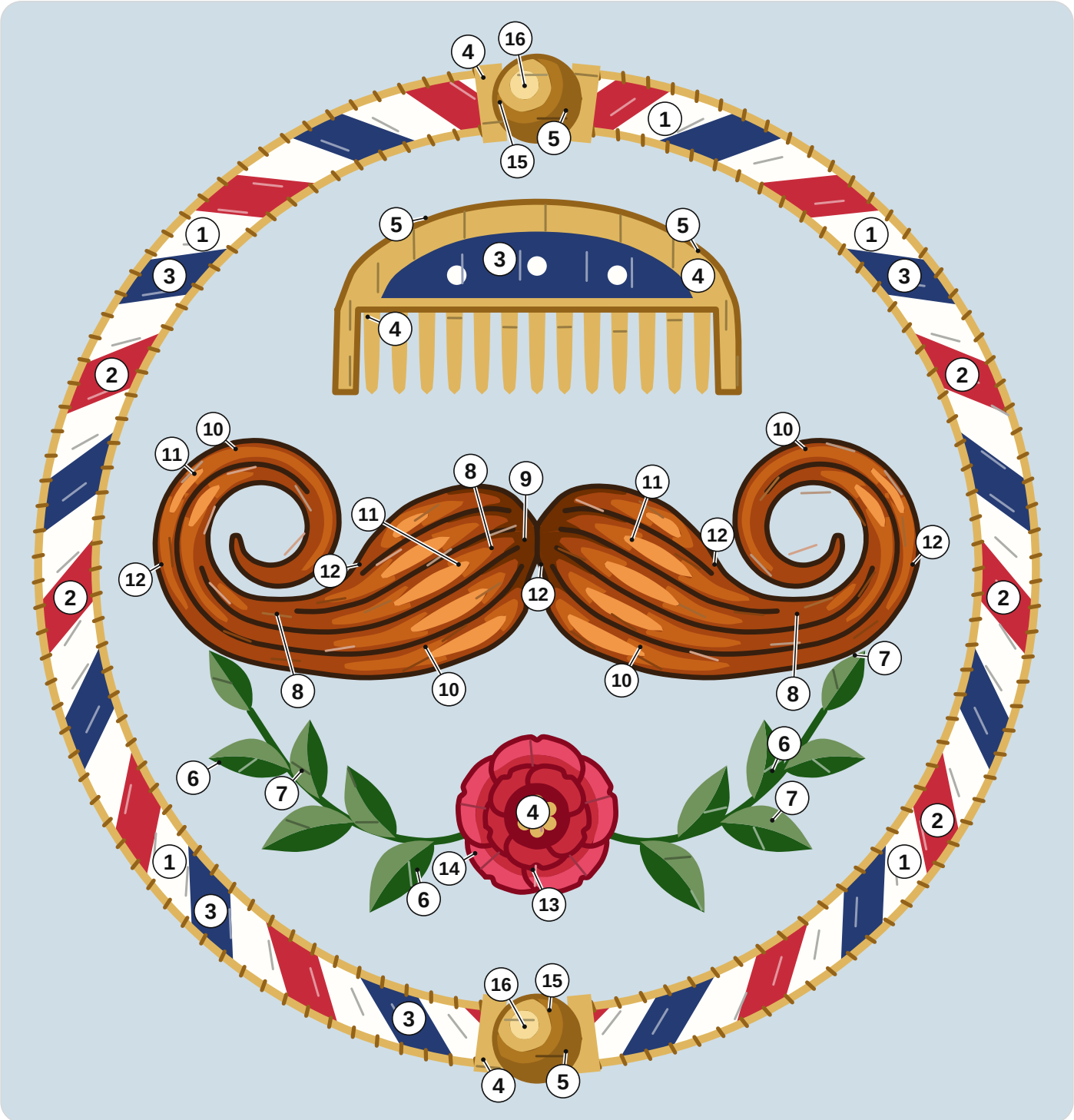
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC BLANC White	7	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	13	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
2	DMC 321 Red	8	DMC 919 Red Copper	14	DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon
3	DMC 336 Navy Blue	9	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany	15	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
4	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	10	DMC 921 Copper	16	DMC 3822 Light Straw
5	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	11	DMC 3853 Dark Autumn Gold		
6	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	12	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown		

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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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25.4 mm

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