Small Virgin Mary in running stitch

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.5 × 4.4 in (8.9 × 11.2 cm)



A number is a row of the list.
Fabric: indigo cotton or linen.

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 with a small knot on the back; end under a few stitches.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 2 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 2 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 2 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.

Buy: one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of indigo cotton or linen, a white pencil.

Floss

DMC 3820 Dark Straw
Rays, gold diamonds, moon, stars, halo and sash

DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue
Mantle rows

DMC B5200 Snow White
Silhouette, mantle edge, gown pleats, sleeves, hands, gown, face, hair, shoes, lids, brows and nose

DMC 761 Light Salmon
Mouth

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Back stitch**
   2 strands: halo
   1 strand: hands (DMC B5200), lids (DMC B5200), brows, nose

2. **Running stitch**, 2 strands
   Rays, mantle rows, gown pleats, moon (DMC 3820)

3. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: stars, gold diamonds, mouth
   1 strand: lids (DMC B5200)



4. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: silhouette, moon (DMC 3820)
   2 strands: mantle edge, gown, shoes, hands (DMC B5200), sleeves, lines of the sash, hair, face

5. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Knots of the sash



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

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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.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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