Snowy playground at night with a fox

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.8 in (12.2 × 12.2 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 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

12 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC B5200; one of each other 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. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Fir trunks
2. **Couching**, 6 strands
   Swing frame
3. **Chain stitch**, 1 strand
   Swing chains
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Snow, lamplight on the snow, fox body, fox chest, fox legs, fox tail, fox tail tip, fox ears, fox head, fox cheeks
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Moon, swing seats, lamp, deck, ladder steps, slide wall, snow in the slide, ear linings, fox eyes, fox nose, paw prints
6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Lamp glow, eye highlights
7. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Snow lines, lamp frame, ladder shadow
8. **Couching**, 6 strands
   Lamp post, slide frame, slide rails, border
9. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Padded snow
10. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Stars, firs, knots of the paw prints

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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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 B5200 Snow White	**5**	DMC 3756 Ultra Very Light Baby Blue	**9**	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany
2	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	**6**	DMC 415 Pearl Gray	**10**	DMC 920 Medium Copper
3	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	**7**	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	**11**	DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany
4	DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue	**8**	DMC 922 Light Copper	**12**	DMC 3371 Black 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.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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