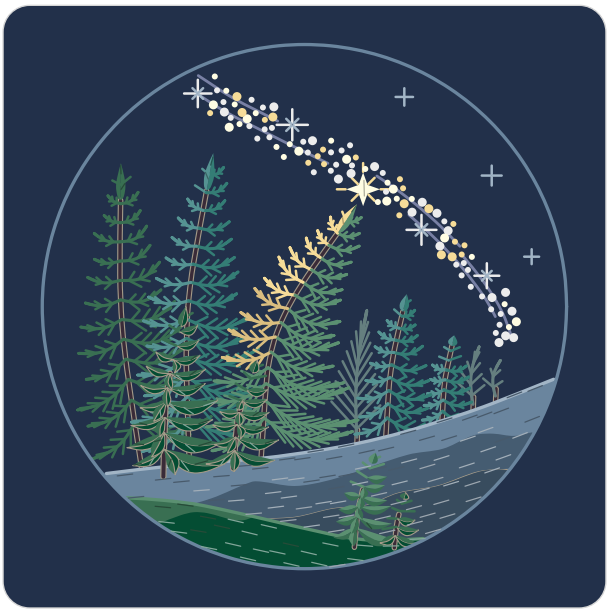
Starry pine forest

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

16 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. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: trunks
   1 strand: fly stitch boughs
2. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
   Fly stitch boughs
3. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Bough tips
4. **Long and short stitch**, 2 strands
   Slope, near bank
5. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Pine boughs
6. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Brightest star
7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   River of stars
8. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
   Far spruces (color 3)
9. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: large stars
   1 strand: lines of the brightest star, small stars
10. **Stem stitch**
    1 strand: far spruces (color 3)
    2 strands: slope edge, bank edge, rim
11. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
    Star knots

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

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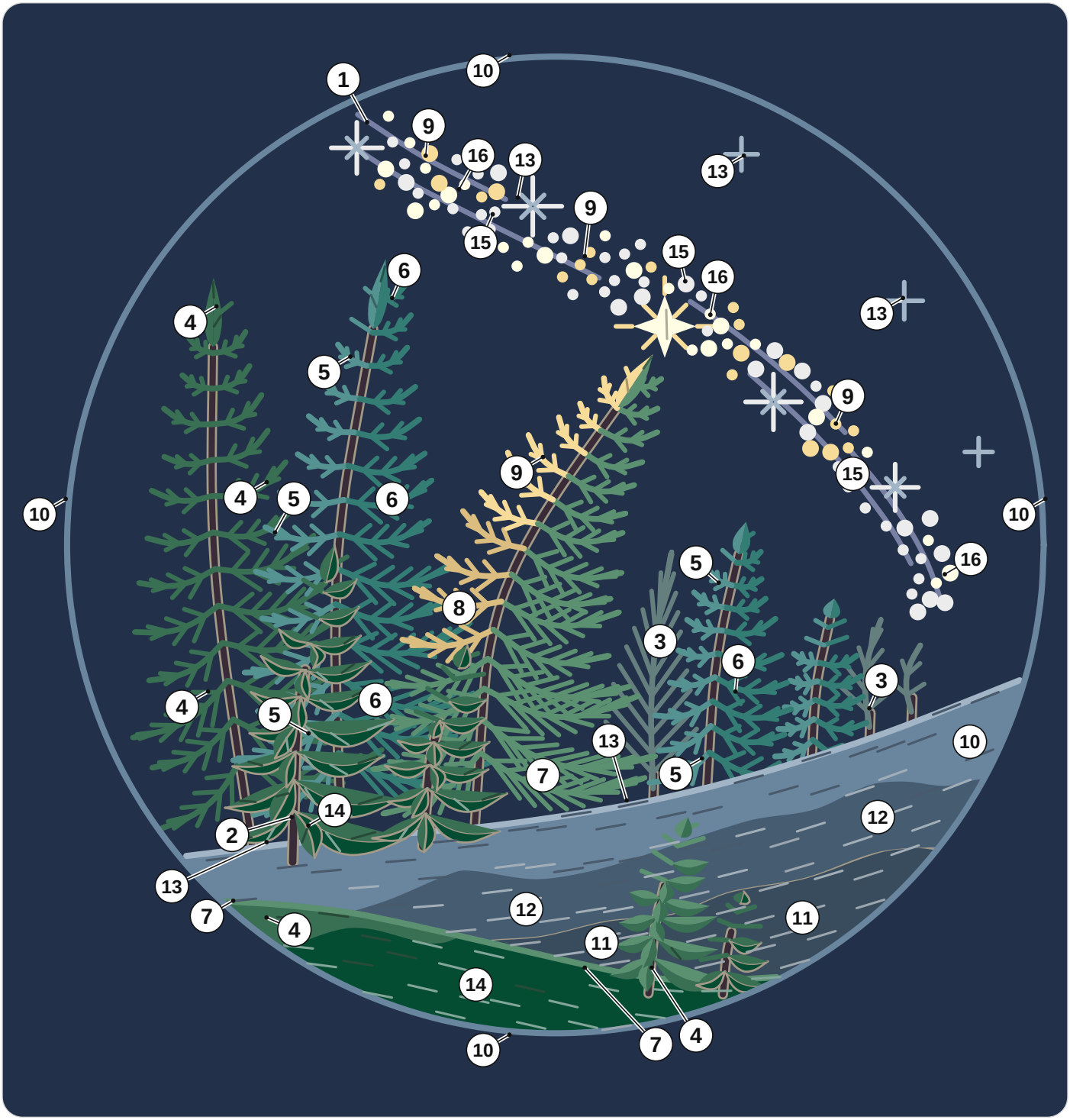
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 161 Gray Blue	**7**	DMC 502 Blue Green	**13**	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue
2	DMC 3371 Black Brown	**8**	DMC 834 Very Light Golden Olive	**14**	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green
3	DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green	**9**	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**15**	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
4	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	**10**	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	**16**	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow
5	DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green	**11**	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue		
6	DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green	**12**	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue		

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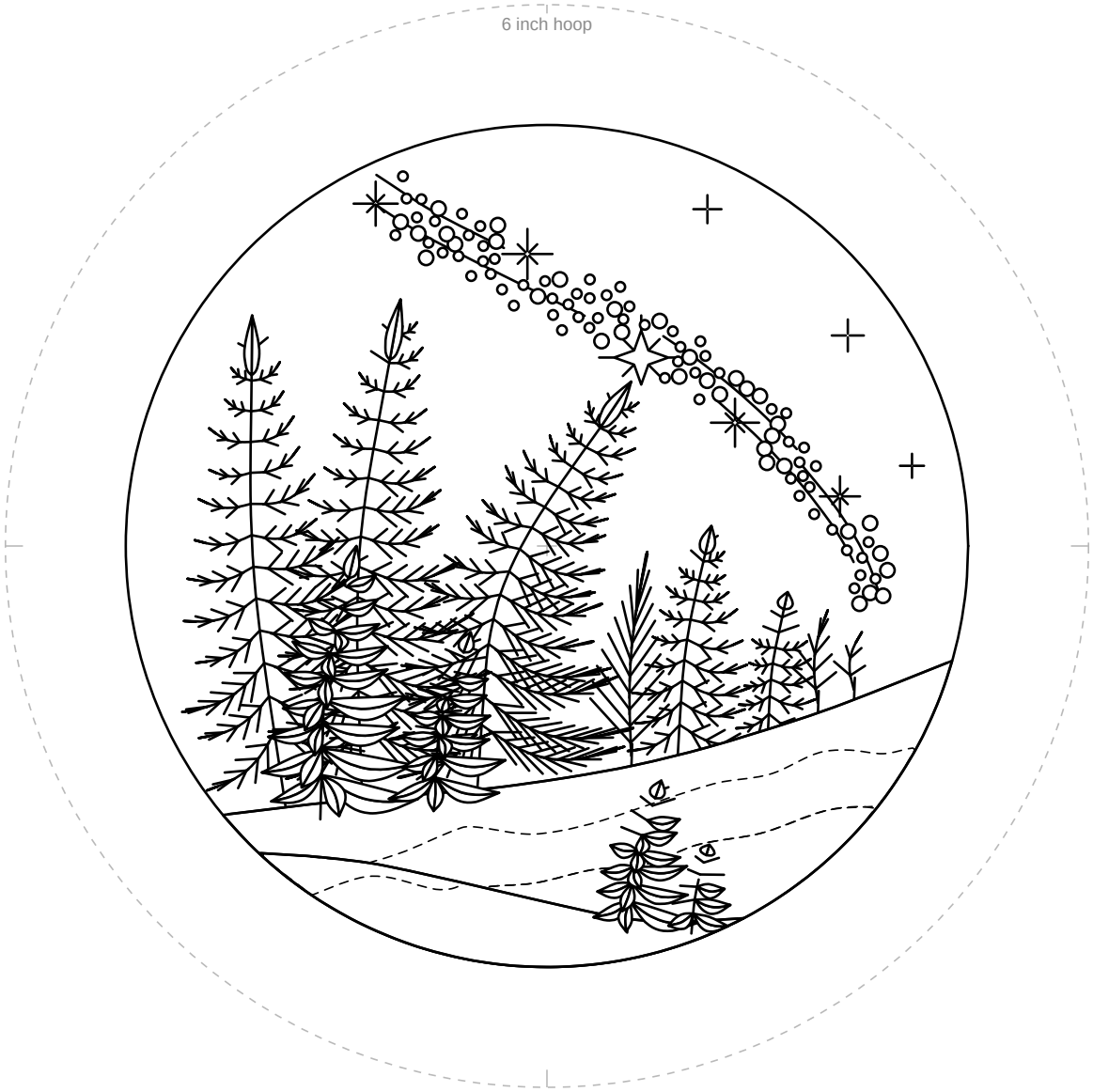
6 inch hoop

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 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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