Sunburst rainbow

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

An embroidery needle, size 7.

22 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 792 and 2 of DMC 500; one of each other 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. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21
   Rays, sun, far ridge, near hills, lavender rows ground, lavender rows, wheat rows ground, wheat rows, river banks, river, rainbow in the river, trees



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 22
   Red arch, orange arch, yellow arch, green arch, blue arch, violet arch, farmhouse, farmhouse lit wall, farmhouse roof, chimney



3. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 6, 11
   Sun glow, door, windows



4. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands, color 18
   Ears of wheat



5. **Stem stitch**, colors 3, 4, 6, 11
   3 strands: slim rays, hoop edge
   2 strands: roof edge

6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 12, 13
   Lavender heads



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 761 Light Salmon	9	DMC 3843 Electric Blue	17	DMC 327 Dark Violet
2	DMC 967 Very Light Apricot	10	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet	18	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
3	DMC 3825 Pale Pumpkin	11	DMC 792 Dark Cornflower Blue	19	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
4	DMC 726 Light Topaz	12	DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet	20	DMC 3822 Light Straw
5	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	13	DMC 341 Light Blue Violet	21	DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue
6	DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry	14	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	22	DMC 3865 Winter White
7	DMC 971 Pumpkin	15	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green		
8	DMC 704 Bright Chartreuse	16	DMC 503 Medium Blue 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.



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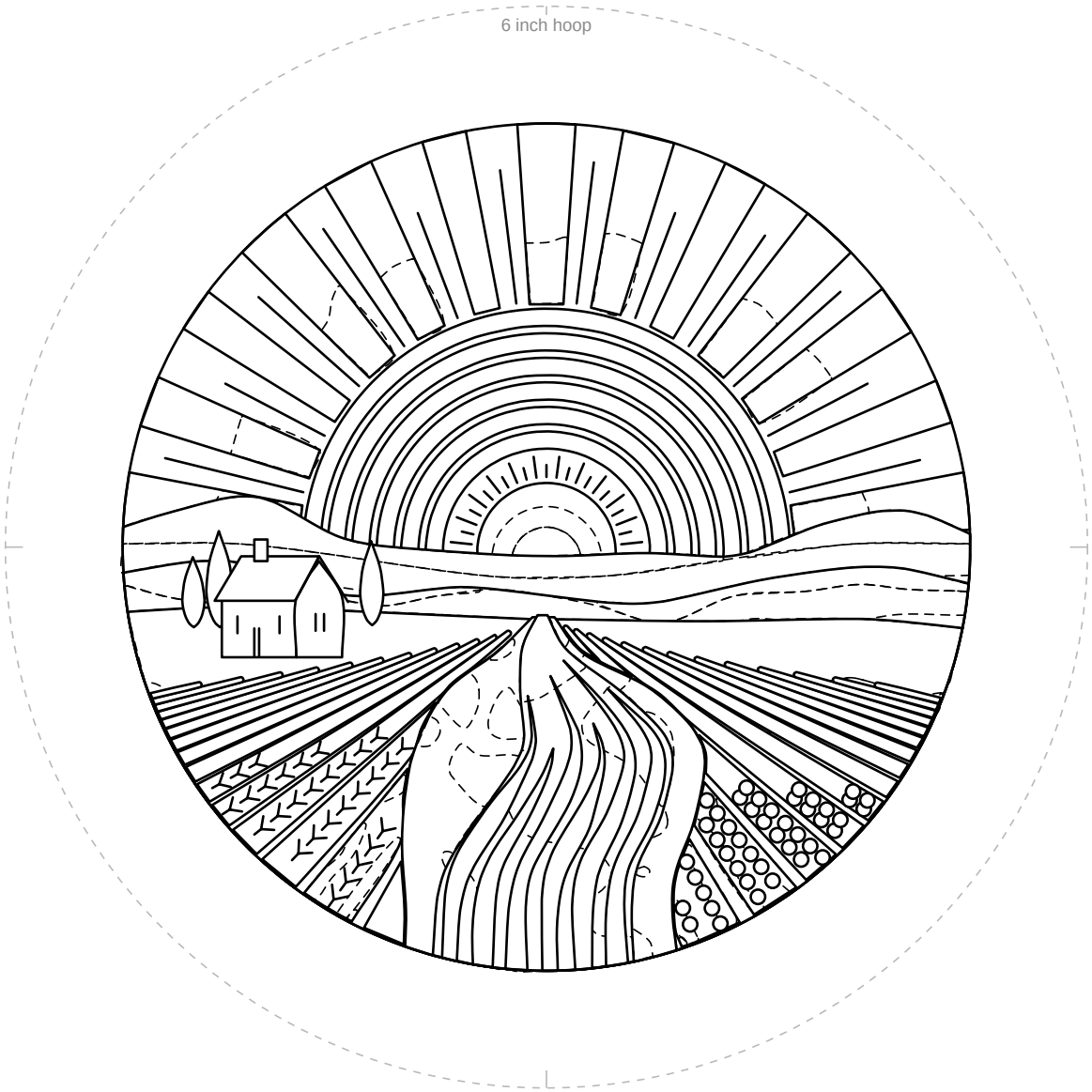
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