Sunday with a duck and ducklings

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 9.

23 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 3823; 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**
   colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23
   2 strands: sky, sun, clouds, water, far hills, trees, mist, near bank
   1 strand: mother duck, wing, ducklings, iris buds, iris petals (colors 7 and 22)



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22
   Letters, far bank, letter reflections, sun path, shadows, wing patch, crown, bills, eye ring, eyes, duckling backs, reed leaves, bud sheaths, iris petals (color 22)



3. **Split stitch**, colors 14, 18, 19, 20
   1 strand: wing edges, bill line
   2 strands: eye stripe

4. **Fly stitch**, 1 strand, colors 19, 20
   Feathers



5. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 4, 17
   1 strand: ripples
   3 strands: cattail stalks
   2 strands: iris stems

6. **Straight stitch**, colors 14, 18
   1 strand: eye highlight, iris markings
   2 strands: edges of the cattails



7. **Whipped back stitch**
   3 strands, color 13
   Rim

8. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, color 18
   Cattails



9. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 7, 19, 22
   1 strand: knots of the eyes
   2 strands: marsh flowers



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 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow	9	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue	17	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green
2	DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet	10	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	18	DMC 433 Medium Brown
3	DMC 152 Medium Light Shell Pink	11	DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet	19	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown
4	DMC 3824 Light Apricot	12	DMC 926 Medium Gray Green	20	DMC 437 Light Tan
5	DMC 3341 Apricot	13	DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green	21	DMC 3838 Dark Lavender Blue
6	DMC 3854 Medium Autumn Gold	14	DMC 712 Cream	22	DMC 742 Light Tangerine
7	DMC 744 Pale Yellow	15	DMC 3364 Pine Green	23	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
8	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	16	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green		

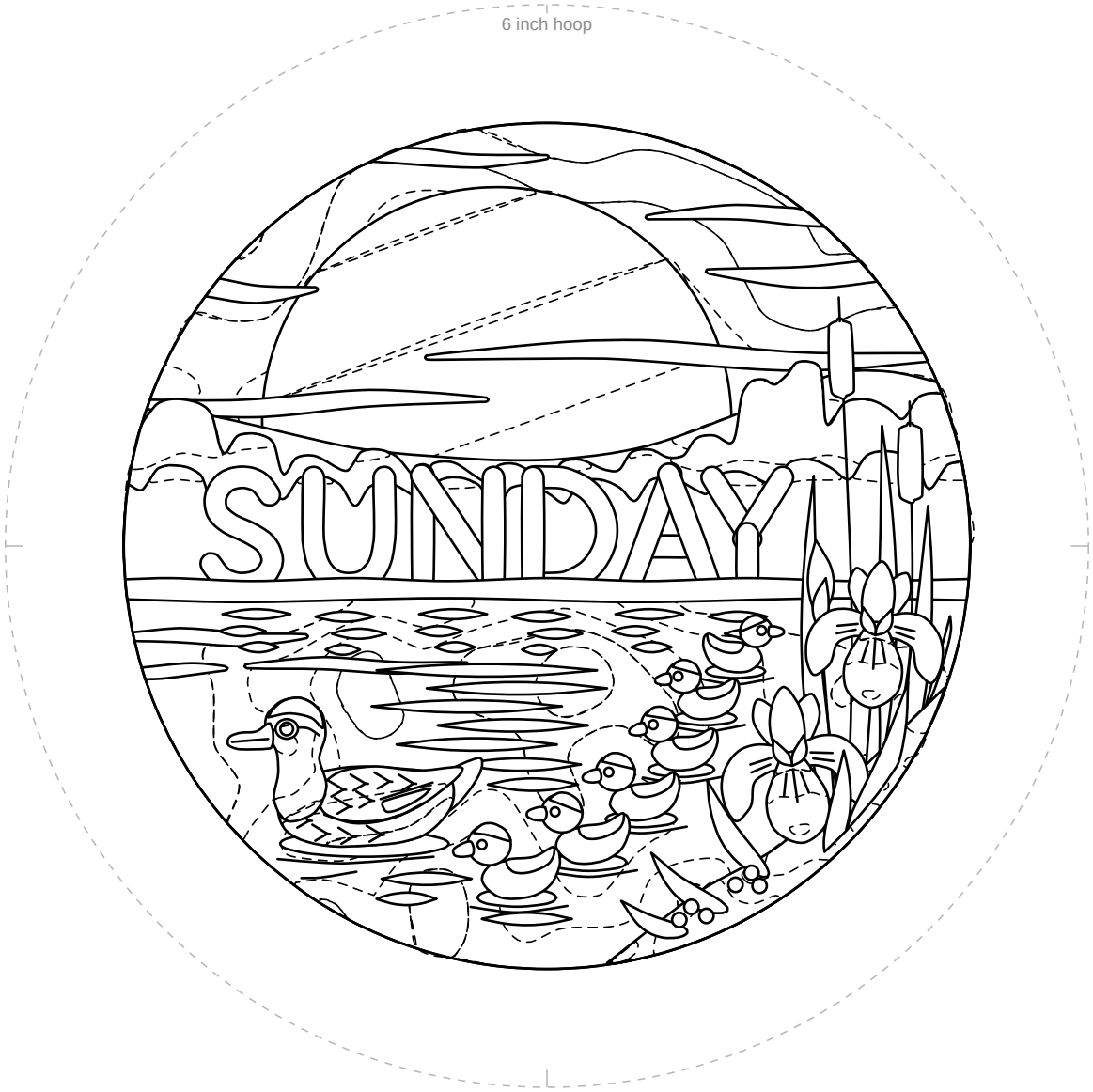
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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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25.4 mm

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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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