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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 2.1 × 4.7 in (5.3 × 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.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

21 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**, 4 strands
   Hill
2. **Couching**, 4 strands
   Star rays
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Far hill, tunic, face (color 14), hair, headcloth, lamb, lamb face
4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Crook, legs, sandals, tunic hem, sleeve, cuff, face (color 5), cloak stripes, hand, cheek, headcloth bands, headcloth cord, lamb legs, hooves, lamb ears, lamb nose, star
5. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: sleeve edge, headcloth edge, lamb edge
   1 strand: hand edge, face edge, smile, headcloth folds, lamb mouth
6. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: lines of the sandals, fringe, edges of the lamb ears
   2 strands: little stars
7. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: edges of the far hill, inner frame
   2 strands: cloak edge
8. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Frame
9. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Hill flowers
10. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Star heart
11. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Eye, knots of the lamb, lamb eyes, flower centers

Take out lines that still show, press face down on soft cloth.

In a 6 inch hoop the shortest lazy daisy loops are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

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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 3347 Medium Yellow Green	8	DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue	15	DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta
2	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	9	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	16	DMC 3371 Black Brown
3	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	10	DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta	17	DMC 642 Dark Beige Gray
4	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	11	DMC 3865 Winter White	18	DMC 644 Medium Beige Gray
5	DMC 3773 Medium Desert Sand	12	DMC 3830 Terra Cotta	19	DMC 437 Light Tan
6	DMC 433 Medium Brown	13	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	20	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
7	DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue	14	DMC 950 Light Desert Sand	21	DMC 3822 Light Straw

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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 loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; 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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