Swimming horse in moonlight

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.8 × 4.7 in (12.2 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Moon, tail, far legs, body, neck, head, mane, forelock
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Moonlight on the water, clouds, deep water, hooves, far ear, near ear, eye, nostril
3. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Stars, near ear, eye light
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Horizon, far ripples, mouth
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Jaw
6. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Eyelid
7. **Whipped back stitch**, 3 strands
   Water line

Floss

- **1 DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow** Moon (light)
- **2 DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow**
  Moon (dark), moonlight on the water
- **3 DMC 746 Off White** Moon (middle), stars
- **4 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Mane (dark), horizon, far ripples, far ear and jaw, head (darkest) and 2 more parts
- **5 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Clouds, hooves (lighter)
- **6 DMC 334 Medium Baby Blue**
  Body (dark), far legs (light), deep water (lighter), tail (darkest)
- **7 DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue**
  Body (darkest), far legs (dark), deep water (darker)
- **8 DMC 775 Very Light Baby Blue**
  Tail and body (lightest)
- **9 DMC 3755 Baby Blue** Body (middle), tail (dark)
- **10 DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue**
  Body and tail (light), water line (darker), bubbles
- **11 DMC 824 Very Dark Blue** Far legs (middle)
- **12 DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue**
  Mane (darkest), hooves (darker), eyelid and nostril
- **13 DMC BLANC White**
  Neck (light), mane and head (lightest), water line and foam (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **14 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue**
  Mane (middle), neck and head (dark), forelock (darker)
- **15 DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Blue**
  Mane and head (light), neck (middle), foam (darker), forelock (lighter)
- **16 DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue** Eye

Stitches, continued

8. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Stars, foam, bubbles

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A dashed line is whipped back stitch. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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4	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	**10**	DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue	**16**	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue
5	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	**11**	DMC 824 Very Dark Blue		
6	DMC 334 Medium Baby Blue	**12**	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue		

How many strands

Straight stitch. 2 strands: eye light; 1 or 2 strands: stars; 1 strand: near ear.
Stem stitch. 2 strands: horizon; 1 strand: far ripples, mouth.
French knot. 1 or 2 strands: foam, bubbles; 1 strand: stars.

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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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