Tiny but mighty

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 3.9 in (11.9 × 9.9 cm)



A number is a row of the list.
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.

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 2 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 2 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 2 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.

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Floss

DMC 3865 Winter White
Whale lines (lighter), letters, whale outline, flipper, tug cabin, smile, closed eye, lashes, bow wave, portholes and funnel band

DMC 932 Light Antique Blue
Sea, smoke and cabin window, whale lines (darker)

DMC 350 Medium Coral
Tug hull, tug funnel and cheek

DMC 3822 Light Straw
Tow rope, rope hitch, rope bow, tug rail and cabin roof

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Whale outline

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cheek, rope hitch, tug cabin, cabin roof, tug funnel, funnel band, tug hull



3. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: flipper (DMC 3865)
   3 strands: smile, closed eye, tug rail
   4 strands: tow rope

4. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Lashes, bow wave



5. **Running stitch**
   2 strands: whale lines, flipper (DMC 3865), sea
   3 strands: smoke

6. **Split stitch**, 3 strands
   Lines of the letters

7. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Rope bow



8. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: portholes, cabin window
   1 strand: knots of the letters



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots 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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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 loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a dashed line is running stitch.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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