Toy windmill with a bow

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.5 in (11.4 × 11.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

24 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each 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. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Bucket handle

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Waves, windows, shell door, stick, striped sails, bucket band, bucket mouth, crab claws, crab shell



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Beach, sand heap, curled backs, bow tails, bow loops, bucket, spilled sand



4. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Sand ripples

5. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: white water, bucket rim
   2 strands: sail edges, edges of the bead, crab legs

6. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: bead highlight
   2 strands: lines of the crab eyes



7. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bead, bow knot



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Foam, sandcastle, knots of the crab eyes



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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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 3765 Very Dark Peacock Blue	9	DMC 3862 Dark Mocha Beige	17	DMC 350 Medium Coral
2	DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue	10	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	18	DMC 964 Light Seagreen
3	DMC BLANC White	11	DMC 353 Peach	19	DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green
4	DMC 3761 Light Sky Blue	12	DMC 352 Light Coral	20	DMC 959 Medium Seagreen
5	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	13	DMC 351 Coral	21	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz
6	DMC 3864 Light Mocha Beige	14	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	22	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red
7	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	15	DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green	23	DMC 946 Medium Burnt Orange
8	DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige	16	DMC 349 Dark Coral	24	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray

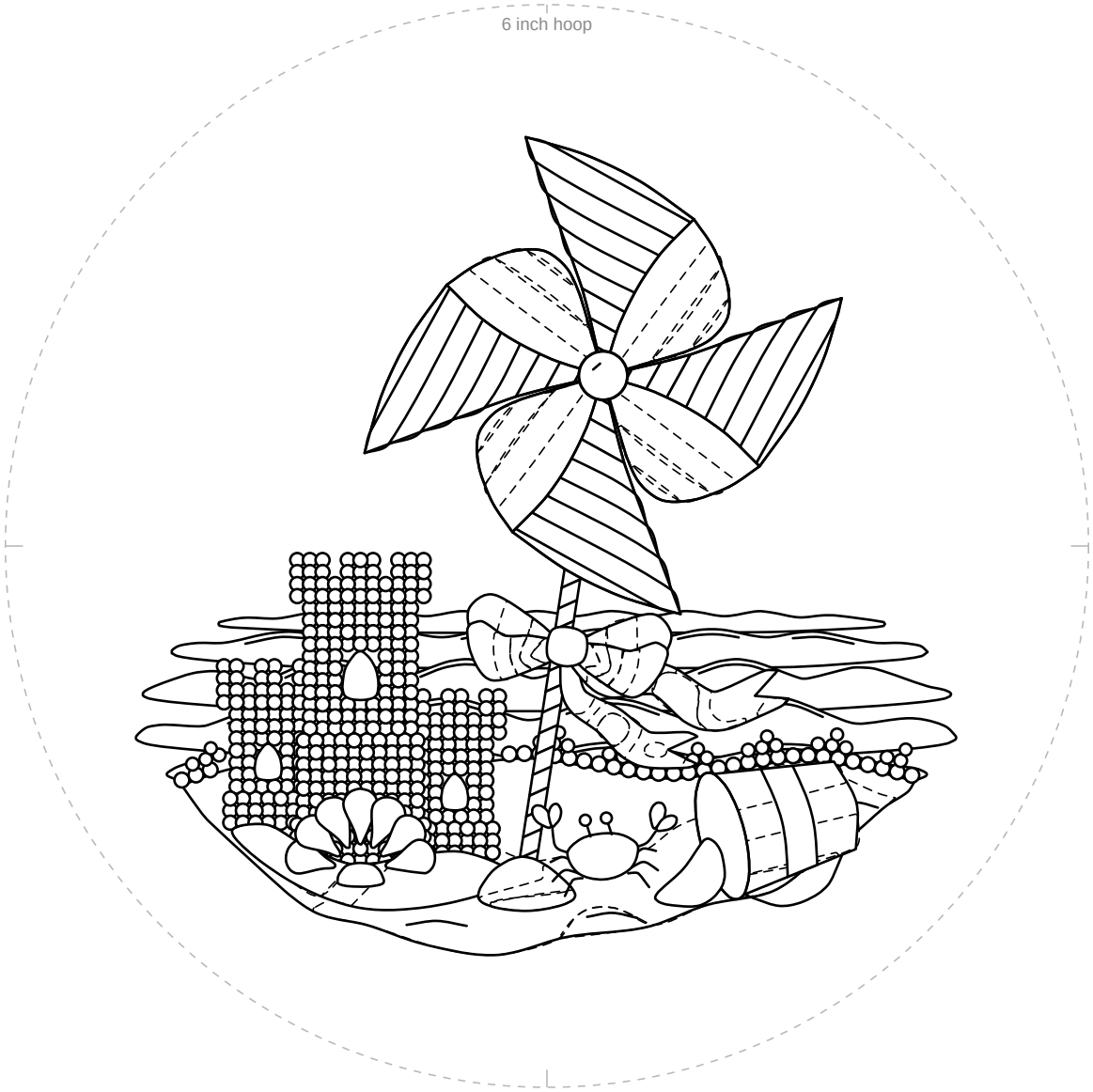
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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