Triple moon

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.9 in (11.9 × 12.4 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.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

12 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. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Lines of the large stars



2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Full moon



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Crescents, large stars, pendant star, garnet heart



4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Moon edge, crescent edges

5. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: crescent tips, garnet highlight
   3 strands: medium stars



6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Star centers, small stars, knot strands



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 932 Light Antique Blue	5	DMC 3865 Winter White	9	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
2	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	6	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue	10	DMC 304 Medium Red
3	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	7	DMC 3822 Light Straw	11	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
4	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	8	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	12	DMC 814 Dark Garnet

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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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