Two fish leaping over the sun

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 5 × 5 in (12.7 × 12.7 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.

20 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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19
   Sun, tails, back fins, lower fins, bodies, red markings, heads, side fins, great waves



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 6, 16, 17, 19, 20
   Short rays, long rays, eye rings, eyes, light wave, middle wave, deep wave, inner swells, foam, drops, frame



3. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand, color 6
   Eye highlights



4. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 10, 12, 15
   Fin rays, scales, gill covers (color 12)

5. **Stem stitch**, colors 6, 8, 10
   2 strands: gill covers (color 10), mouths, foam lines
   1 strand: whiskers

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 971 Pumpkin	8	DMC 351 Coral	15	DMC 498 Dark Red
2	DMC 972 Deep Canary	9	DMC 3770 Very Light Tawny	16	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue
3	DMC 900 Dark Burnt Orange	10	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red	17	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise
4	DMC 726 Light Topaz	11	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	18	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise
5	DMC 727 Very Light Topaz	12	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	19	DMC 597 Turquoise
6	DMC 3865 Winter White	13	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	20	DMC 598 Light Turquoise
7	DMC 350 Medium Coral	14	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl 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 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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