Two rubber ducks with bubbles

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



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: teal cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of teal 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 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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

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**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22
   Bath water, big duck body, big duck wing, big duck head, little duck body, little duck wing, little duck head, foam



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 24
   Big duck bill, eyes, eye highlights, cheeks, little duck bill, reflections, bubble highlights, bubble sheen



3. **Split stitch**, colors 3, 4, 10, 12, 20
   2 strands: waterline, big duck edge, little duck edge, little duck smile, bubble rims
   3 strands: round frame, big duck smile
   1 strand: big duck bill edge, little duck bill edge

4. **Straight stitch**, colors 12, 15
   2 strands: nostrils
   3 strands: lines of the bubble highlights



5. **Outline stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 4, 9, 24
   Ripples, lines of the bubble sheen

6. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 6, 11, 13
   Big duck bill



7. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 15, 22, 23
   1 strand: knots of the eye highlights, knots of the bubble highlights
   2 strands: foam knots



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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 598 Light Turquoise	9	DMC 727 Very Light Topaz	17	DMC 3832 Medium Raspberry
2	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise	10	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	18	DMC 3708 Light Melon
3	DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue	11	DMC 946 Medium Burnt Orange	19	DMC 963 Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose
4	DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue	12	DMC 900 Dark Burnt Orange	20	DMC 150 Ultra Very Dark Dusty Rose
5	DMC 726 Light Topaz	13	DMC 970 Light Pumpkin	21	DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry
6	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine	14	DMC 3371 Black Brown	22	DMC 775 Very Light Baby Blue
7	DMC 972 Deep Canary	15	DMC BLANC White	23	DMC 341 Light Blue Violet
8	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz	16	DMC 3833 Light Raspberry	24	DMC 3609 Ultra Light Plum

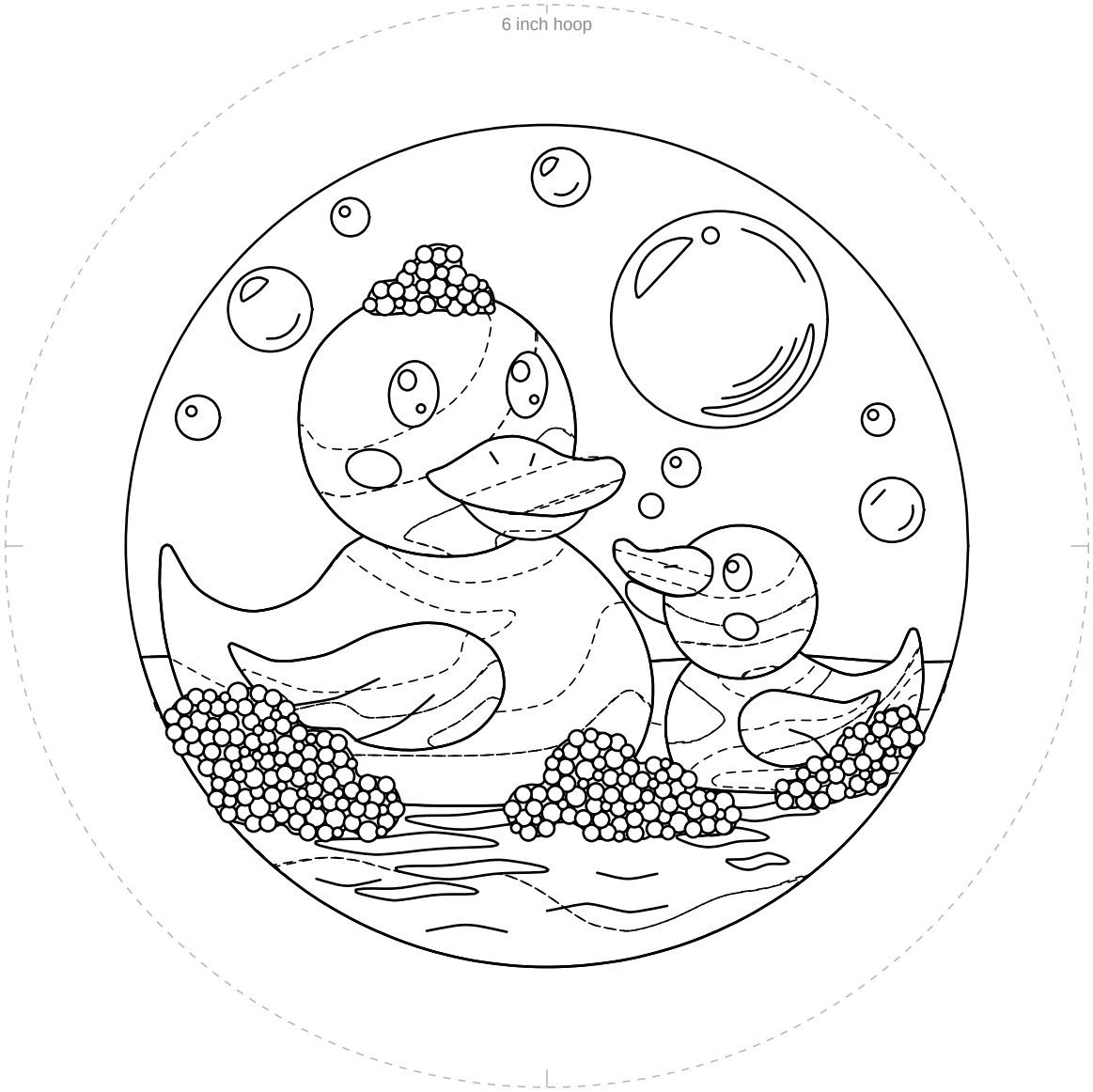
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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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