Varsity alphabet in a striped ring

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 5 × 5 in (12.7 × 12.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

Floss

- **1 DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown**
  Letter outlines, outer band, outer band edge and drop shadow, sunset stripes (dark)
- **2 DMC 922 Light Copper**
  Letters (light), sunset stripes (middle), outer chain
- **3 DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz**
  Big letter, sunset stripes (light)
- **4 DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise**
  Teal hoop, side stars and little stars (darker)
- **5 DMC 597 Turquoise**
  Teal hoop, side stars and little stars (lighter)
- **6 DMC 746 Off White**
  Cream line
- **7 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Letters (lightest)
- **8 DMC 920 Medium Copper**
  Letters (dark), letter border
- **9 DMC 918 Dark Red Copper**
  Letters (darkest)

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Outer band, sunset stripes, teal hoop, letters, little stars, drop shadow, letter border, cream line, side stars



2. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Big letter



3. **Stem stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Outer band edge, cream line

4. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Outer chain



5. **Back stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
   Letter outlines

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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How many strands

Stem stitch. 4 strands: cream line; 3 strands: outer band edge.

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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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