Welcome baby

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 4.7 in (10.9 × 11.9 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

22 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. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Ropes

2. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Far ropes



3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Balloon, cream band, ears, shoulders, head, paws, clouds



4. **Woven filling stitch**, 3 strands
   Basket



5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Band edging, scallops, baby letters, balloon crown, balloon mouth, ear linings, muzzle, eyes, cheeks, nose, basket rim, basket foot, basket heart, far balloon, far basket, stars, welcome letters



6. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: balloon seams
   2 strands: balloon edge

7. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Mouth

8. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Fur edges, cloud edges

9. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Moon



10. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
    Eye highlights



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the 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 353 Peach	**9**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**17**	DMC 433 Medium Brown
2	DMC 352 Light Coral	**10**	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	**18**	DMC 3371 Black Brown
3	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	**11**	DMC 3865 Winter White	**19**	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown
4	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**12**	DMC 712 Cream	**20**	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue
5	DMC 964 Light Seagreen	**13**	DMC 349 Dark Coral	**21**	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue
6	DMC 3849 Light Teal Green	**14**	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	**22**	DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue
7	DMC 351 Coral	**15**	DMC 435 Very Light Brown		
8	DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green	**16**	DMC 437 Light Tan		

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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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