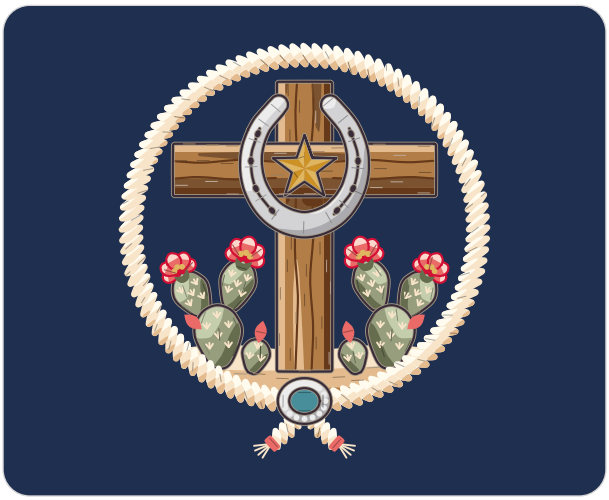
Western cross with rope and horseshoe

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.3 × 4.9 in (10.9 × 12.4 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: indigo cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Sand, timbers, cactus pads, rope
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Horseshoe, nails, barn star, cactus flowers, flower cups, cactus buds, whipping, silver slide, turquoise
3. **Split stitch**, 3 strands
   Timber edges, wood grain, horseshoe edge, horseshoe groove, barn star edges, cactus edges, cactus flower edges, slide edge
4. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Spines, tassels
5. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Flower hearts, silver beads

Floss

- **1 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Rope (middle), sand (light), spines and tassels
- **2 DMC 435 Very Light Brown**
  Timbers (light), sand (dark)
- **3 DMC 437 Light Tan**
  Timbers (lightest), rope (dark), sand (middle)
- **4 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown**
  Timbers (darkest), wood grain
- **5 DMC 433 Medium Brown** Timbers (dark)
- **6 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Timber edges, cactus edges, horseshoe edge and barn star edges and 3 more parts
- **7 DMC 415 Pearl Gray**
  Horseshoe and silver slide (middle)
- **8 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Horseshoe and silver slide (dark)
- **9 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Silver slide and horseshoe (light), silver beads
- **10 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Barn star (lighter), flower hearts
- **11 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Barn star (darker)
- **12 DMC 522 Fern Green** Cactus pads (middle)
- **13 DMC 520 Dark Fern Green**
  Cactus pads (dark), flower cups
- **14 DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green**
  Cactus pads (light)
- **15 DMC 351 Coral**
  Cactus flowers (middle), cactus buds and whipping
- **16 DMC 349 Dark Coral**
  Cactus flower edges, cactus flowers (dark)
- **17 DMC 353 Peach** Cactus flowers (light)
- **18 DMC 712 Cream** Rope (light)
- **19 DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise** Turquoise

Two ways onto denim

1. **A wash-away sheet, the sure way**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto the denim, stitch through both and rinse it away.
2. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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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.

On denim start with a small firm knot inside, which the cloth hides; inside a filled shape take two or three tiny stitches instead. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

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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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

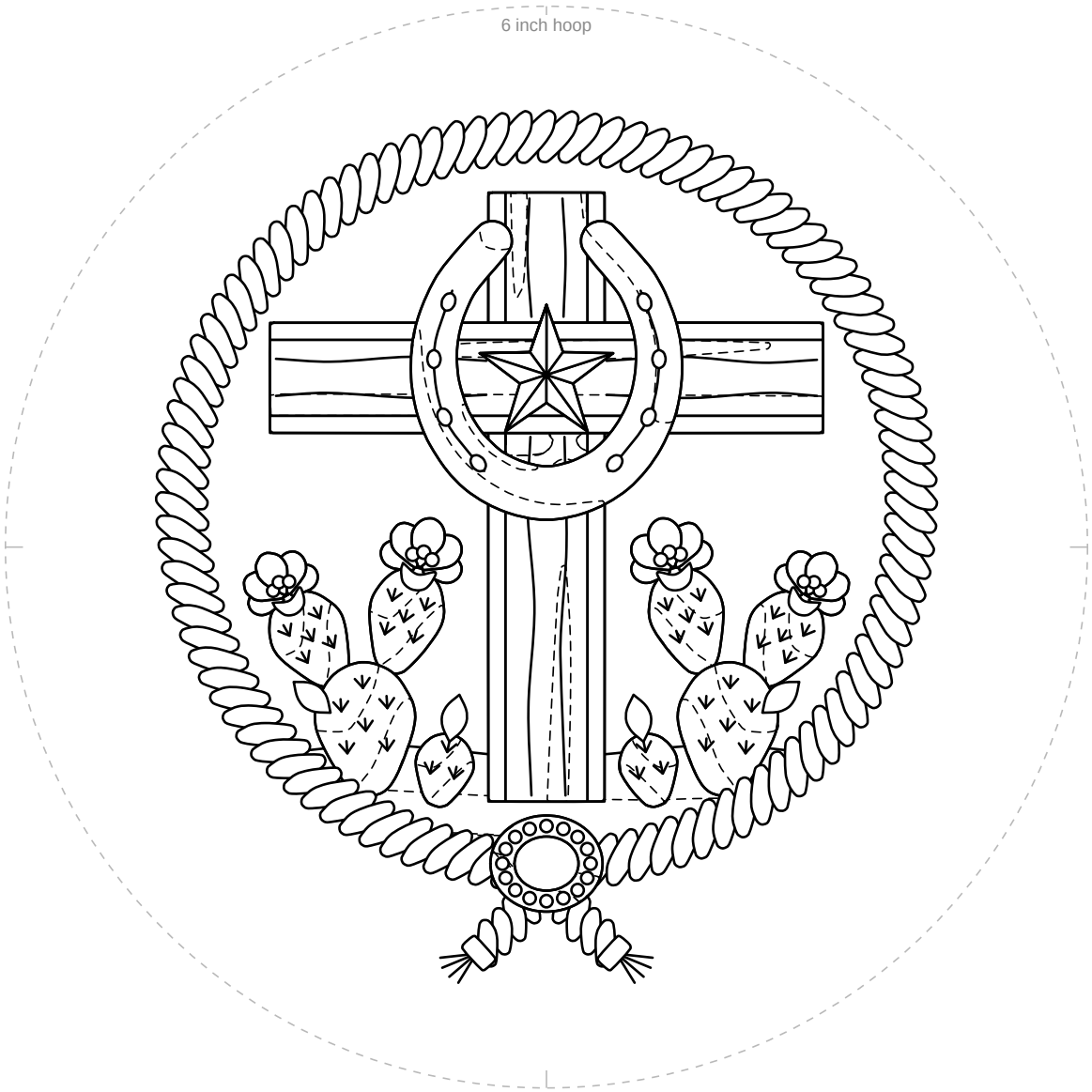
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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