Wish in script

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4 × 4.3 in (10.2 × 10.9 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.

5 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**, 3 strands
   Stem

2. **Whipped back stitch**, 2 strands
   Lines of the Wish



3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Bay leaves



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Seed head heart, Wish



5. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: dandelion clock, flying seeds, star stalk
   2 strands: star



6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Flight line (color 2)

7. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Flight line (color 4)

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 415 Pearl Gray
2 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
3 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
4 DMC BLANC White
5 DMC 3822 Light Straw

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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.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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