# XOXO in script

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.3 in (11.4 × 10.9 cm)




Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

## What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

16 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

## Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

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. **Chain stitch**, 6 strands
   Smoke trail (color 1)



2. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: smoke trail (color 1)
   2 strands: struts



3. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands
   Clouds, body, cowl (color 12)



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Wings, stripes, tail, cowl (color 6), engine, heart, wheels, cockpit, scarf, pilot face, pilot cap, goggles, propeller, propeller hub, hearts, swallows



5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Cloud edges, letter shadows



6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Cloud puffs, plane edges, cowl edge



7. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: goggle strap
   1 strand: smile



8. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Goggle rims



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



10. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: hubs
    1 strand: swallow throats



Take out lines that still show, press face down on soft cloth.



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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.




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| 1 | DMC BLANC White | 7 | DMC 815 Medium Garnet | 13 | DMC 433 Medium Brown |
| 2 | DMC 156 Medium Light Blue Violet | 8 | DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue | 14 | DMC 744 Pale Yellow |
| 3 | DMC 157 Very Light Cornflower Blue | 9 | DMC 351 Coral | 15 | DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown |
| 4 | DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue | 10 | DMC 321 Red | 16 | DMC 3716 Very Light Rose |
| 5 | DMC 498 Dark Red | 11 | DMC 350 Medium Coral | | |
| 6 | DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan | 12 | DMC 437 Light Tan | | |



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**6 inch hoop**

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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**6 inch hoop**

For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.




**1 in**
25.4 mm

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