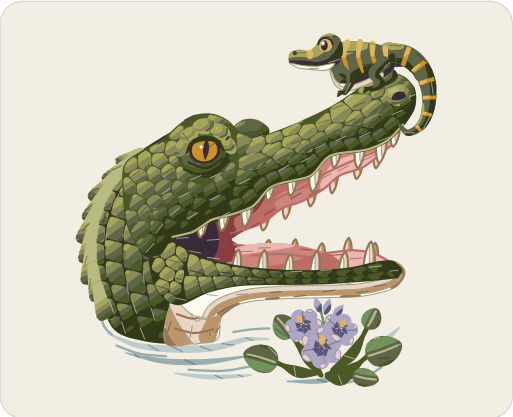
Alligator head with a baby gator

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.2 × 4.2 in (10.7 × 10.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Water, leaf stalks, buds, flower eyes, far teeth, teeth, eye rim, pupil, upper lid, nostrils, yellow bands, hatchling bars, hatchling eye, and 1 more
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaves, flowers, mouth, tongue, neck, neck scutes, crest, throat, lower jaw, jowl scales, far brow, head, lip plates, snout plates, and 7 more
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Water lines, flower stalk, buds
4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf veins, tooth edges, mouth folds, mouth edges, tongue line, throat folds, lip, lid creases, hatchling smile, hatchling lid
5. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Hatchling toes
6. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Flower hearts, eye light, hatchling eye light, hatchling nostril

Floss

- **1 DMC 927 Light Gray Green** Water (lighter)
- **2 DMC 926 Medium Gray Green** Water (darker), water lines
- **3 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Leaves (light), flower stalk, buds (middle)
- **4 DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green**
  Head (lighter), cheek scales (dark), lip plates (middle), leaf stalks and 9 more parts
- **5 DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray**
  Hatchling (light), neck scutes (middle), leaves (dark) and 10 more parts
- **6 DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green**
  Crest, nostrils, snout plates, leaves and brow (lightest), lip and leaf veins
- **7 DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet** Flowers (middle), buds (light)
- **8 DMC 333 Very Dark Blue Violet** Flowers and buds (dark), flower hearts
- **9 DMC 211 Light Lavender** Flowers (light)
- **10 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Yellow bands (lighter), hatchling eye, flower eyes and hatchling bars
- **11 DMC 3047 Light Yellow Beige**
  Lower jaw (shade 8 of 9), far teeth (lighter), throat (light) and 2 more parts
- **12 DMC 3045 Dark Yellow Beige**
  Lower jaw (shade 6 of 9), throat and teeth (dark), far teeth (darker), eye (lighter)
- **13 DMC 611 Drab Brown**
  Tooth edges and throat folds, lower jaw (shade 4 of 9), throat (darkest)
- **14 DMC 223 Light Shell Pink** Mouth (light), tongue (middle)
- **15 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Mouth, hatchling and nostrils (darkest), eye rim and hatchling smile and 4 more parts
- **16 DMC 221 Very Dark Shell Pink** Mouth (dark)
- **17 DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink**
  Mouth (middle), tongue (dark), mouth edges, mouth folds and tongue line
- **18 DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink** Mouth (lightest), tongue (light)
- **19 DMC 934 Black Avocado Green**
  Neck, head (darker), lower jaw (shade 1 of 9), hatchling (dark) and 11 more parts
- **20 DMC 3011 Dark Khaki Green**
  Snout plates (middle light), neck scutes and cheek scales (light) and 7 more parts
- **21 DMC 3012 Medium Khaki Green**
  Snout plates and brow (light), hatchling and cheek scales (lightest) and 5 more parts
- **22 DMC 746 Off White**
  Lower jaw (shade 9 of 9), throat (lightest), teeth (light) and 3 more parts
- **23 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Yellow bands and eye (darker)

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.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

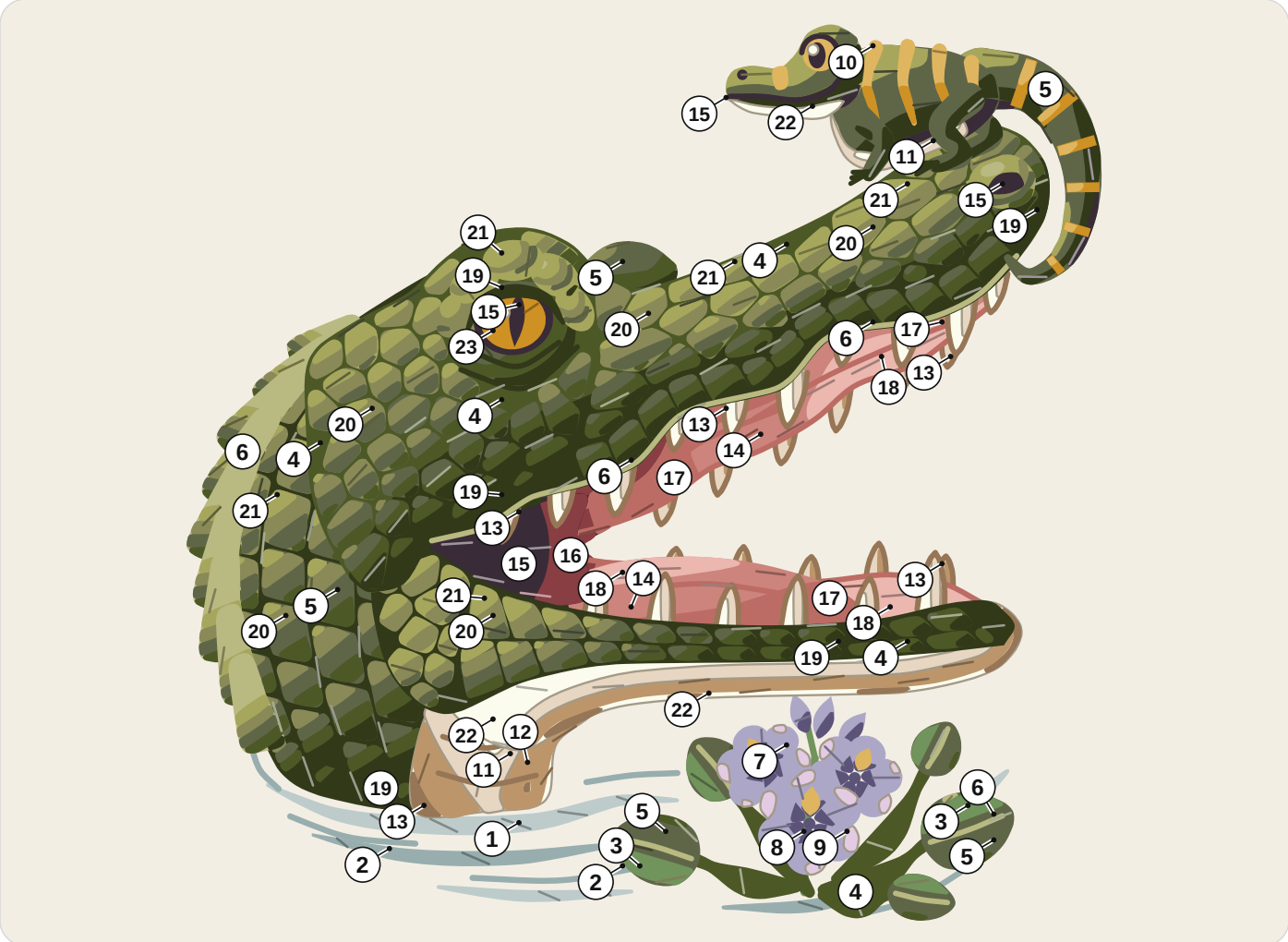
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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.

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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How many strands

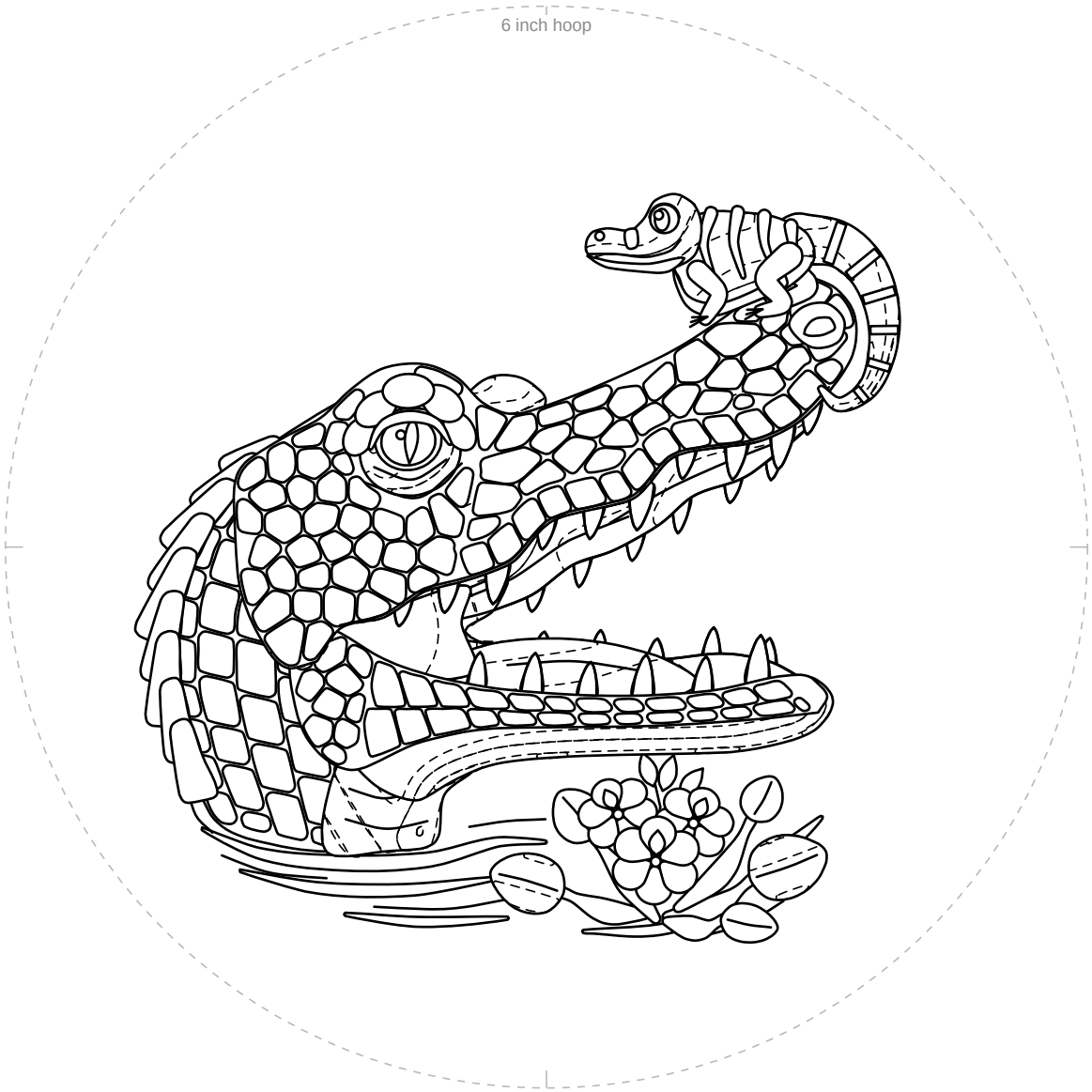
Satin stitch. 2 strands: water, leaf stalks, upper lid; 1 strand: buds, flower eyes, far teeth, teeth, eye rim, pupil, nostrils, yellow bands, hatchling bars, hatchling eye, hatchling pupil.
Stem stitch. 3 strands: flower stalk; 2 strands: buds; 1 strand: water lines.

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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.



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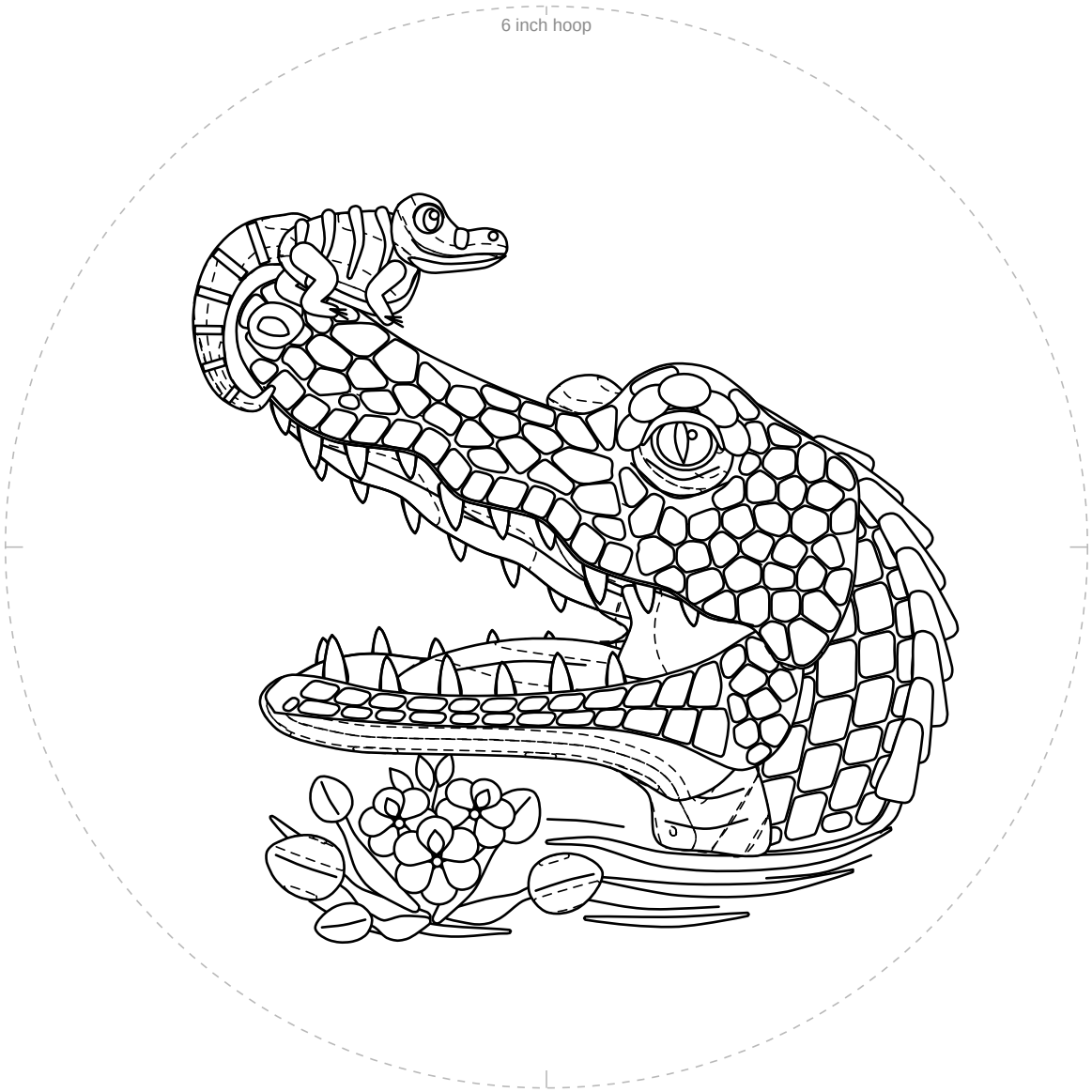
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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