Bass fish in folk scales

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.9 in (11.9 × 12.4 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

9 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, color 4
   Stems

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Fin feathers, fin bands, scale rims, leaves, dots, hearts, wrist bands, gill bands, mouth, upper lip, lower jaw, eye, eye highlight, cheek flower, tulips, flowers



3. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands, color 7
   Outline



4. **Lazy daisy stitch**
   1 strand, color 8
   Daisies



5. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 7, 8
   Knots of the fin bands, daisy centers, gill knots, knots of the tulips, knots of the flowers



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

In a 6 inch hoop the shortest lazy daisy loops are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger 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 597 Turquoise	**4**	DMC 910 Dark Emerald Green	**7**	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz
2	DMC 907 Light Parrot Green	**5**	DMC 321 Red	**8**	DMC 3865 Winter White
3	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine	**6**	DMC 351 Coral	**9**	DMC 310 Black

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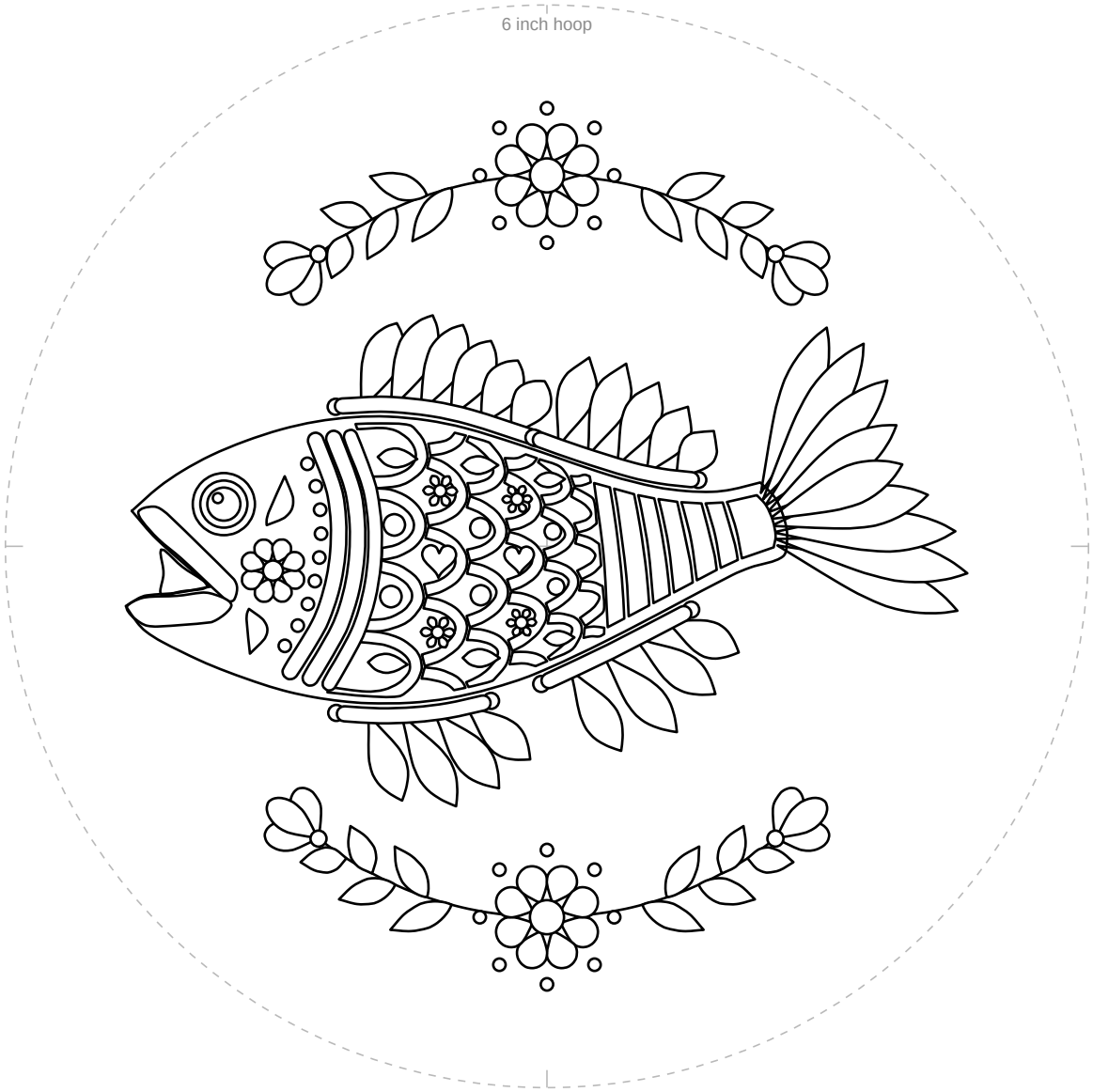
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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