Beach ball on the sand

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 2.9 in (11.9 × 7.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

6 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.

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. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 3, 6
   Smaller yellow panel, cap of the ball



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 or 2 strands, colors 3, 4, 5
   Red panels, larger yellow panels, blue panels



Stitch in this order, continued

3. **Stem stitch**
   2 or 3 strands, colors 1, 2
   Sea, sand

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

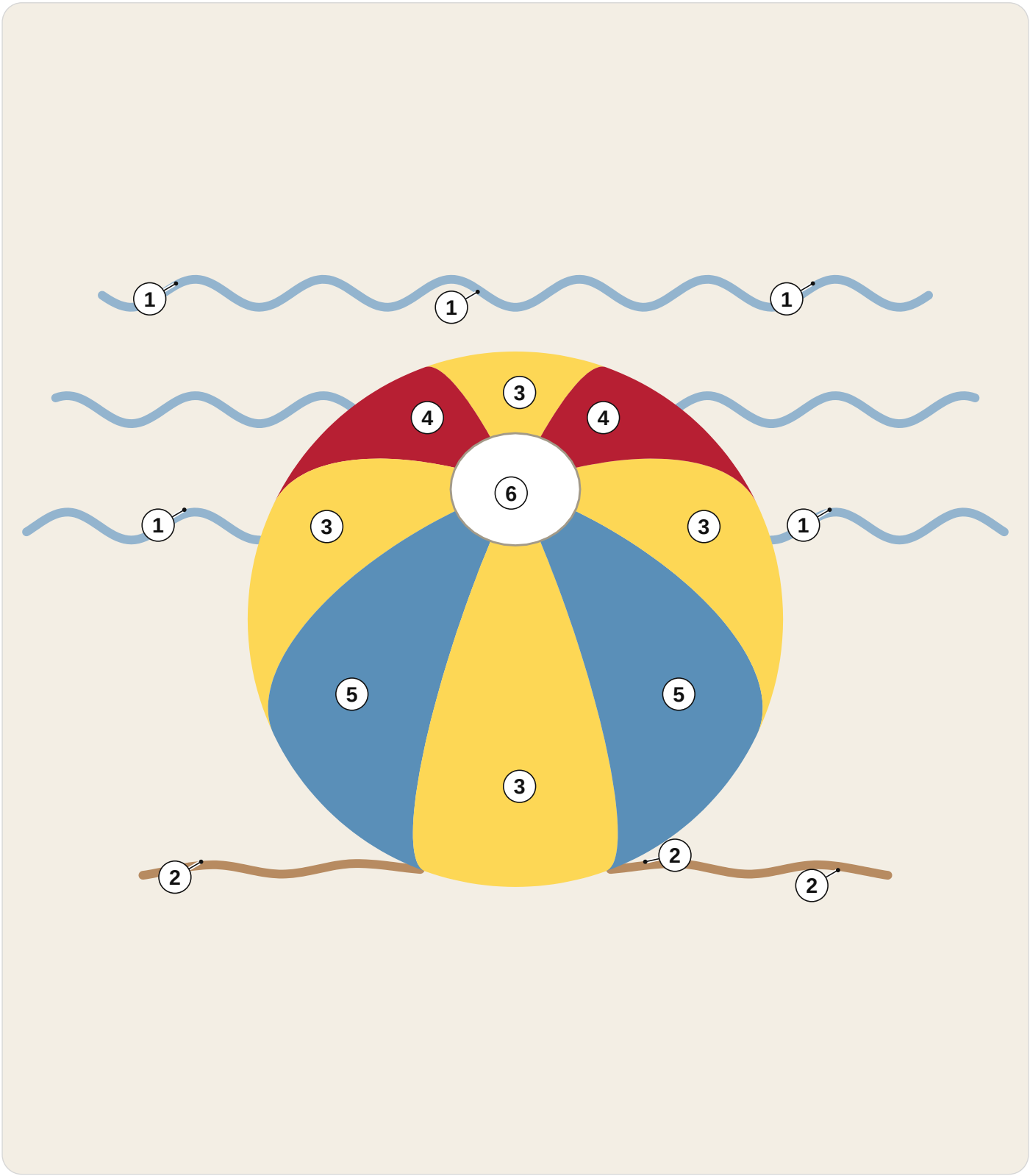
In a 6 inch hoop the widest satin stitch shape is 9/16 in (14 mm) across. Satin stitches longer than about 12 mm (just under 1/2 in) tend to work loose: divide the shape into sections, or work it in long and short stitch.

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A number is a color of the list.



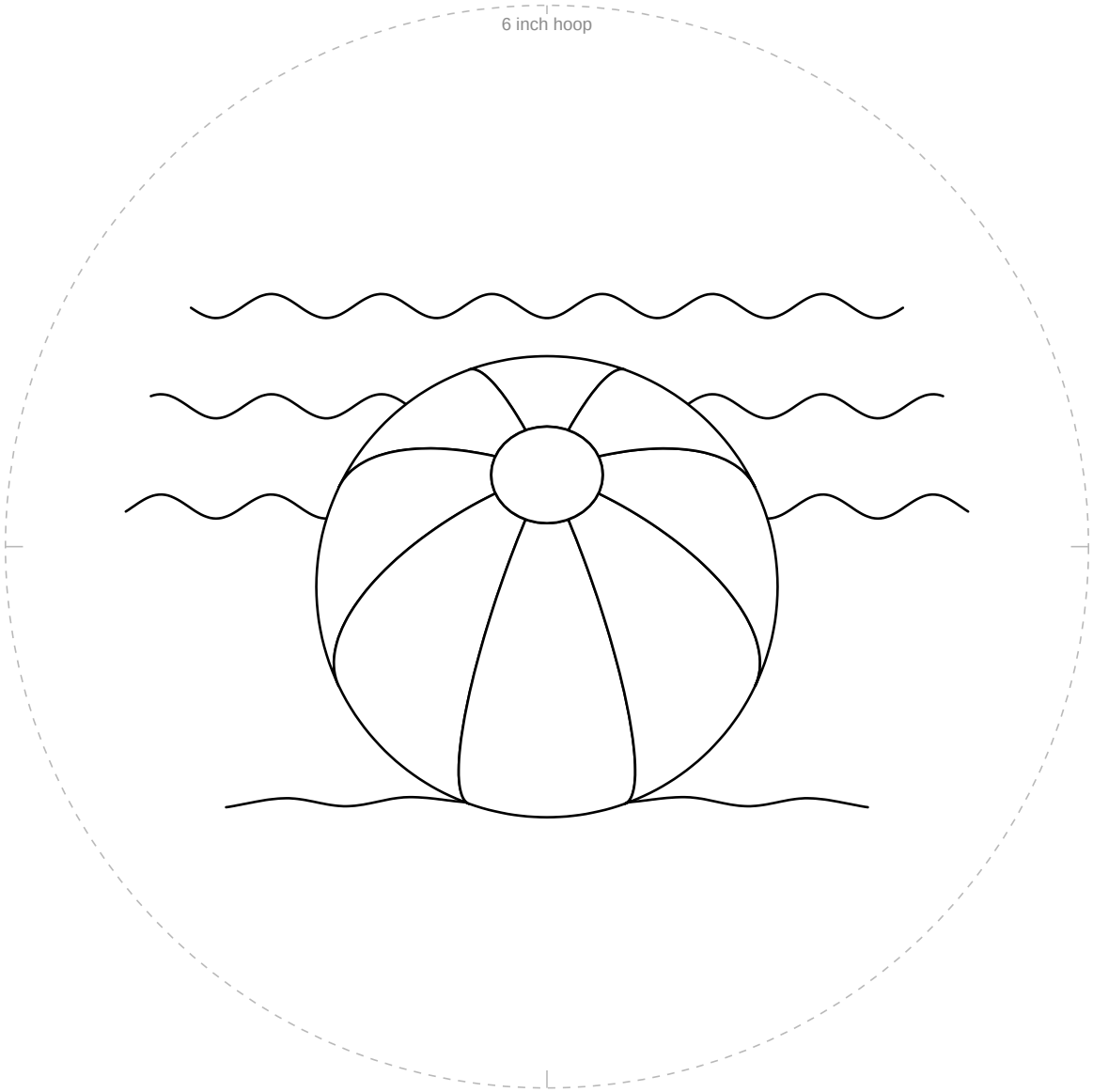
1 DMC 3755 Baby Blue
2 DMC 3828 Hazelnut Brown
3 DMC 726 Light Topaz
4 DMC 304 Medium Red
5 DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue
6 DMC B5200 Snow White

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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

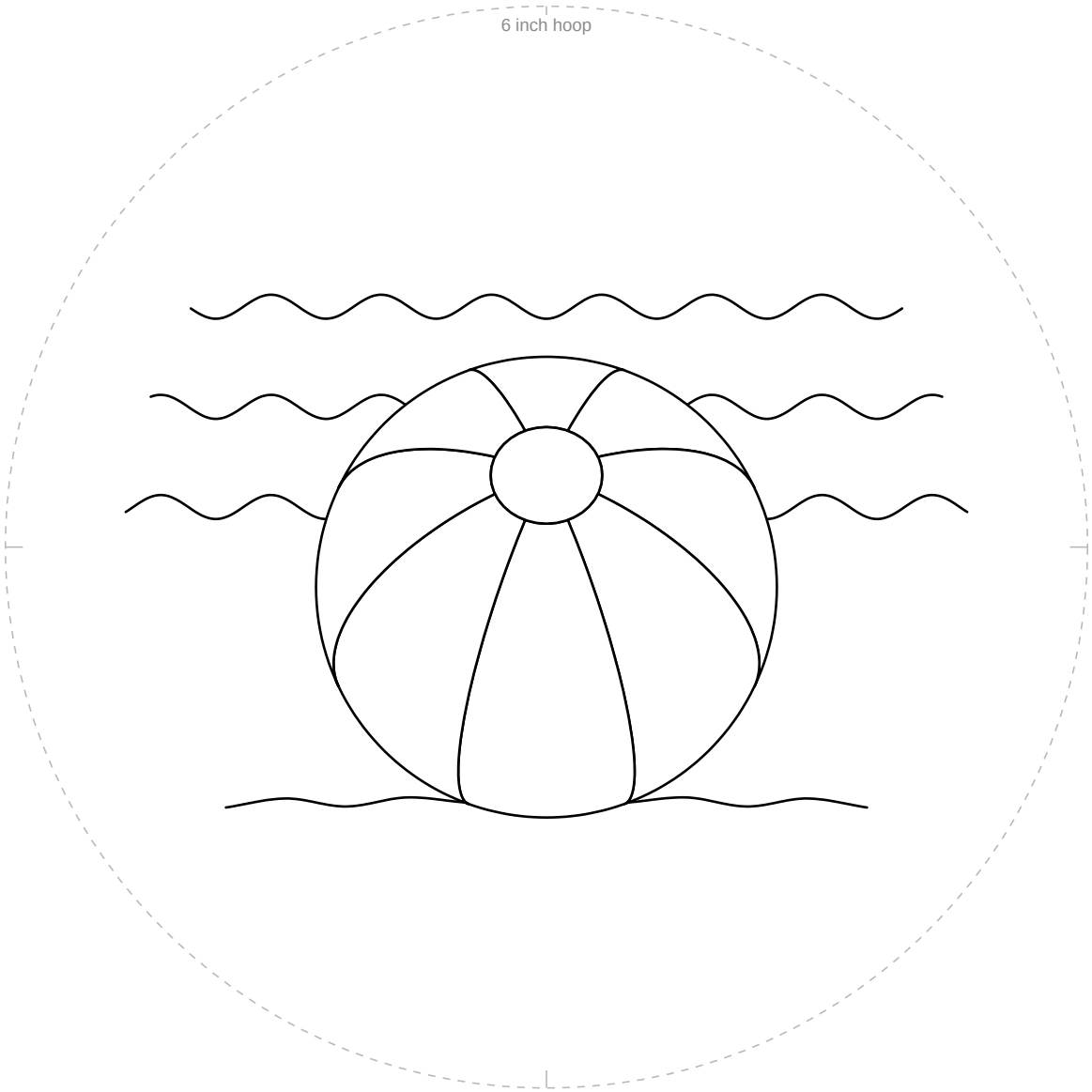
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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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