Beginner wave border for a hem

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 2.4 in (11.2 × 6.1 cm).



Which color goes where. Each number is a stitch of the list.
Fabric: indigo cotton or linen.

Floss

- **DMC 3761 Light Sky Blue**
  Water lines and ripples
- **DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Waves, foam and fish eyes, rope edges (lighter)
- **DMC 351 Coral**
  Fish outlines, fish bodies and fish tails, rope edges (darker)

Stitch in this order

1. **Running stitch**, 5 strands
   Water lines, ripples

2. **Back stitch**
   6 strands: waves
   4 strands: foam, fish outlines, fish bodies

3. **Straight stitch**
   6 strands: fish eyes
   5 strands: rope edges
   4 strands: fish tails



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.

On denim start with a small firm knot inside, which the cloth hides. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Two ways onto denim

1. **A wash-away sheet, the sure way**
   Print page 2 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto the denim, stitch through both and rinse it away.
2. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 2 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 2 is the pattern at actual size (page 3 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

What you need

Beginner. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, in indigo. Embroidery needle: size 3. Skeins: one of each color is enough. An estimate for the 6 inch hoop, from the length of each line and the area of each filled shape, with a fifth added for tails.

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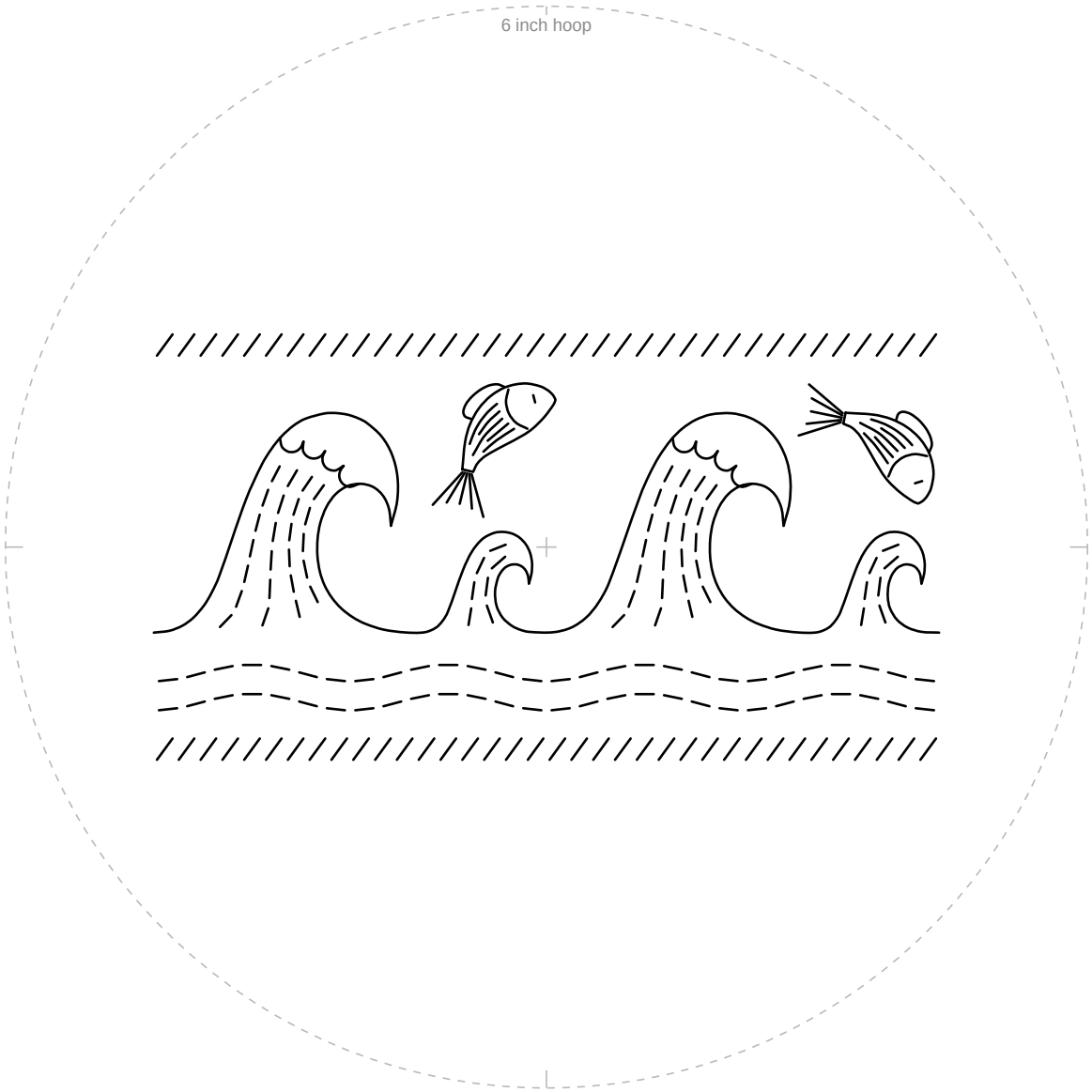

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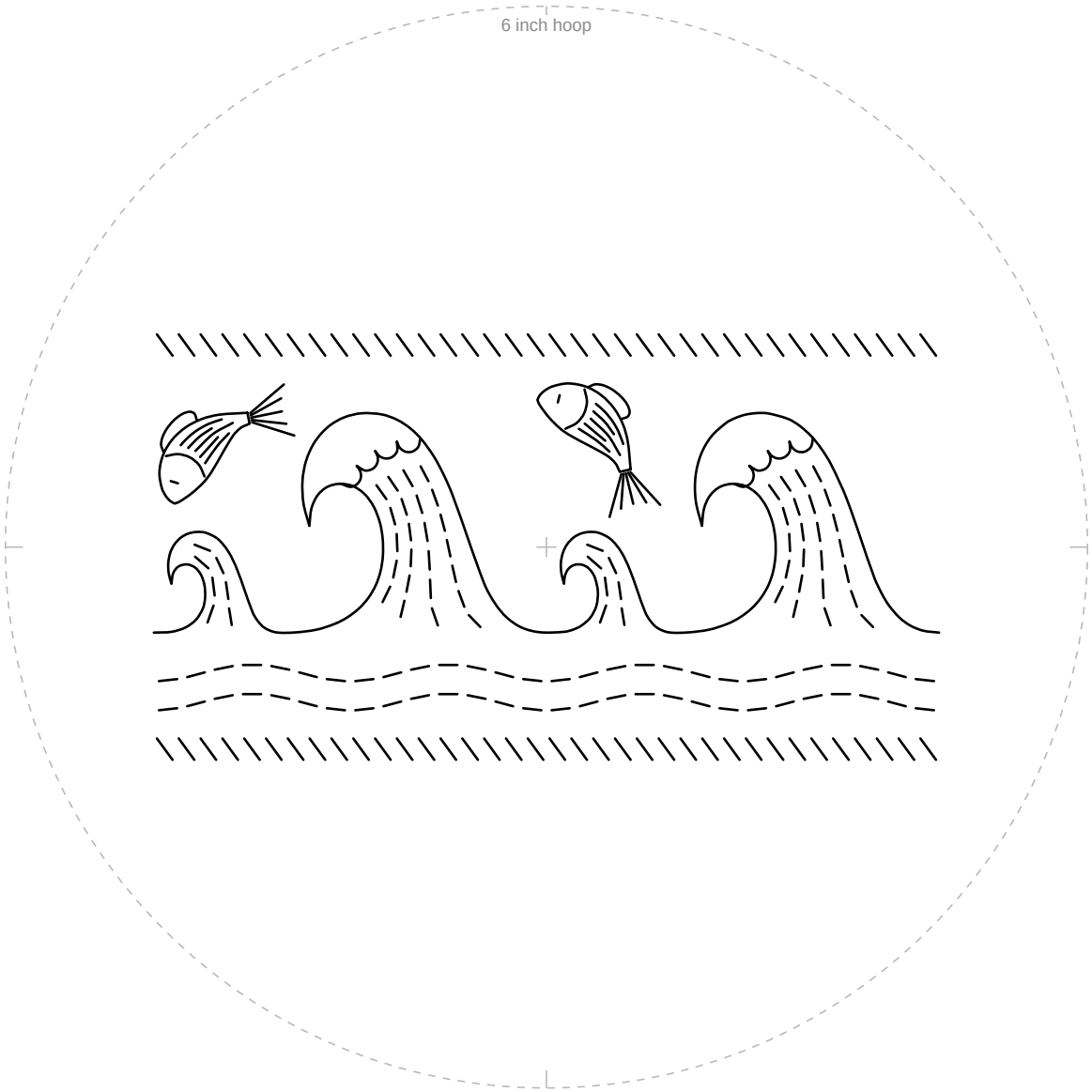
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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