Belly dancer with a lace and coin belt

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4 × 4.6 in (10.2 × 11.7 cm)



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

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.

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.

Buy: 14 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of teal cotton or linen, a white pencil.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Blanket stitch**, 1 strand
   Lace flounces (color 10)
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Foot, skirt shadows, arms, back, belt ground, hair
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Satin folds, bracelets, coins, ears
4. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Foot outline (color 1)
5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Skirt lines, lace flounces (color 10)
6. **Chain stitch**
   2 strands: hem, lace edges (color 10)
   3 strands: belt band
7. **Blanket stitch**, 1 strand
   Lace edges (color 10)
8. **Trellis stitch**, 1 strand
   Lace top, belt lace (color 10)
9. **Buttonhole stitch**, 1 strand
   Belt lace (color 10)
10. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
    Foot outline (color 1), arm outlines, back outlines, coin rims, hair strands, hair highlights
11. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
    Coin strings
12. **French knot**, two wraps
    1 strand: anklet, lace picots, beads
    2 strands: head chain

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

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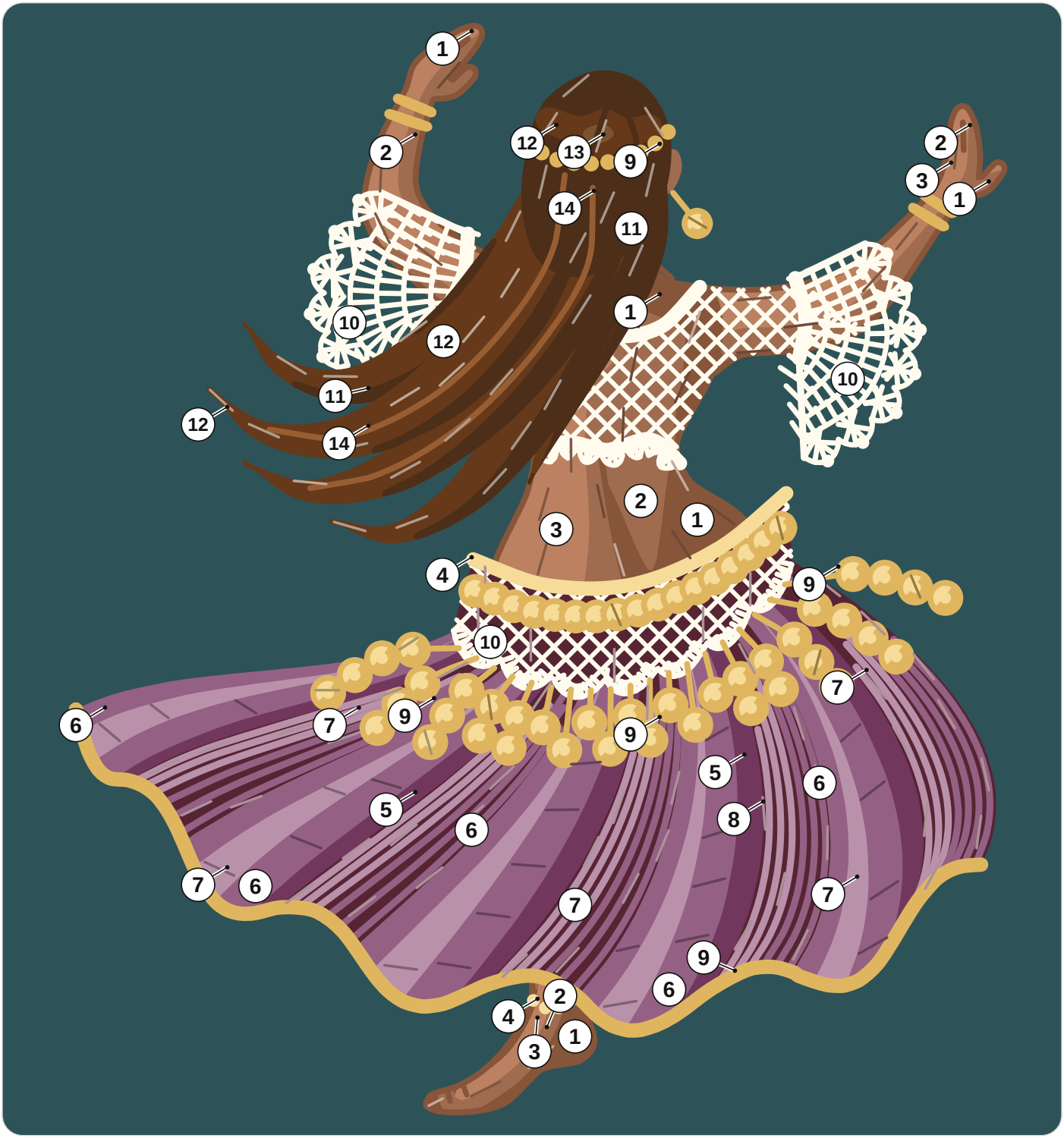
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 632 Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand	**6**	DMC 3835 Medium Grape	**11**	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown
2	DMC 3772 Very Dark Desert Sand	**7**	DMC 3836 Light Grape	**12**	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown
3	DMC 407 Dark Desert Sand	**8**	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	**13**	DMC 433 Medium Brown
4	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**9**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**14**	DMC 434 Light Brown
5	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	**10**	DMC 712 Cream		

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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 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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