Black cat against a full moon

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 5 × 4.8 in (12.7 × 12.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Thorns, binding, moon craters, gatepost, post cap, post top, grass, inner ears, eye rims, eyes, pupils, nose, collar, bell, hips



2. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands
   Moon, turf, tail, body, front legs, hind paw, haunch, ears, head



3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, fallen leaf



4. **Stem stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Canes, whiskers, bramble stalk, leaves, fallen leaf

5. **Split stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Moon edge, moon craters, gatepost seams, post edge, toe lines, fur lines, mouth

6. **Straight stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Eye lights, bell, hip tips



Floss

- **1 DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet**
  Gatepost and post cap (light), moon (darker), post top and thorns and 5 more parts
- **2 DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet**
  Canes (darker), gatepost and post cap (dark), whiskers, body (lighter) and 3 more parts
- **3 DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet**
  Canes and post edge (lighter), gatepost and post cap (middle), inner ears and fur lines
- **4 DMC 920 Medium Copper**
  Binding and hip tips, fallen leaf (dark)
- **5 DMC 712 Cream**
  Moon (lighter), moon edge and eye lights
- **6 DMC 310 Black**
  Body, front legs and haunch (darker), head, ears and tail and 5 more parts
- **7 DMC 732 Olive Green**
  Turf (lighter), leaves (darker), grass and bramble stalk
- **8 DMC 741 Medium Tangerine**
  Eye rims, hips (lighter)
- **9 DMC 3821 Straw**
  Eyes, bell (lighter), fallen leaf (light)
- **10 DMC 720 Dark Orange Spice**
  Collar, fallen leaf (middle), hips (darker)

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 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.

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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.

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

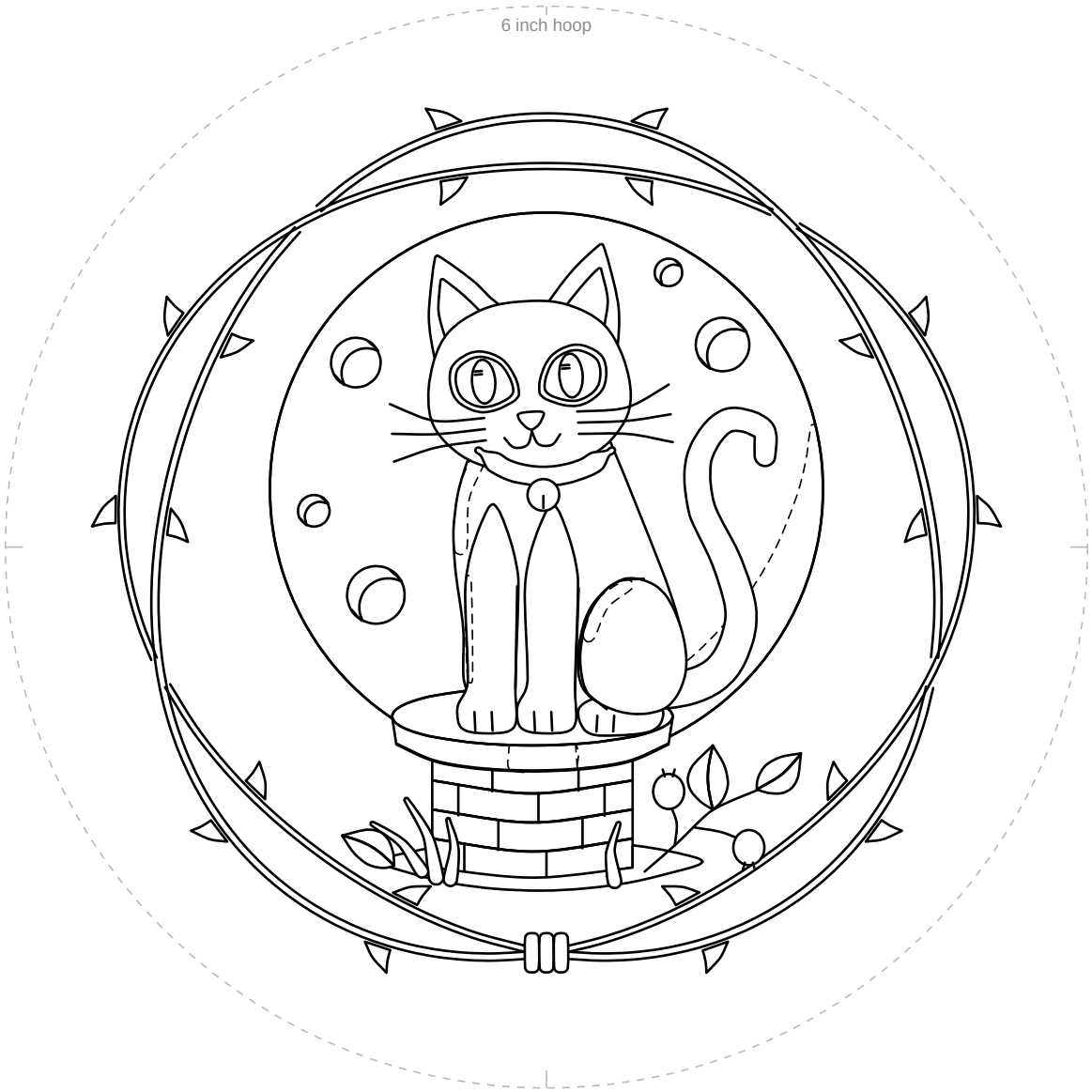
Stem stitch. 2 or 3 strands: canes, bramble stalk; 1 strand: whiskers, leaves, fallen leaf.
Split stitch. 2 strands: moon edge; 1 strand: moon craters, gatepost seams, post edge, toe lines, fur lines, mouth.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: eye lights, bell; 1 strand: hip tips.

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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.



1 in
25.4 mm

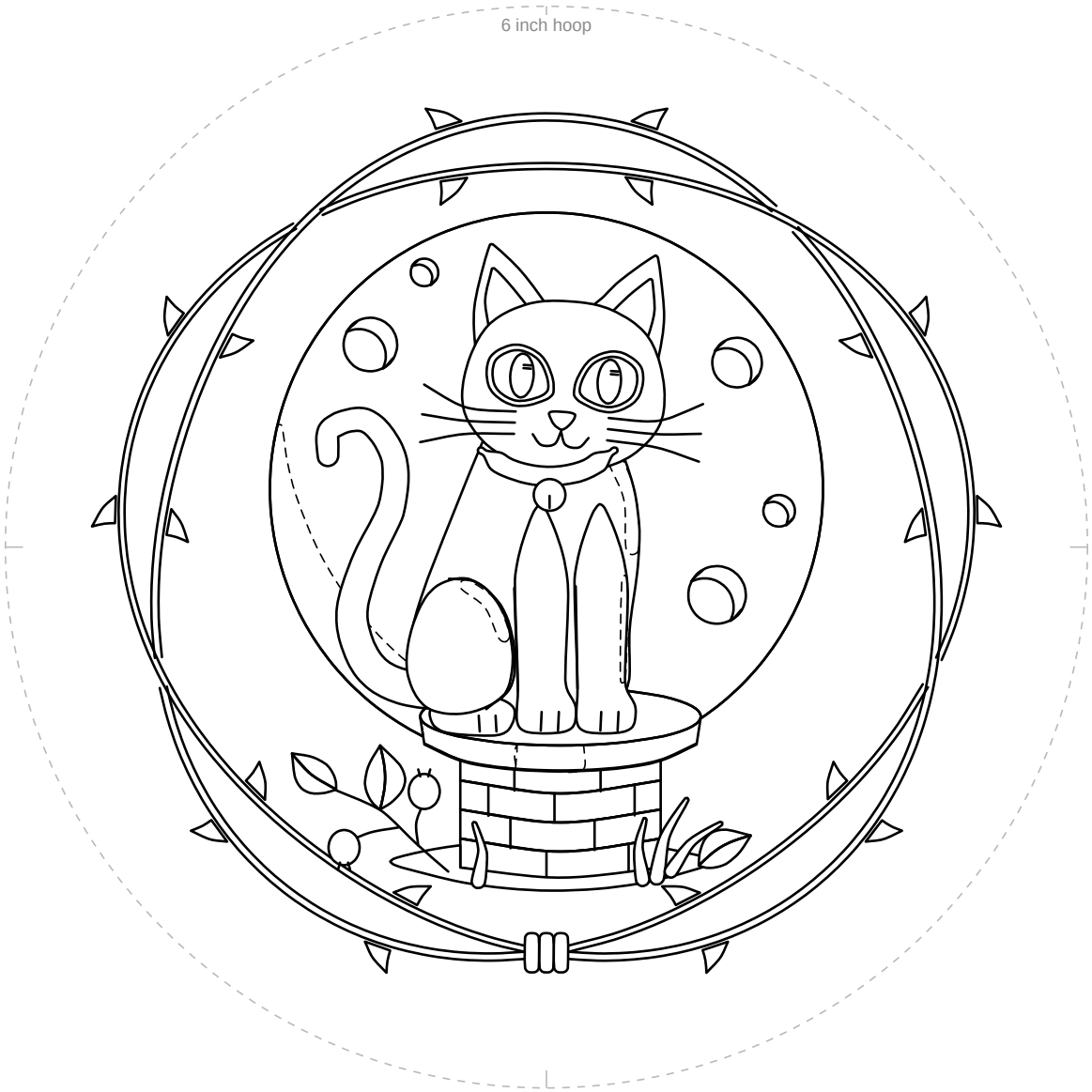
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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