Bluework butterfly and peony

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.8 × 4.5 in (9.7 × 11.4 cm).



Which color goes where.

Floss

- **DMC 797 Royal Blue**
  Petals, leaves, butterfly wings, stems and bud, leaf veins (darker) and 7 more parts
- **DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue**
  Wing veins, petal veins and wing borders, leaf veins (lighter)

Stitches

- **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
  Stems, leaves, bud, bud sepals, butterfly wings, butterfly body, petals
- **Back stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Leaf veins, wing borders, wing veins, antennae, butterfly legs, petal veins
- **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
  Butterfly head, antennae, wing dots, flower heart

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots 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.

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker’s carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 2 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on**
   Go over the lines of page 3, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron.

Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

Work it in this order

1. Stitch the long lines first, then the short ones.
2. Keep the knots for the end, so that the hoop and your hand do not flatten them.

The thread
Start each thread with a small knot on the back or one of the knotless starts, and end it by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

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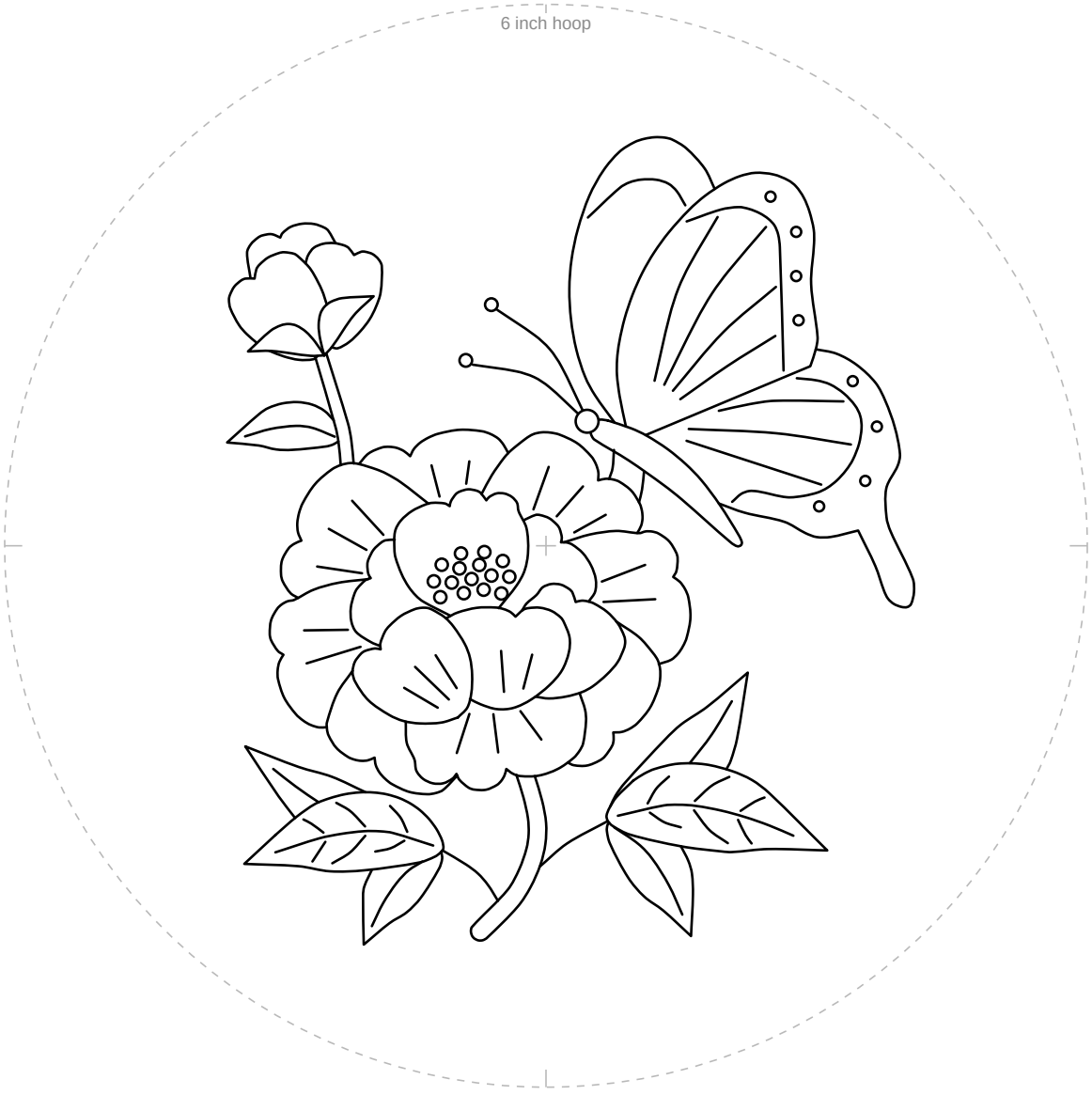

1 in
25.4 mm

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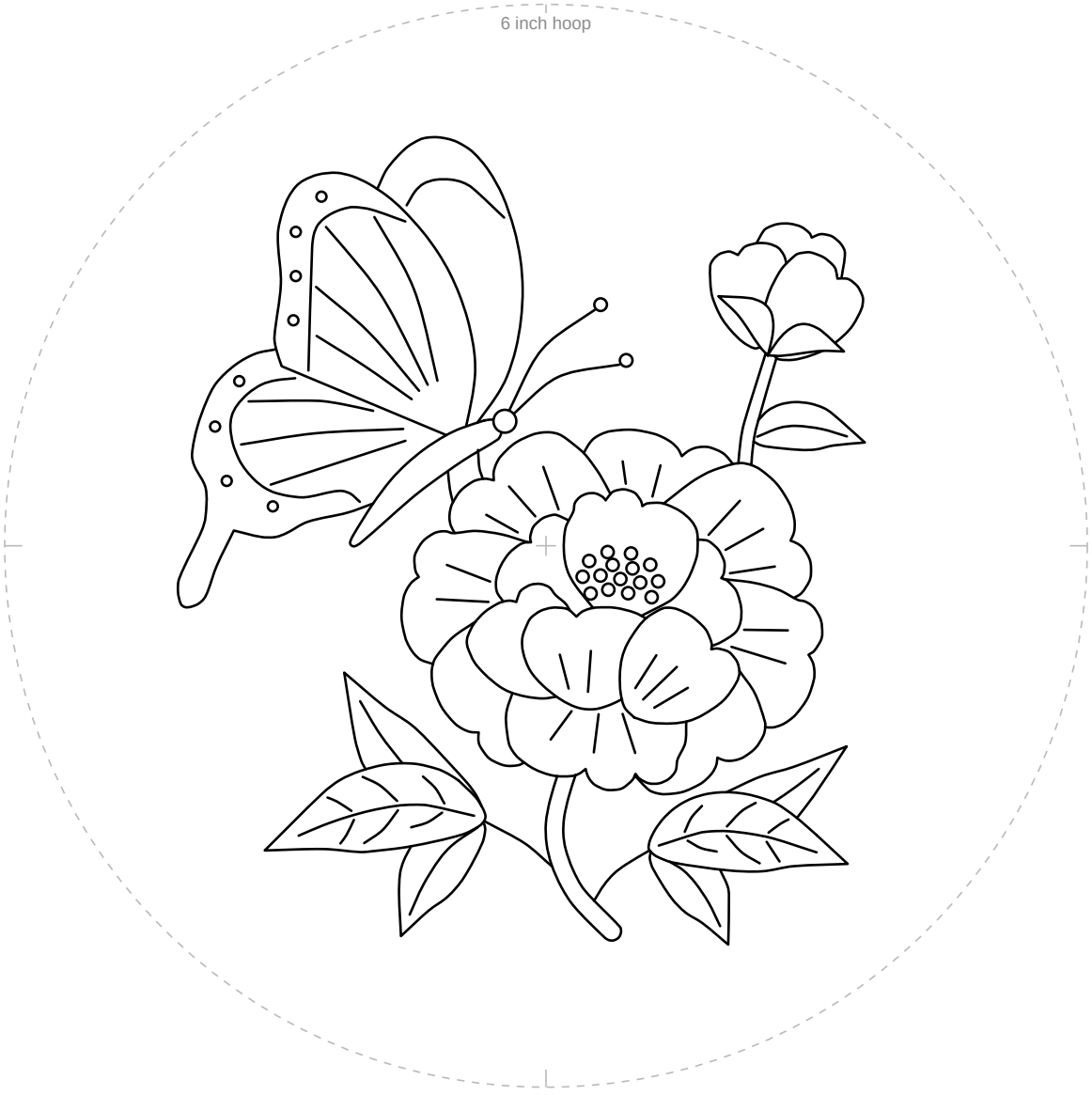
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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