Bowling ball and the last pin

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

21 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 939; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

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.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21
   Sun, lane boards, pin, ball



Stitch in this order, continued

2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18
   Sun bars, lane edges, stars, shadows, pin bands, streaks, light on the ball, finger holes, neon ring



3. **Split stitch**, 2 strands, color 11
   Board lines

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

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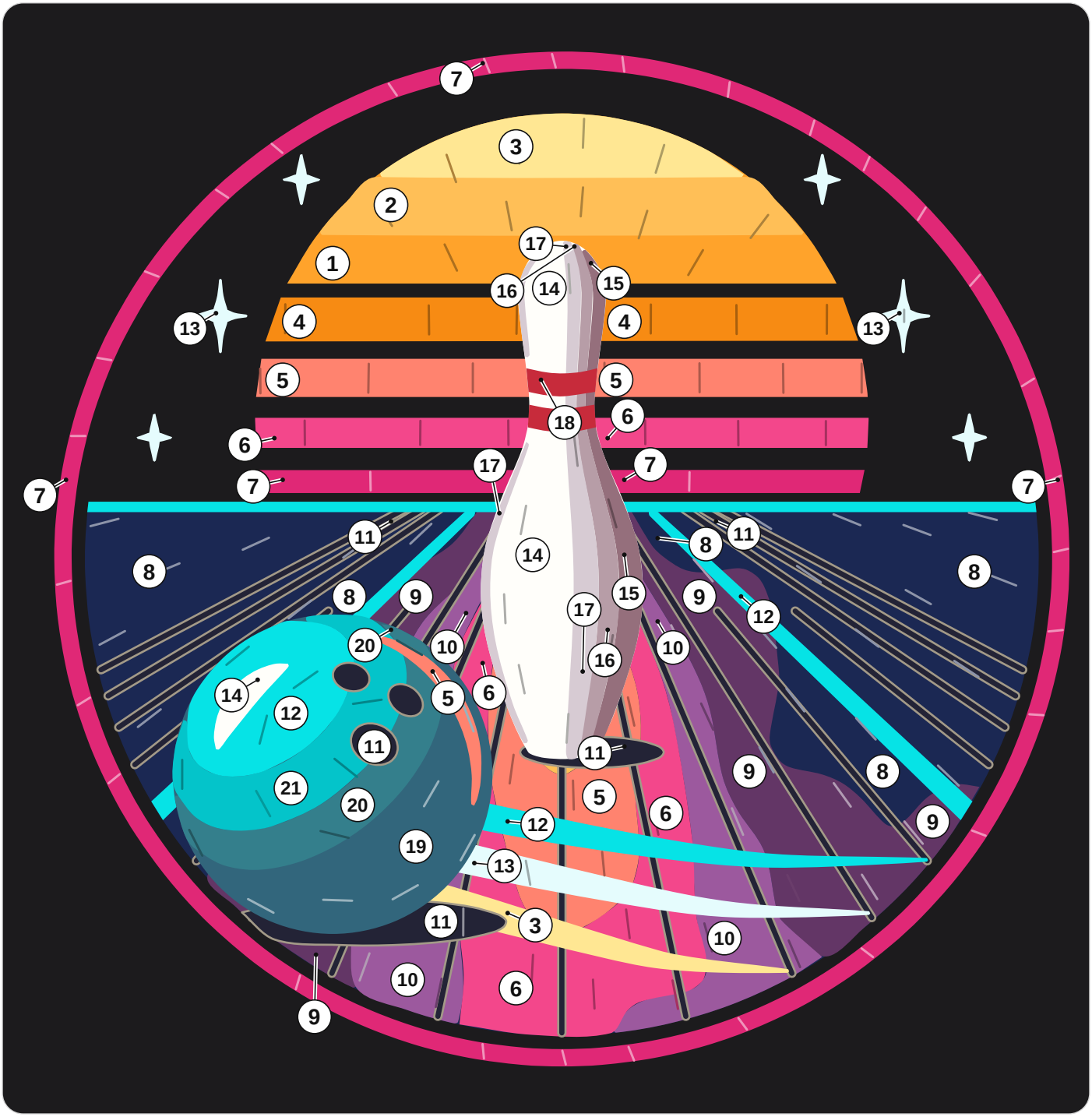
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine	8	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue	15	DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet
2	DMC 742 Light Tangerine	9	DMC 327 Dark Violet	16	DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet
3	DMC 744 Pale Yellow	10	DMC 33 Fuchsia	17	DMC 3743 Very Light Antique Violet
4	DMC 970 Light Pumpkin	11	DMC 310 Black	18	DMC 321 Red
5	DMC 3340 Medium Apricot	12	DMC 3846 Light Bright Turquoise	19	DMC 3842 Very Dark Wedgwood
6	DMC 3805 Cyclamen Pink	13	DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue	20	DMC 3765 Very Dark Peacock Blue
7	DMC 3804 Dark Cyclamen Pink	14	DMC BLANC White	21	DMC 3845 Medium Bright Turquoise

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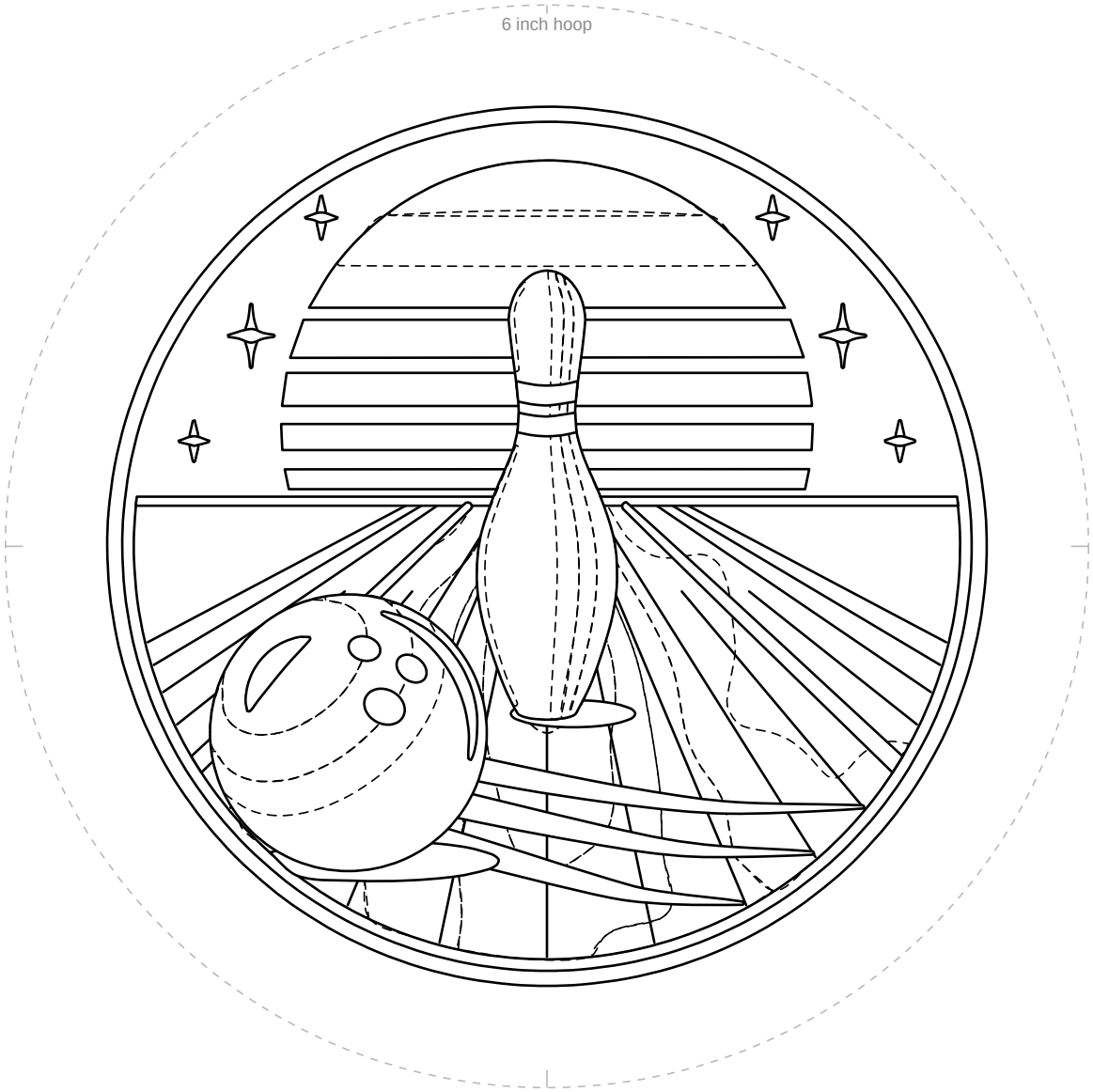
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a 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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