Mandala butterfly

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 3.8 in (11.9 × 9.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

13 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

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. **Whipped back stitch**
   3 strands, colors 1, 2
   Antennae



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12
   Outer back petals, outer petals, outer petal hearts, middle petals, inner petals, wing roots



3. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands, color 8
   Outer petal highlights



4. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands, color 5
   Lace



5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, color 11
   Middle petal veins

6. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 6
   2 strands: outer petal edge
   3 strands: ring lines (color 1), wing sides

7. **Chain stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 3
   Ring lines (color 1), chain arches



8. **Lazy daisy stitch**
   2 strands, color 2
   Daisy petals



9. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 13
   Body



10. **French knot**
    2 strands, two wraps, colors 7, 9
    Edge knots, antennae tips, body beads



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 154 Very Dark Grape	**6**	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	**11**	DMC 3341 Apricot
2	DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw	**7**	DMC 742 Light Tangerine	**12**	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
3	DMC 3835 Medium Grape	**8**	DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue	**13**	DMC 3834 Dark Grape
4	DMC 598 Light Turquoise	**9**	DMC 351 Coral		
5	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise	**10**	DMC 350 Medium Coral		

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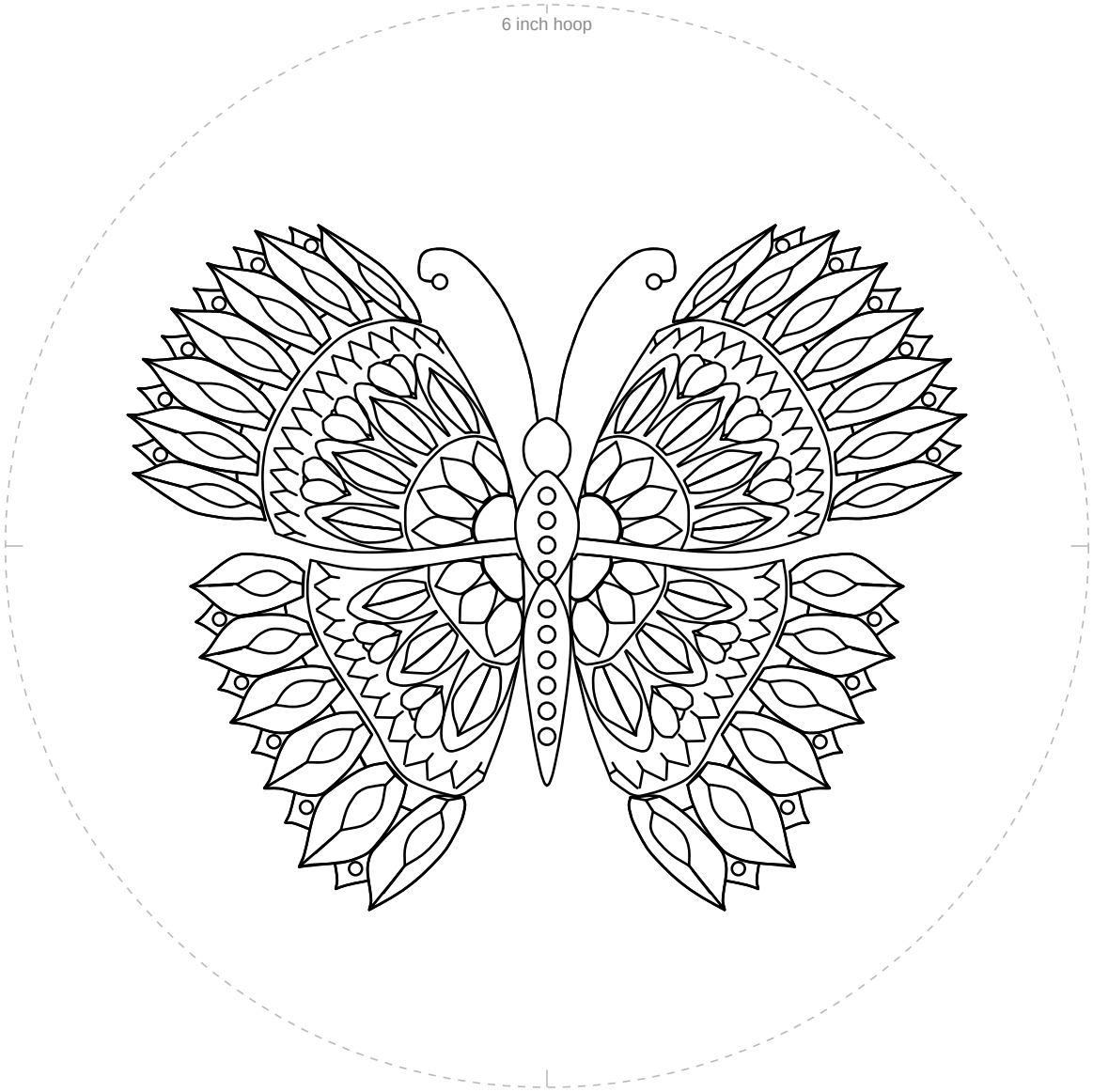
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a dashed line is whipped back stitch.



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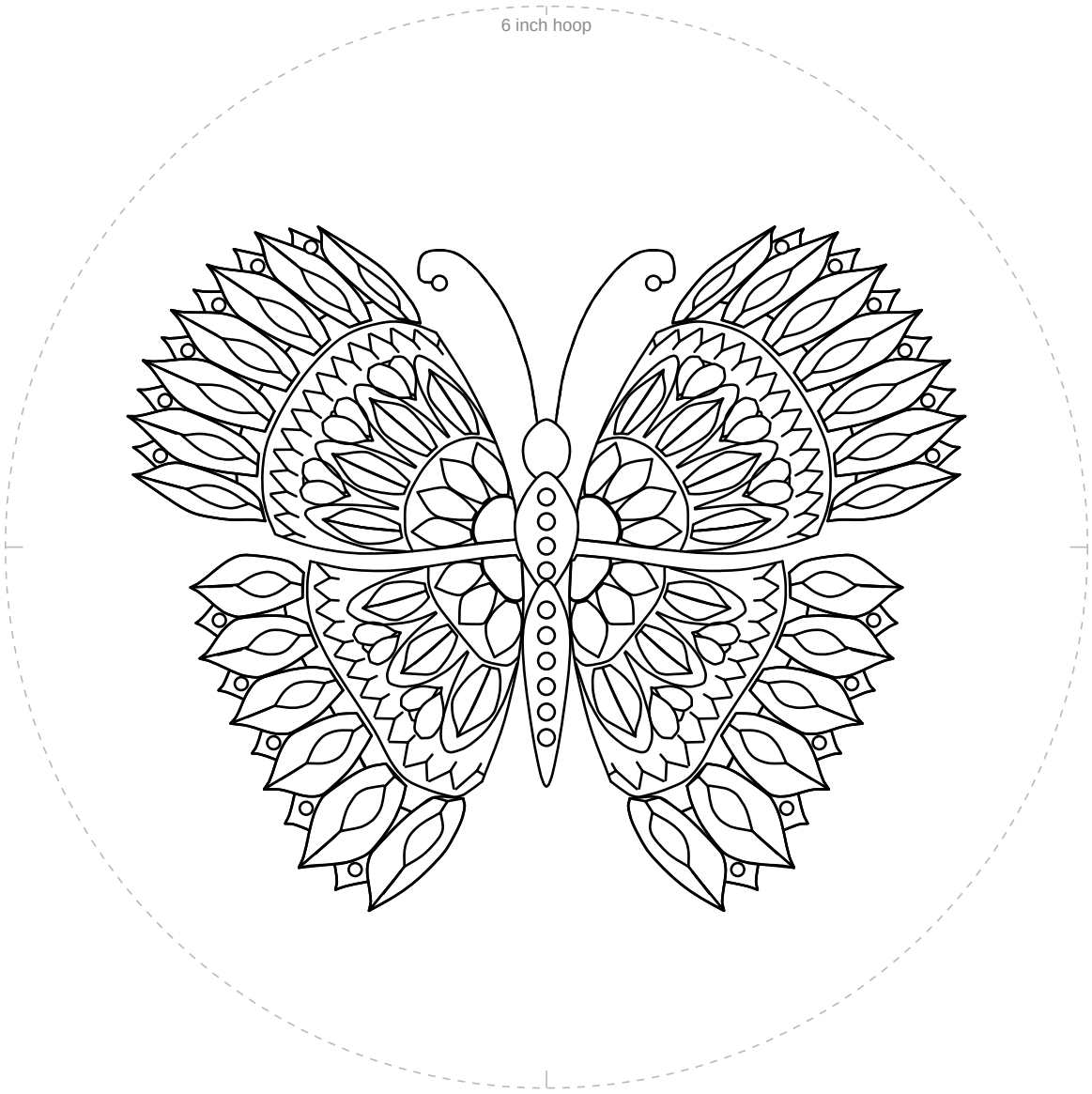
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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