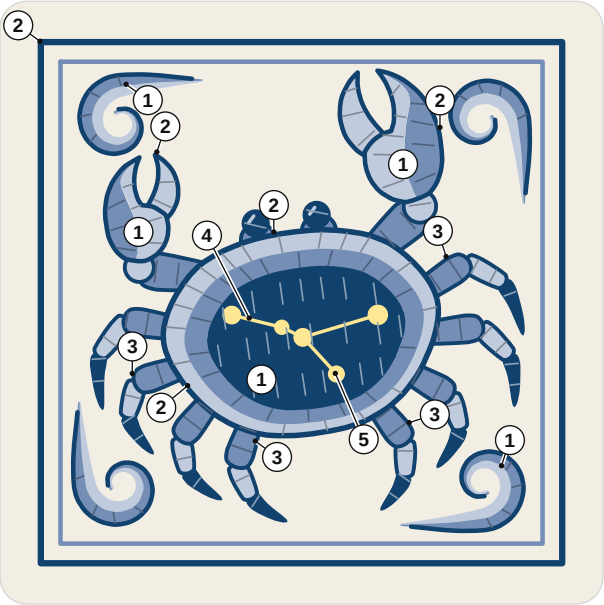
Cancer zodiac sign

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.4 × 3.4 in (8.6 × 8.6 cm)



A number is a row of the list.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

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 2 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 2 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 3, 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.

Floss

DMC 796 Dark Royal Blue
Shell (dark), tile border (darker), leg edge, claw edge, wave edge, leg tips, shell edge and eyes

DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue
Shell (middle), legs, corner waves, claws and arms (darker), tile border (lighter), eye stalks

DMC 800 Pale Delft Blue
Shell (light), claws, corner waves, legs and arms (lighter), eye highlights

DMC 744 Pale Yellow
Stars and star lines

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Corner waves, leg tips, legs, arms, claws, eye stalks, eyes, shell



2. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands: tile border
   2 strands: wave edge, claw edge (DMC 796)
   3 strands: shell edge

3. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: leg edge
   2 strands: claw edge (DMC 796)

4. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Eye highlights, star lines



5. **French knot**
   3 strands, two wraps
   Stars



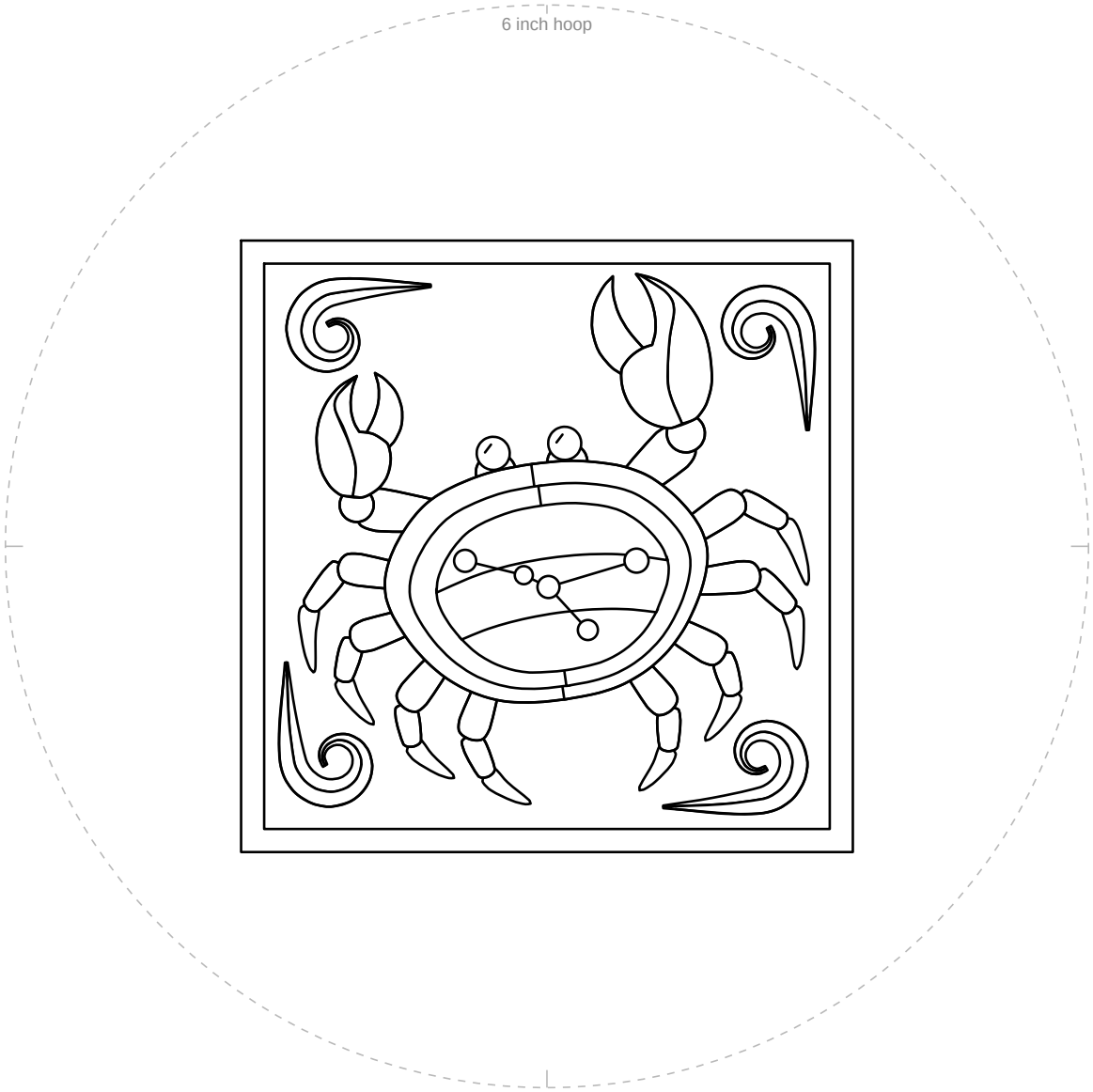
Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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6 inch hoop

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.



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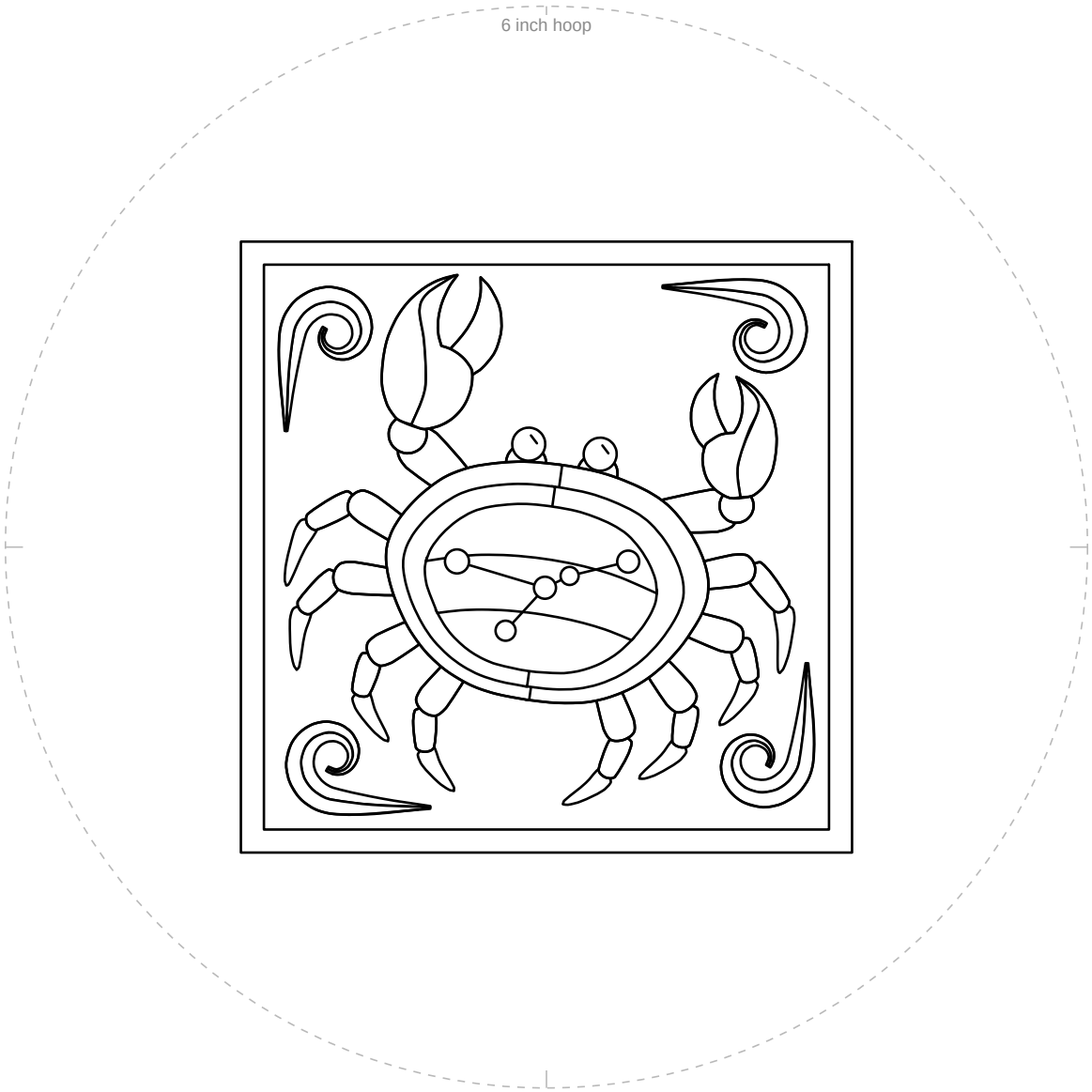
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6 inch hoop

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



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