# Celestial butterfly

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 4.4 in (10.9 × 11.2 cm)



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

## What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

16 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each 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. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13
   Hindwing, forewing, moon shadows, abdomen bands, antenna tips



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, 15, 16
   Thorax, full moon



3. **Split stitch**, 2 strands, color 8
   Moon rims



4. **Back stitch**, 2 strands, color 8
   Constellation lines



5. **Couching**, colors 9, 10
   3 strands: wing veins, antennae, full moon halo
   6 strands: wing edges



6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand, color 13
   Lines of the stars



7. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 3, 4, 8, 11, 12, 13
   Moon shadows, moons, abdomen, head, evening star



8. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 12, 13, 14
   1 strand: knots of the stars
   2 strands: star joints, opal knots, eyes



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



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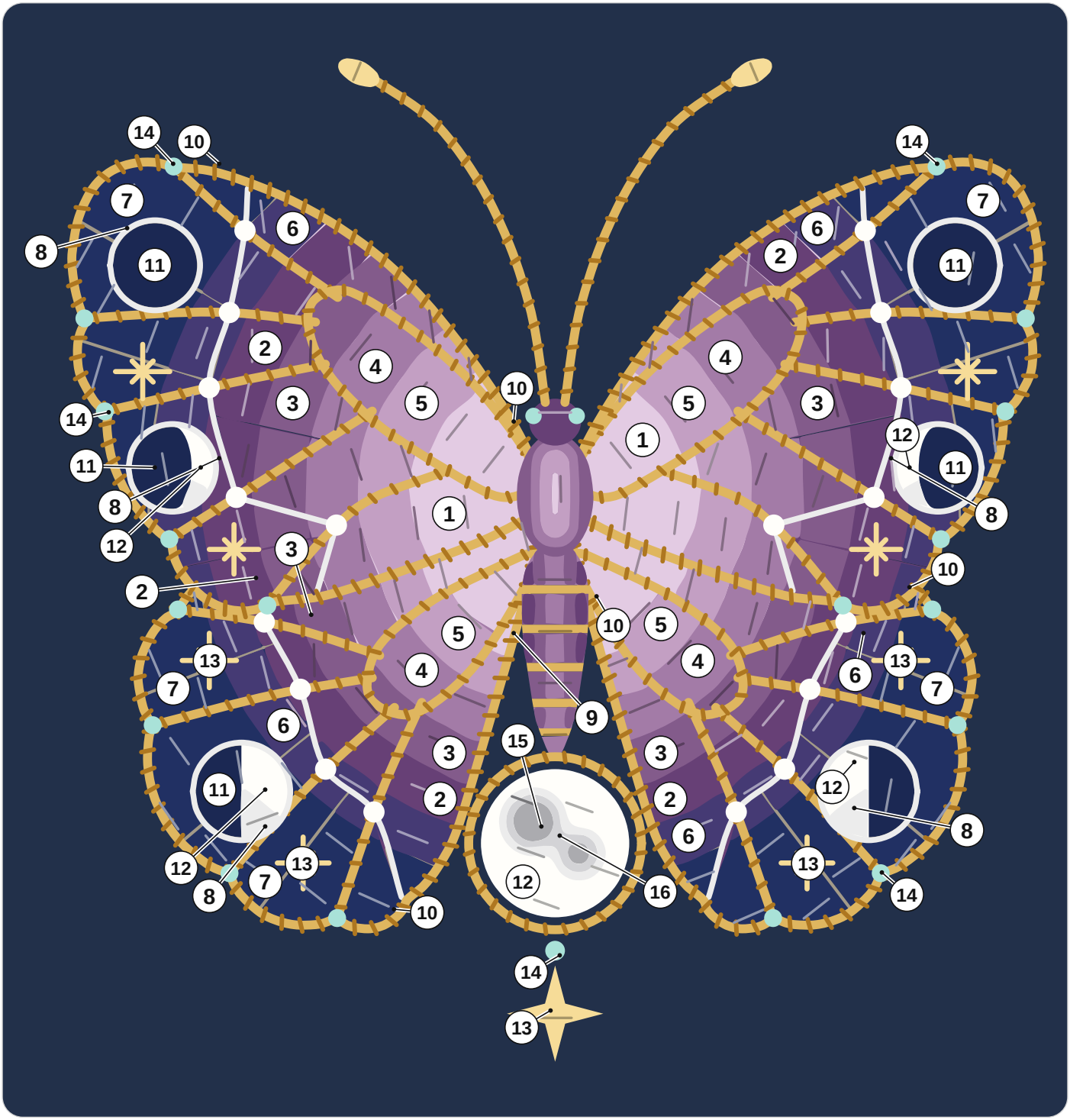
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | DMC 211 Light Lavender | **7** | DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue | **13** | DMC 3822 Light Straw |
| **2** | DMC 29 Eggplant | **8** | DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray | **14** | DMC 964 Light Seagreen |
| **3** | DMC 208 Very Dark Lavender | **9** | DMC 3820 Dark Straw | **15** | DMC 318 Light Steel Gray |
| **4** | DMC 209 Dark Lavender | **10** | DMC 782 Dark Topaz | **16** | DMC 415 Pearl Gray |
| **5** | DMC 210 Medium Lavender | **11** | DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue | | |
| **6** | DMC 32 Dark Blueberry | **12** | DMC BLANC White | | |



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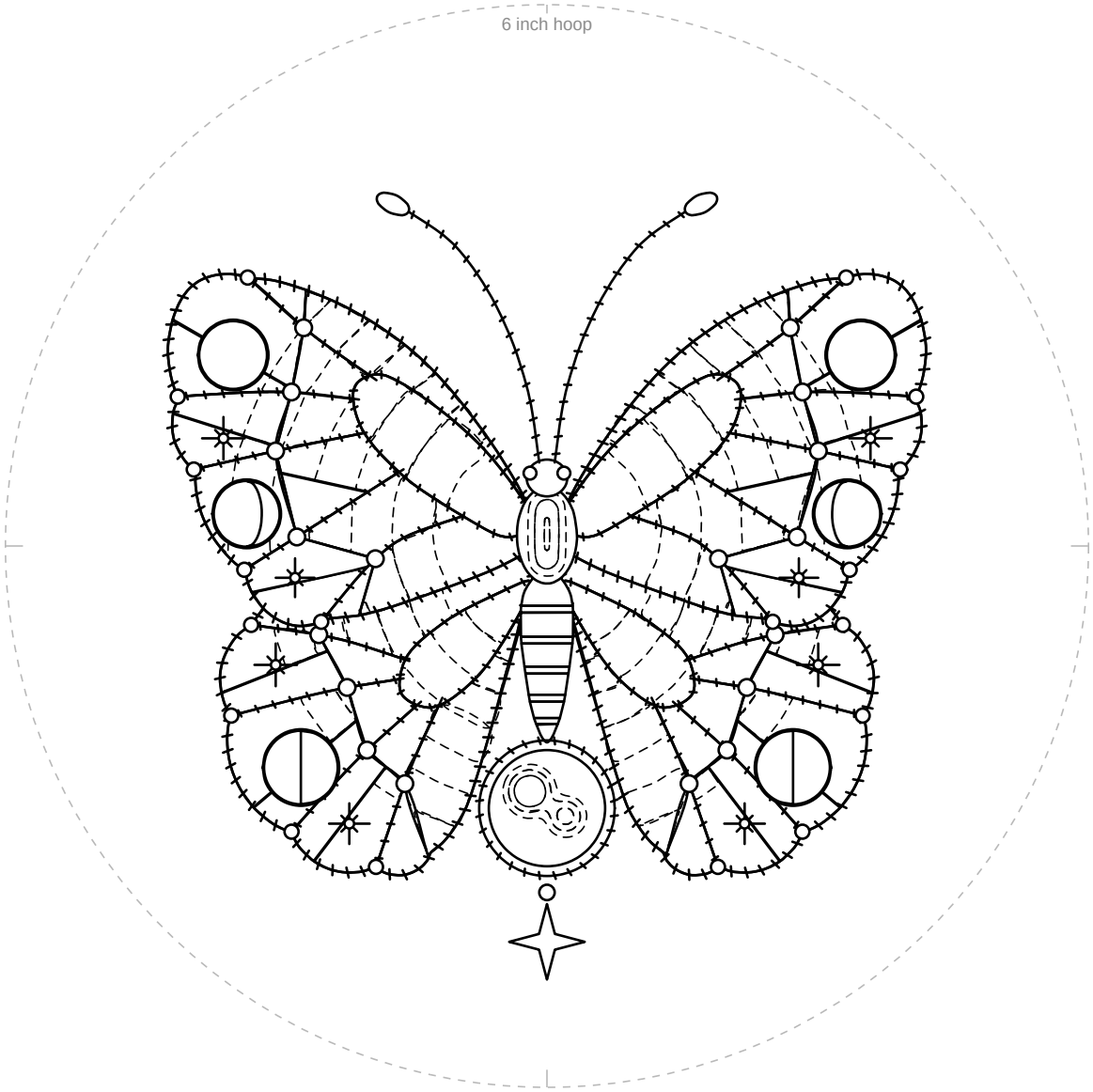
**6 inch hoop**

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; 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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