Butterfly with cloud scrolls

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 4.6 in (10.9 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: wine red cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

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. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, color 15
   Legs

2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 14, 15
   Clouds, ribbon tails, near hindwing (color 2), eye spots, far forewing (color 2), near forewing (color 2), collar, head, eye



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Far hindwing, near hindwing, far forewing, near forewing, body, thorax



4. **Couching**, colors 6, 15
   2 strands: feeler
   3 strands: antennae



5. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 6, 10, 14
   2 strands: scroll ends, knots of the eye, antenna tips
   1 strand: eye spot hearts



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 502 Blue Green	**7**	DMC 800 Pale Delft Blue	**13**	DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green
2	DMC 712 Cream	**8**	DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue	**14**	DMC 796 Dark Royal Blue
3	DMC 353 Peach	**9**	DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta	**15**	DMC 729 Medium Old Gold
4	DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue	**10**	DMC 352 Light Coral	**16**	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
5	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green	**11**	DMC 948 Very Light Peach		
6	DMC 676 Light Old Gold	**12**	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green		

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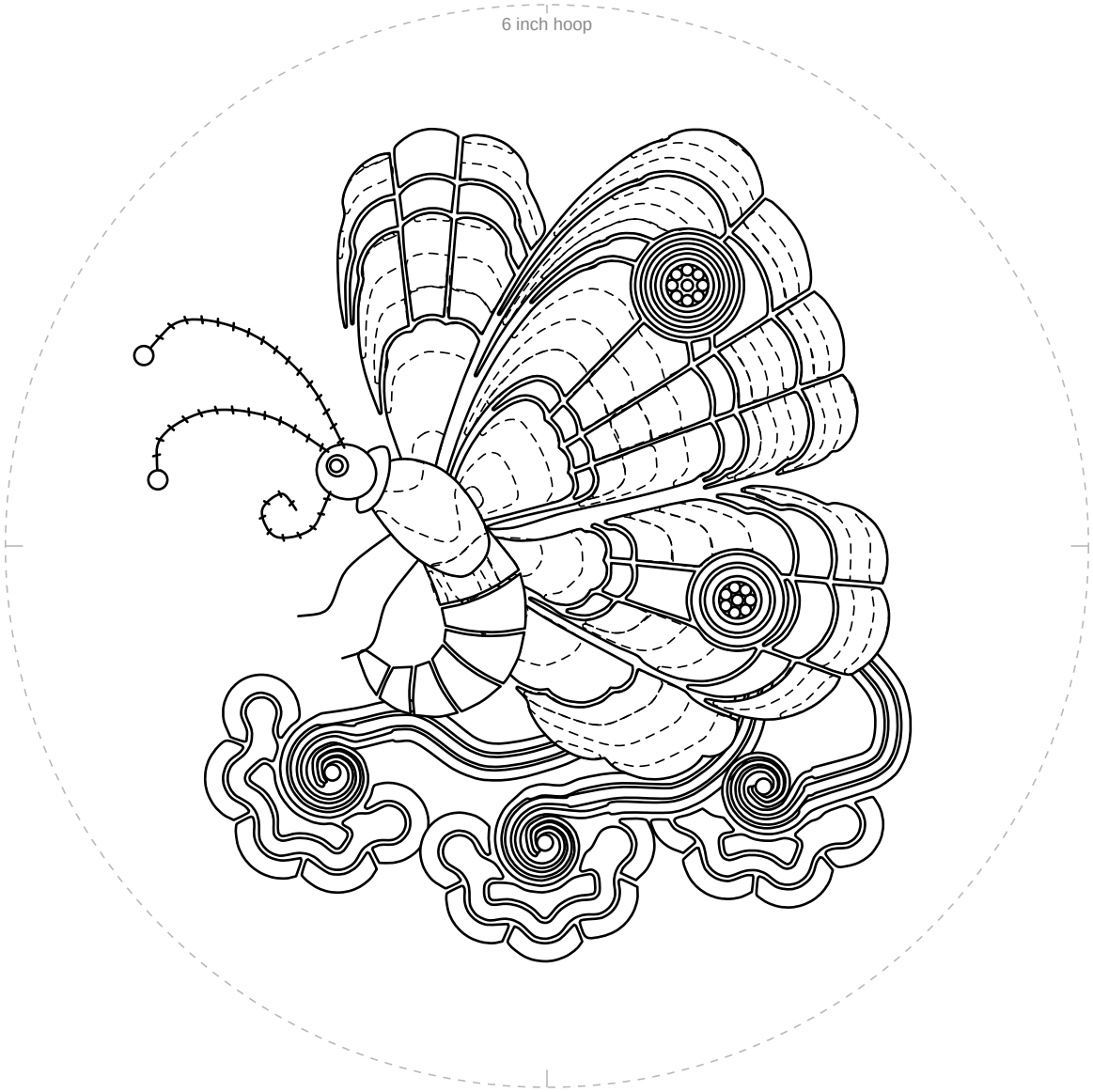
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a 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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