Crawfish and blue iris

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.3 × 4.3 in (10.9 × 10.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Iris blades, iris sheath, iris standards, iris falls, tail fan, tail rings, claw arms, fallen petal, claws, back shell
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Iris stem, gold signals, walking legs, eye stalks, eyes
3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal veins, tail fan lines, ring edges, claw edges, shell edges, shell groove
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Long feelers, short feelers, shell groove
5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Eye lights
6. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Claw bumps

Floss

- **1 DMC 523 Light Fern Green** Iris blades (light)
- **2 DMC 520 Dark Fern Green**
  Iris blades (dark), iris sheath (darker)
- **3 DMC 522 Fern Green**
  Iris blades (middle), iris stem, iris sheath (lighter)
- **4 DMC 341 Light Blue Violet**
  Iris standards, iris falls and fallen petal (light)
- **5 DMC 791 Very Dark Cornflower Blue**
  Iris falls and iris standards (darkest), petal veins
- **6 DMC 333 Very Dark Blue Violet**
  Iris falls, iris standards and fallen petal (dark)
- **7 DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet**
  Fallen petal, iris falls and iris standards (middle)
- **8 DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet**
  Iris standards and iris falls (lightest)
- **9 DMC 743 Medium Yellow** Gold signals
- **10 DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon**
  Tail fan and back shell (shade 3 of 7), walking legs (dark) and 4 more parts
- **11 DMC 814 Dark Garnet**
  Tail rings and back shell (shade 1 of 7), claw edges and shell edges and 5 more parts
- **12 DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta**
  Tail rings, tail fan, back shell and claw arms (shade 2 of 7) and 2 more parts
- **13 DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Walking legs (middle), tail fan (shade 4 of 7), claws (middle dark) and 4 more parts
- **14 DMC 3340 Medium Apricot**
  Claws (middle light), claw arms and tail fan (shade 5 of 7) and 3 more parts
- **15 DMC 3341 Apricot**
  Claw arms, back shell, tail fan and tail rings (shade 6 of 7), claws (light), claw bumps
- **16 DMC 967 Very Light Apricot**
  Claws (lightest), back shell, tail rings, claw arms and tail fan (shade 7 of 7)
- **17 DMC 3371 Black Brown** Eyes
- **18 DMC 3824 Light Apricot** Eye lights

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

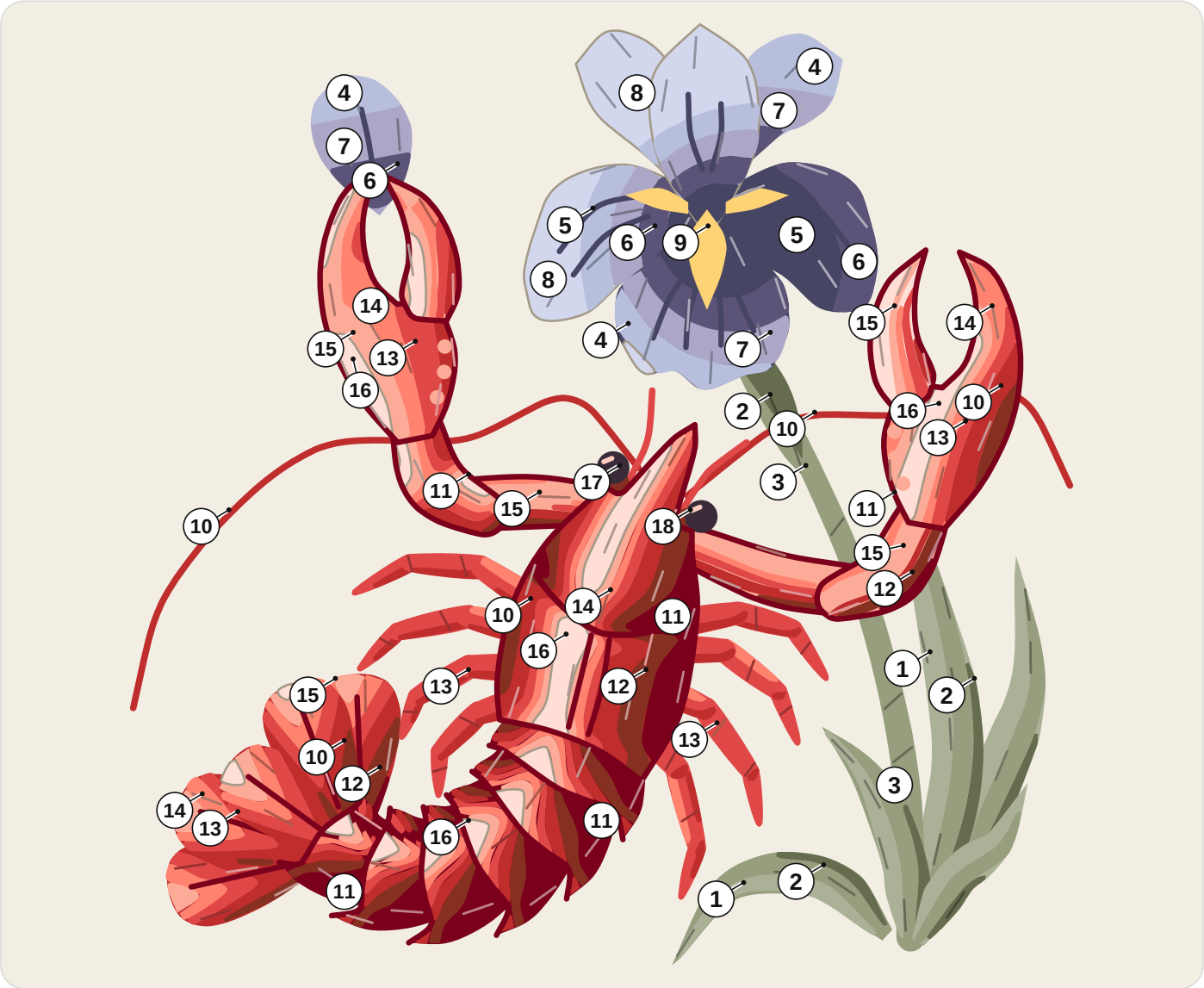
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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How many strands

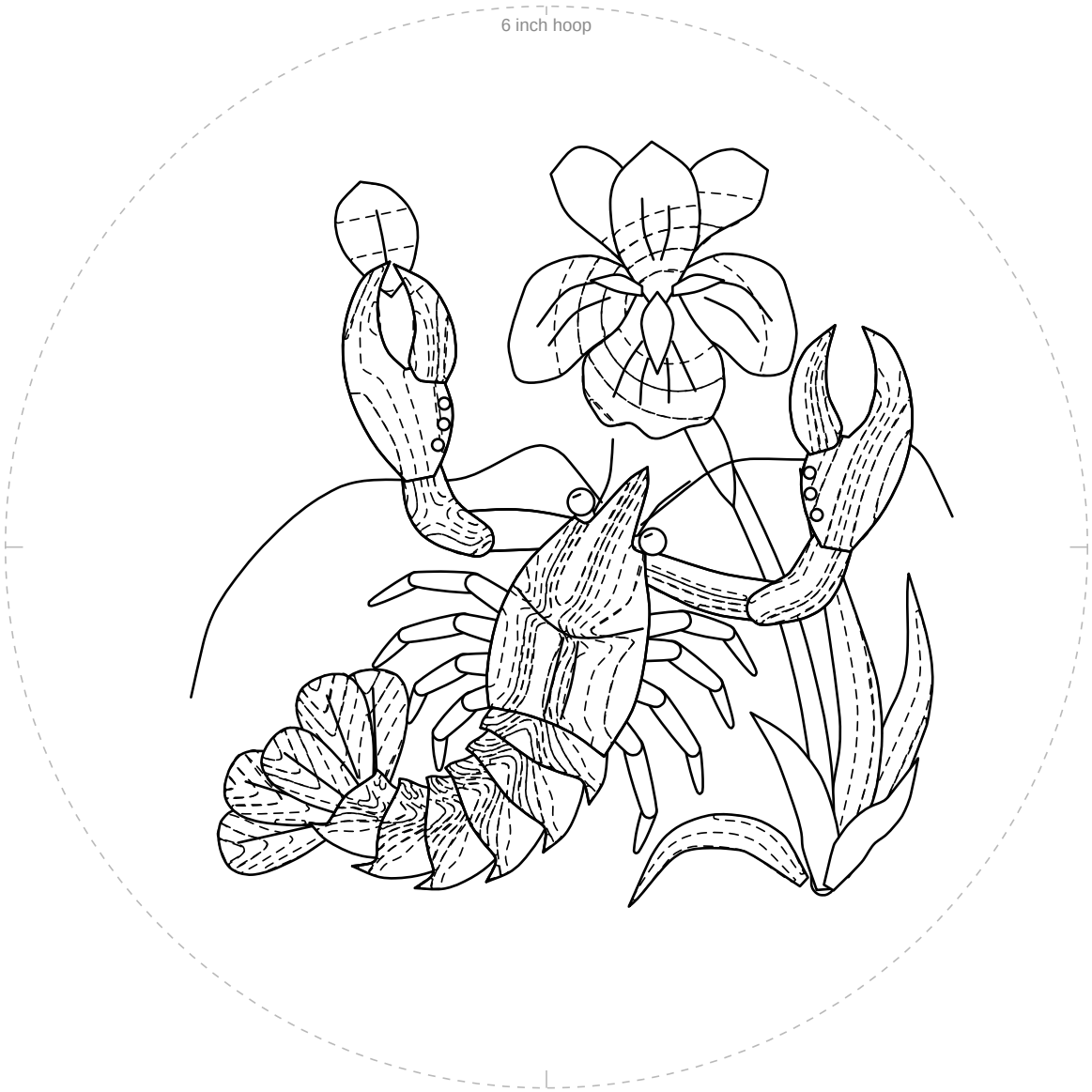
Stem stitch. 2 strands: long feelers, short feelers; 1 strand: shell groove.

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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

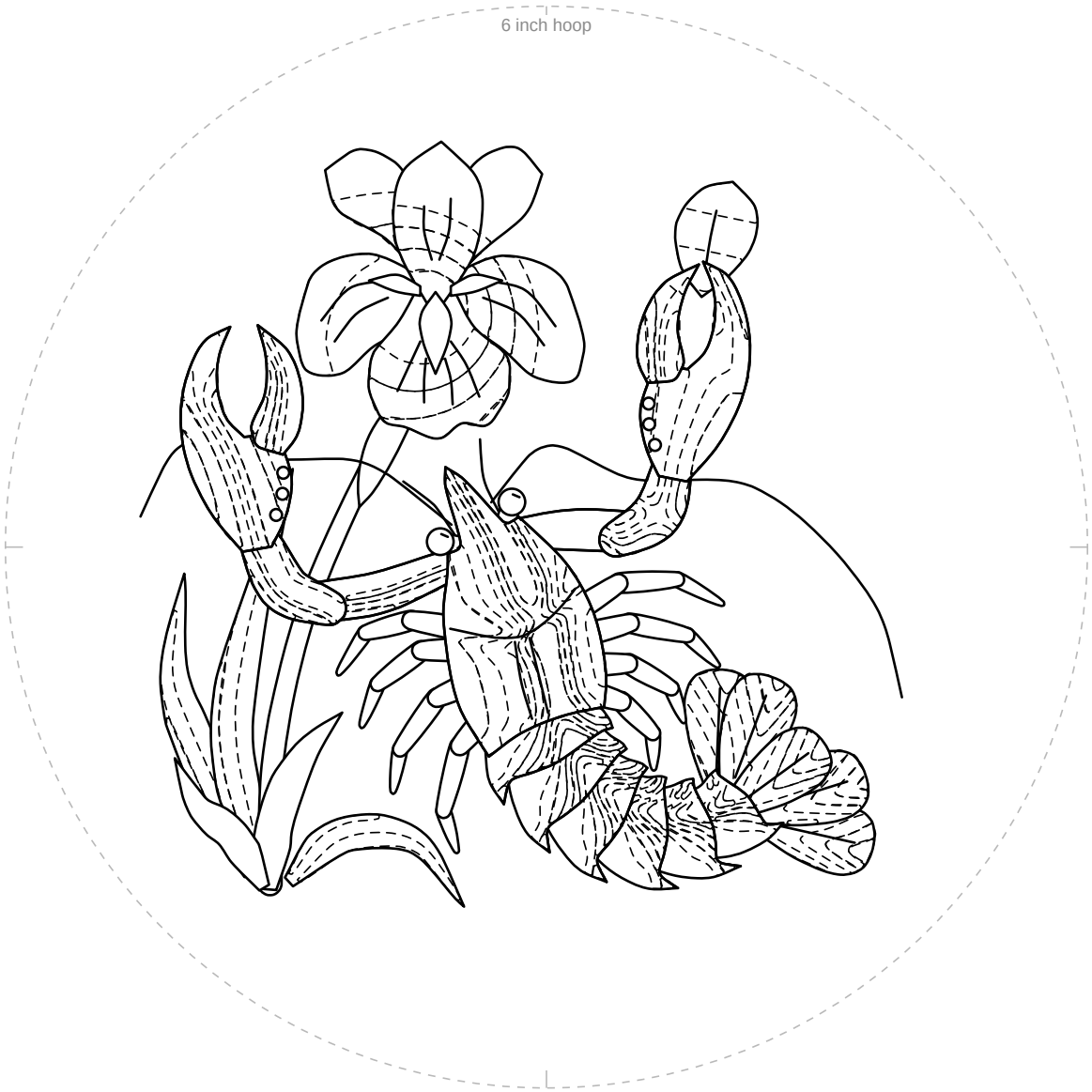
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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