Dragon curled around a taco

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 4.6 in (11.7 × 11.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: charcoal cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Back of the shell, front of the shell, legs, feet, and 8 more
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Lettuce, tomato, cheese, toasted spots, claws, crest, and 11 more
3. **Trellis stitch**, 1 strand
   Trellis, wing lattice
4. **Buttonhole stitch**, 1 strand
   Buttonhole scales
5. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaf stretches, shoulder leaves, leaf mane, ear, brow
6. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Shell edges, lettuce edge, lettuce veins, and 15 more
7. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Glow, horn rings, lashes
8. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Toe edges
9. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Chain rows

Floss

- **1 DMC 782 Dark Topaz** Back of the shell (dark) and 2 more parts
- **2 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Back of the shell (middle) and 4 more parts
- **3 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Wing ribs and 6 more parts
- **4 DMC 3822 Light Straw** Front of the shell (light) and 7 more parts
- **5 DMC 469 Avocado Green** Lettuce (dark) and 2 more parts
- **6 DMC 470 Light Avocado Green**
  Leaf stretches (light) and 3 more parts
- **7 DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green**
  Cilantro leaves (lightest) and 4 more parts
- **8 DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green**
  Cilantro leaves (darkest), lettuce veins
- **9 DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red** Crest and tomato (darker)
- **10 DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Crest and tomato (lighter), trellis (middle)
- **11 DMC 815 Medium Garnet** Tomato skin
- **12 DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow**
  Front of the shell (lightest) and 5 more parts
- **13 DMC 564 Very Light Jade**
  Body edges, head (lightest) and 9 more parts
- **14 DMC 561 Very Dark Jade**
  Chain rows (dark), toe edges and 4 more parts
- **15 DMC 562 Medium Jade** Legs and head (dark) and 4 more parts
- **16 DMC 563 Light Jade**
  Buttonhole scales (middle) and 6 more parts
- **17 DMC 3765 Very Dark Peacock Blue**
  Trellis, wings and leaf mane (dark)
- **18 DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise**
  Buttonhole scales (dark) and 2 more parts
- **19 DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany**
  Belly plates (light), jaw (lighter)
- **20 DMC 921 Copper** Belly plates (middle), jaw (darker), ear (dark)
- **21 DMC 918 Dark Red Copper** Belly plates (dark), horn rings
- **22 DMC 807 Peacock Blue** Wings (light)
- **23 DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue**
  Wing lattice (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **24 DMC 3371 Black Brown** Closed eye, lashes and nostril

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it 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.

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

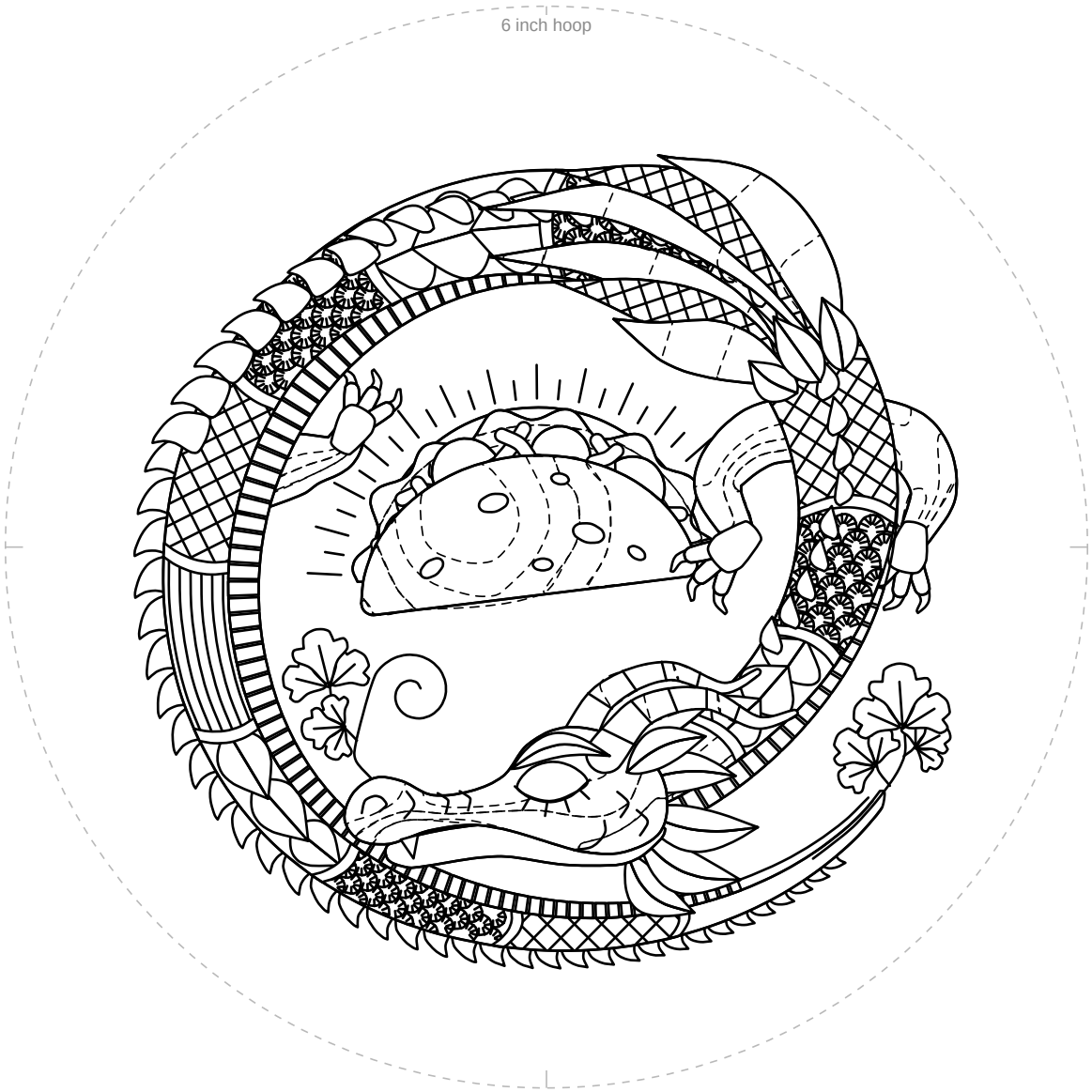
Stem stitch. 3 or 4 strands: cilantro stem, smoke; 3 strands: closed eye, nostril; 2 or 3 strands: shell edges; 2 strands: wing ribs, head edges, head lines; 1 or 2 strands: body edges; 1 strand: lettuce edge, lettuce veins, tomato skin, leaf stretches, belly line, cilantro leaves, shoulder leaves, leaf mane, ear.

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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

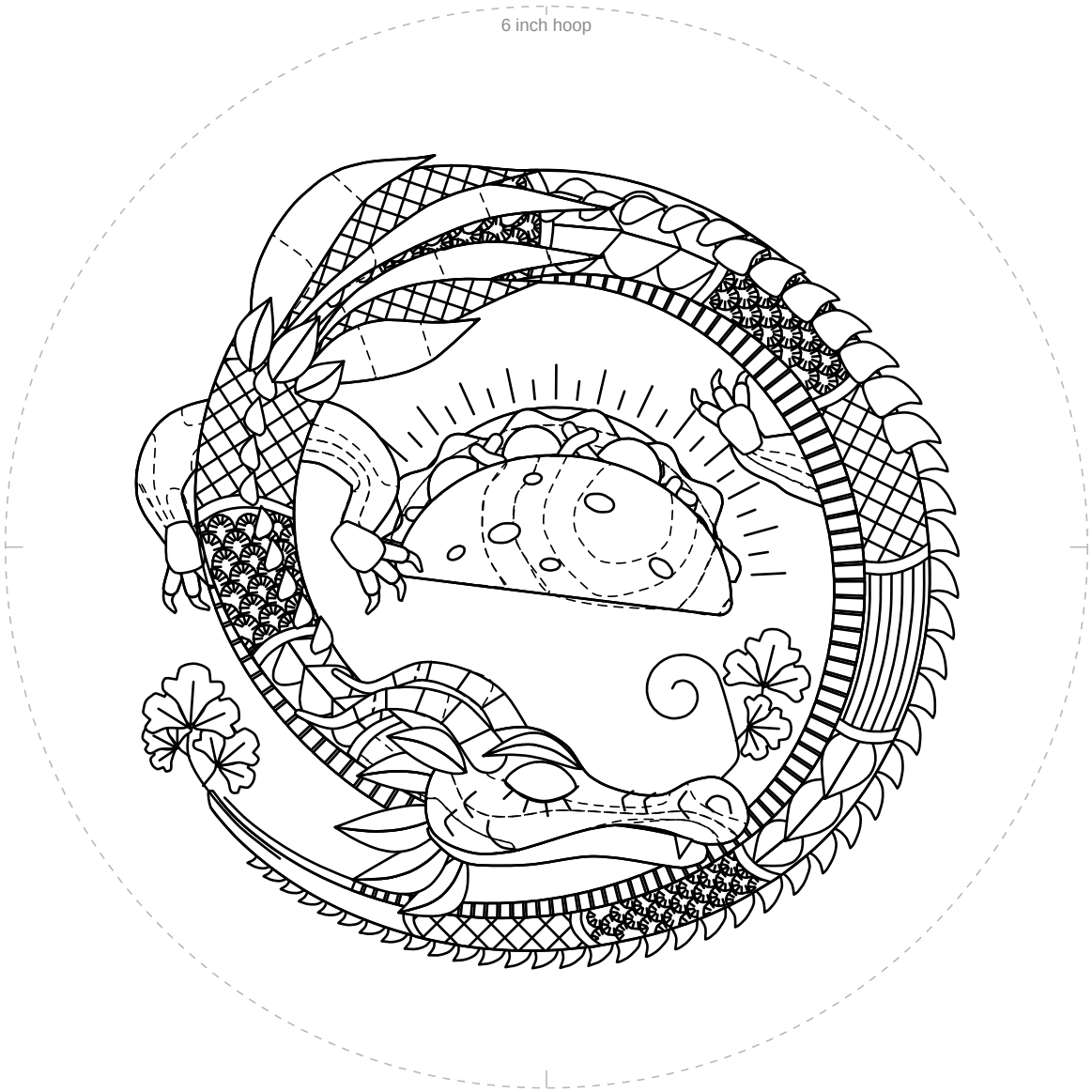
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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