Dripping horror letters, letter A

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The letter is 2.9 in (7.4 cm) tall; the stitched design is about 3.1 × 4.1 in (7.9 × 10.4 cm).



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

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 816 Garnet**
  Letter (dark), drips (darkest)
- **2 DMC 814 Dark Garnet**
  Letter (darkest)
- **3 DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red**
  Letter (middle dark), drips (dark)
- **4 DMC 349 Dark Coral**
  Letter (middle light)
- **5 DMC 666 Bright Red**
  Letter and drips (light), spider mark
- **6 DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon**
  Letter and drips (lightest)
- **7 DMC 3713 Very Light Salmon**
  Gloss and lights
- **8 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Spider legs, spider and spider thread

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Letter
2. **Satin stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
   Gloss, spider
3. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Drips
4. **Back stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
   Spider thread, spider legs
5. **Straight stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
   Spider mark, lights

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How to read it

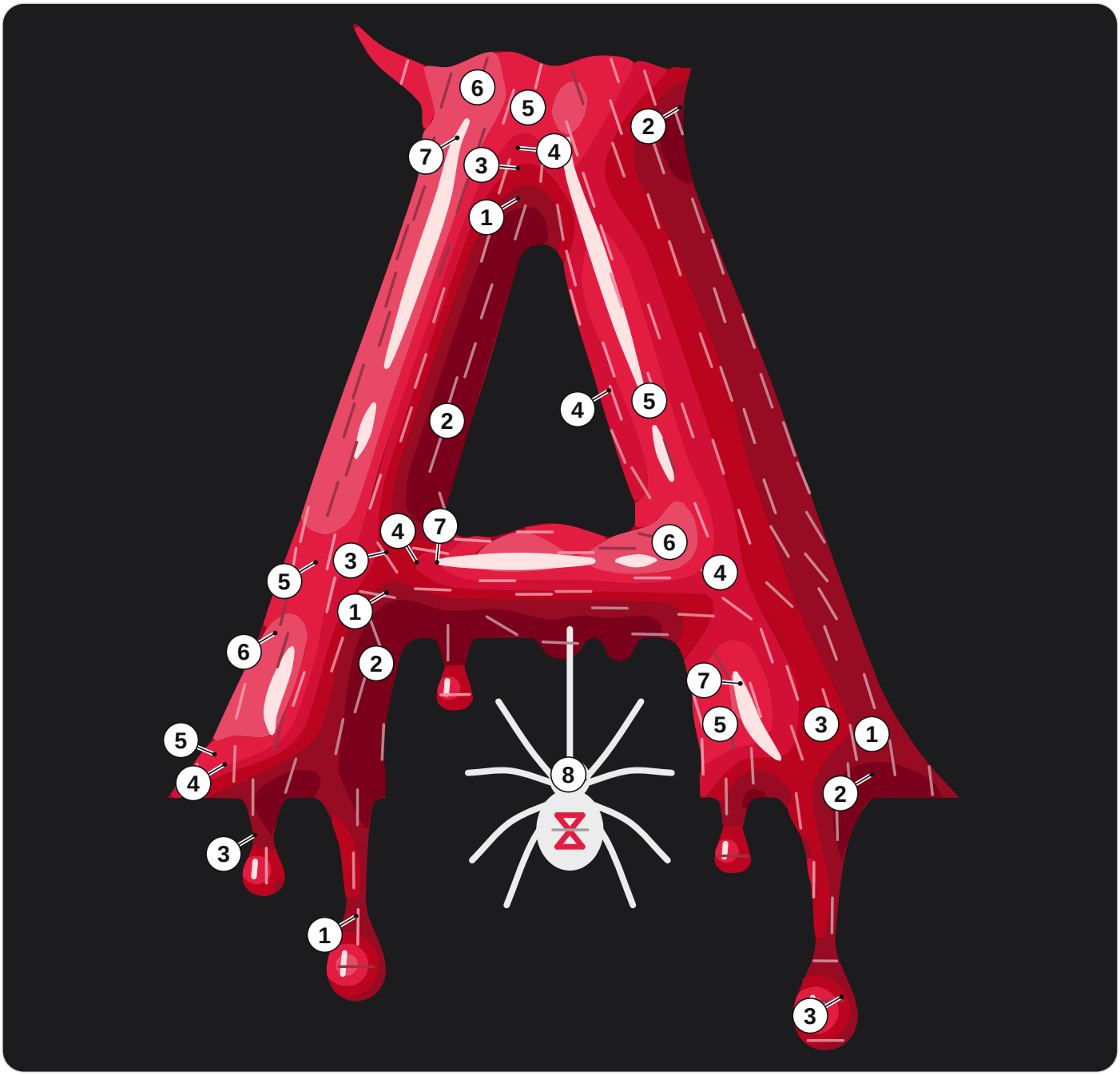
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Begin with no knot on the back where it is seen and washed, as on a towel, a napkin or clothes; for a piece in a hoop a small knot is fine. End each thread by whipping it around the backs of four or five stitches, with one small hitch.

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.



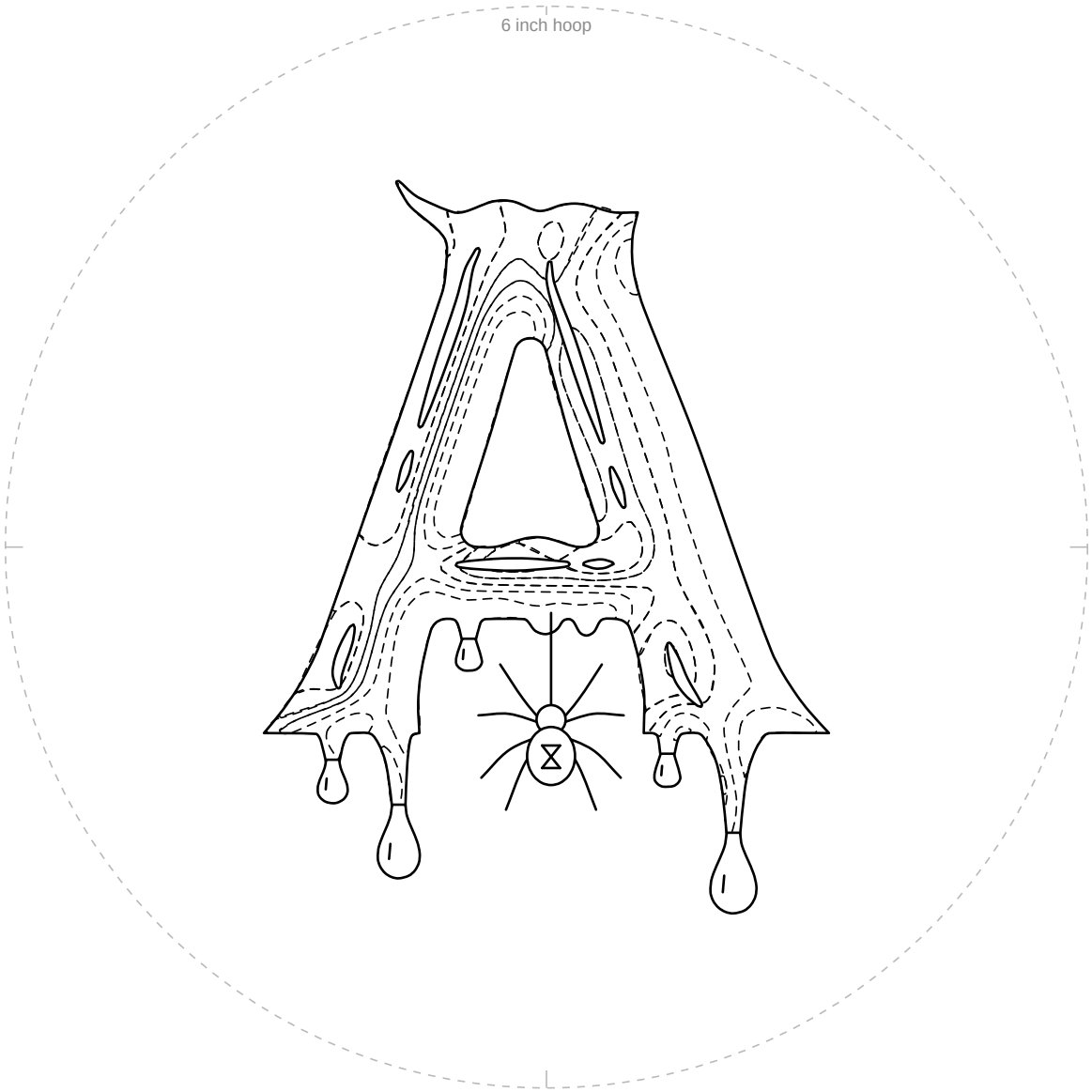
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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



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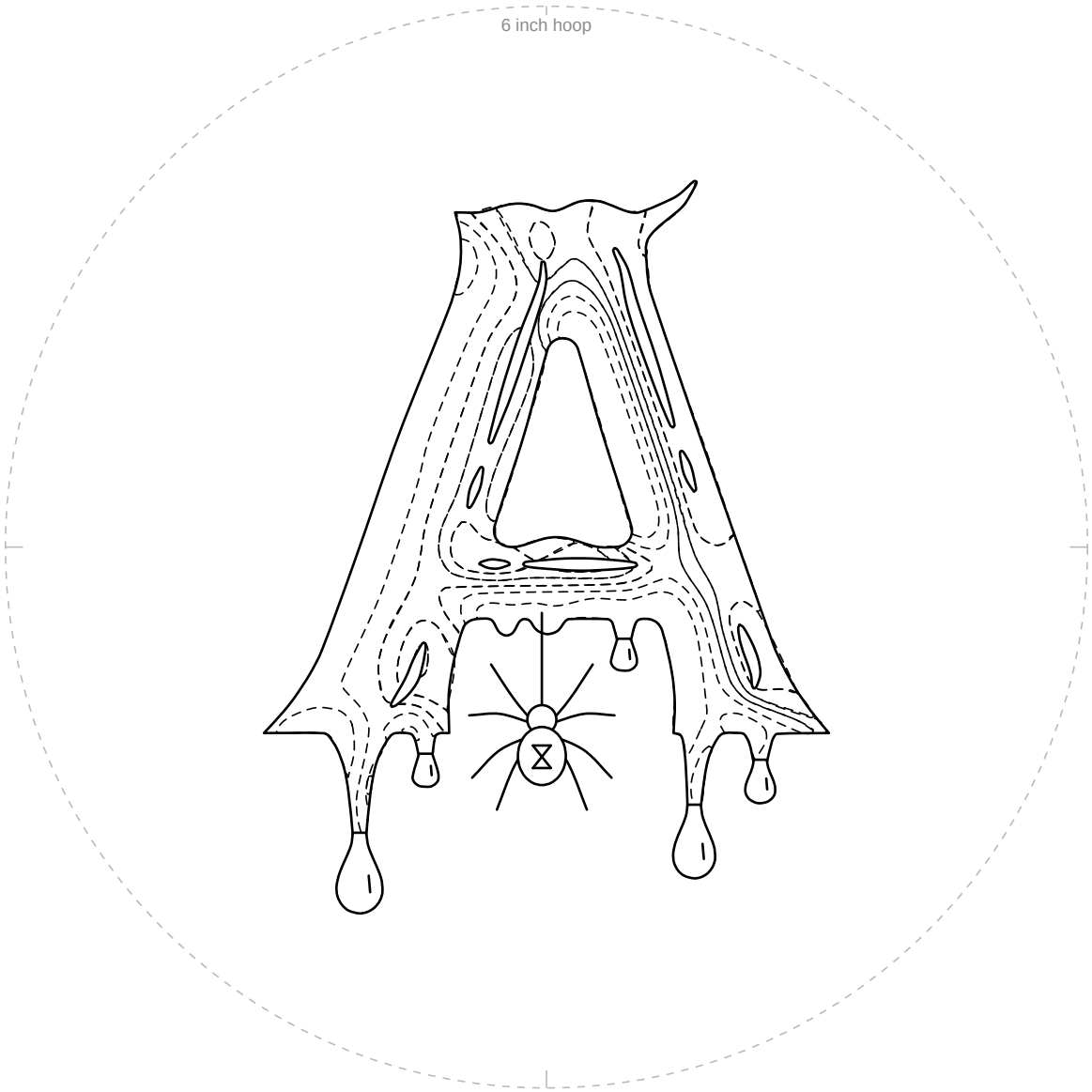
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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