# Easy baptism shell for a stole

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.8 in (11.2 × 12.2 cm)



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

## What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 7, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

7 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**
   3 strands, colors 1, 3, 4, 5, 6
   Ears, ribs, beak, drops, drop highlights



2. **Stem stitch**, color 2
   3 or 4 strands: gold rim
   3 strands: grooves



Stitch in this order, continued

3. **Split stitch**, colors 2, 6, 7
   6 strands: top wave, second wave, third wave, lowest wave
   4 strands: drop edges



4. **Chain stitch**
   3 strands, colors 3, 4
   Top wave, second wave



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.



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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 739 Ultra Very Light Tan | **4** | DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue | **7** | DMC 807 Peacock Blue |
| **2** | DMC 729 Medium Old Gold | **5** | DMC 932 Light Antique Blue | | |
| **3** | DMC 3865 Winter White | **6** | DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue | | |

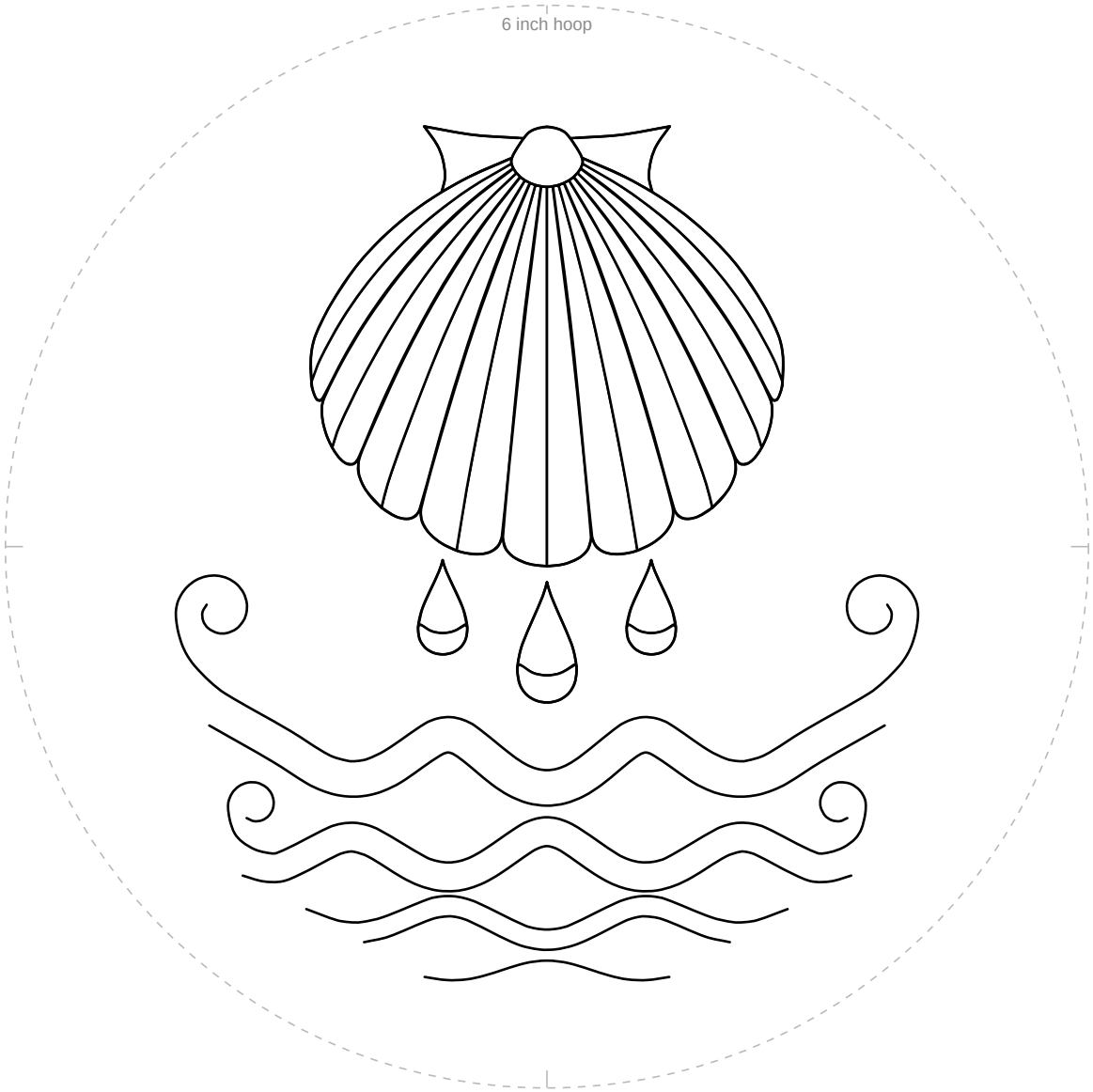


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**6 inch hoop**

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.




**1 in**
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.



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