Easy flamingo love heart

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 4.5 in (11.4 × 11.4 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: dark teal 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 3820 Dark Straw**
  Sun
- **2 DMC 3705 Dark Melon**
  Middle feathers, neck and breast and shoulder feathers (darker) and 4 more parts
- **3 DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose**
  Long feathers
- **4 DMC 3326 Light Rose**
  Shoulder feathers and neck and breast (lighter)
- **5 DMC 712 Cream**
  Bills, eyes (lighter)
- **6 DMC 310 Black**
  Bill tips, eyes (darker)
- **7 DMC 959 Medium Seagreen**
  Water and palmetto

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Sun, legs, feet, knees, neck and breast, heads, bills, bill tips, eyes, palmetto
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 3 strands
   Long feathers, middle feathers, shoulder feathers, palmetto
3. **Stem stitch**, 4 strands
   Water
4. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Eyes

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

What you need

Easy. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, in dark teal. Embroidery needle: size 7 for 2 or 3 strands, size 5 for 4 (a lower number is a thicker needle). Skeins: one of each color is enough. An estimate for the 6 inch hoop, from the length of each line and the area of each filled shape, with a fifth added for tails.

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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 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

Satin stitch. 3 strands: sun, legs, feet, neck and breast, heads, palmetto; 2 strands: knees, bills, bill tips, eyes.

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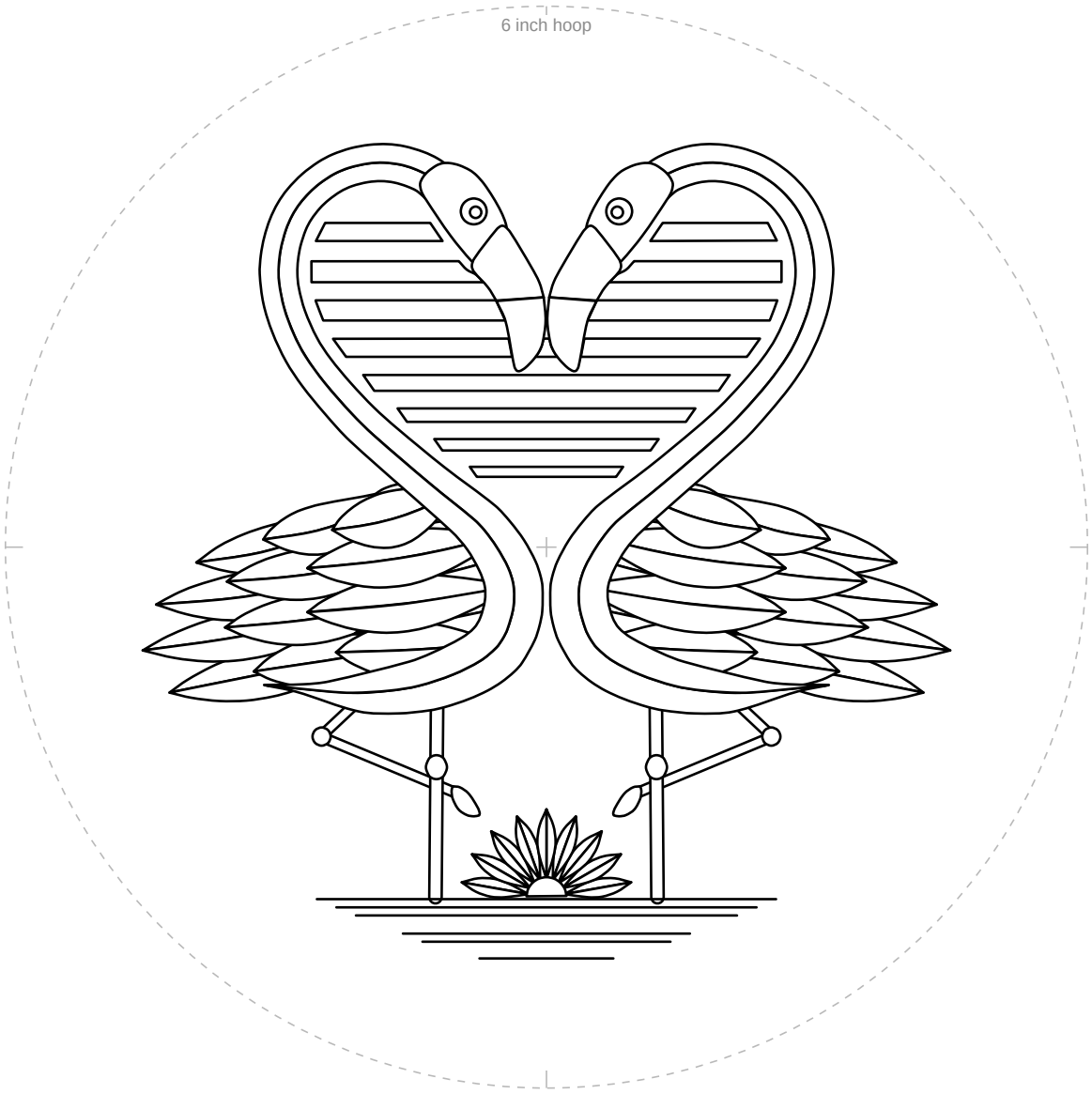
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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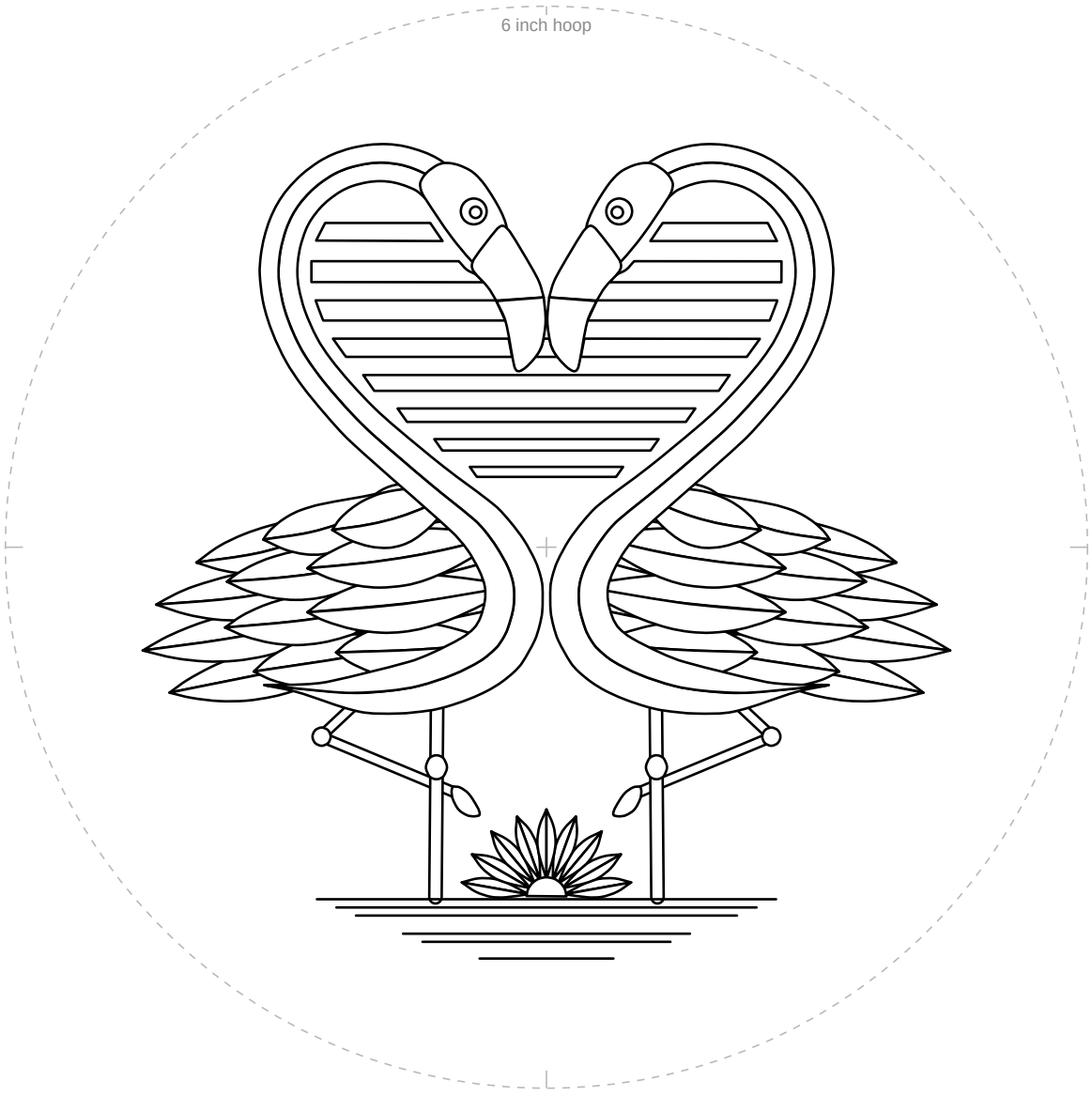
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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