Easy helicopter key fob

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 2.9 × 4.4 in (7.4 × 11.2 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 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Fob edge, ring hole, rotor blades, tail rotor and mast, stars (light) and 3 more parts
- **2 DMC 352 Light Coral**
  Door, tail fin and blade tips, stars (dark)
- **3 DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Cabin, tail and door post
- **4 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Belly shade and door outline
- **5 DMC 3811 Very Light Turquoise**
  Window, skid, struts and star dots, stars (middle)
- **6 DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise**
  Window shade
- **7 DMC 3821 Straw**
  Key bow, key shaft, key teeth, flight path, hub, key collar and tail rotor hub

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Buttonhole stitch**, 2 strands
   Ring hole



2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tail fin, tail, belly shade, tail stripe, struts, skid, cabin, window shade, window, window light, door, door post, mast, rotor blades, and 8 more



3. **Running stitch**, 5 strands
   Fob edge, flight path

4. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Door outline

5. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Door handle, tail rotor hub, star dots



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 3 for 4 or 5 (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.



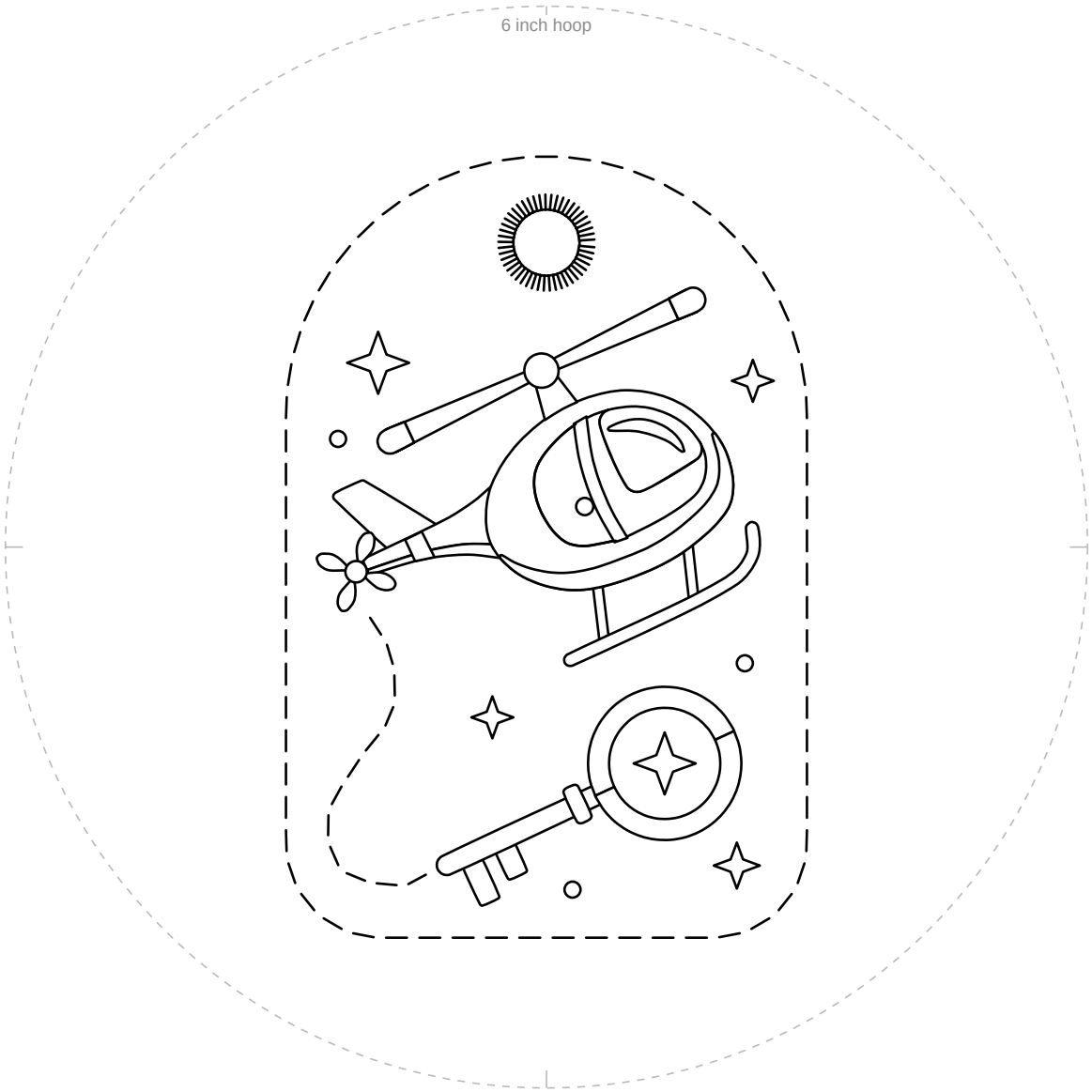
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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

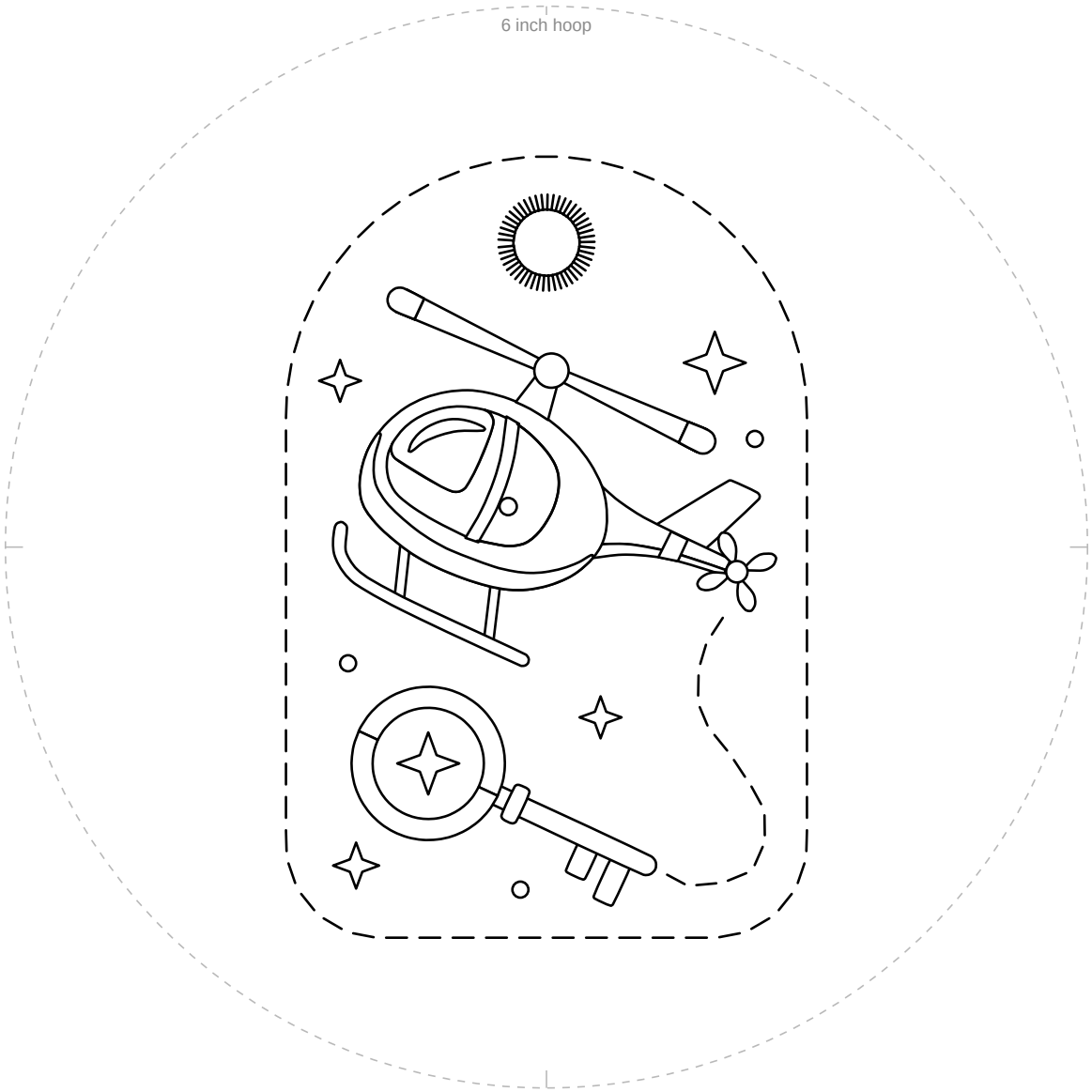
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6 inch hoop

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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