Easy motorcycle sketch with swirls

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 4.1 in (11.4 × 10.4 cm).



Which color goes where.

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 2 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on**
   Go over the lines of page 3, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron.

Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

Work it in this order

1. Stitch the filled parts first, what lies behind before what lies in front of it.
2. Then stitch the lines: stems, veins and outlines over the edges of the filled parts.
3. Keep the knots for the end, so that the hoop and your hand do not flatten them.

Floss

- **DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue**
  Swirls and road (lighter)
- **DMC 597 Turquoise**
  Swirls and road (darker)
- **DMC 712 Cream**
  Tires, frame, headlamp glass, saddle seam, handlebars and tank stripe and 2 more parts
- **DMC 415 Pearl Gray**
  Fork (lighter), spokes, rims, engine, engine fins and fender stays, mirror (darker)
- **DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Tank and fenders
- **DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Exhaust pipe, headlamp and engine caps, engine covers (darker) and 4 more parts
- **DMC 435 Very Light Brown**
  Saddle and grips

Stitches

- **Stem stitch**, 2 to 6 strands
  Swirls, road, rims, fender stays, frame, engine fins, engine, saddle seam, tank stripe, fork, handlebars, mirror
- **Chain stitch**, 4 strands
  Tires
- **Straight stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Spokes, light rays
- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Fenders, hubs, engine caps, engine covers, exhaust pipe, saddle, tank, fork, mirror, grips, headlamp, headlamp glass
- **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
  Swirl centers

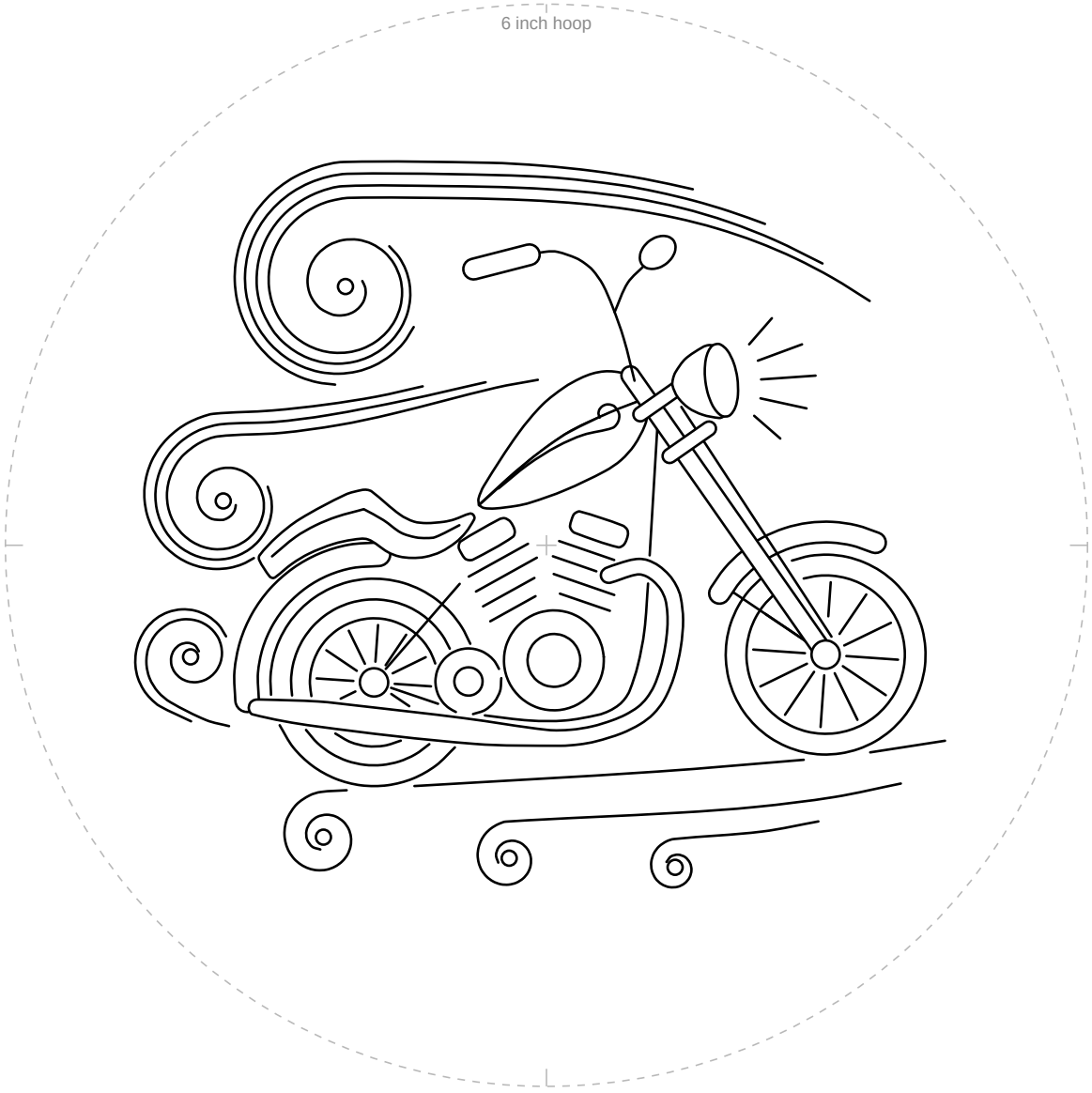
The thread
Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers: a knot shows as a bump. A line may start with a small knot on the back or one of the knotless starts. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

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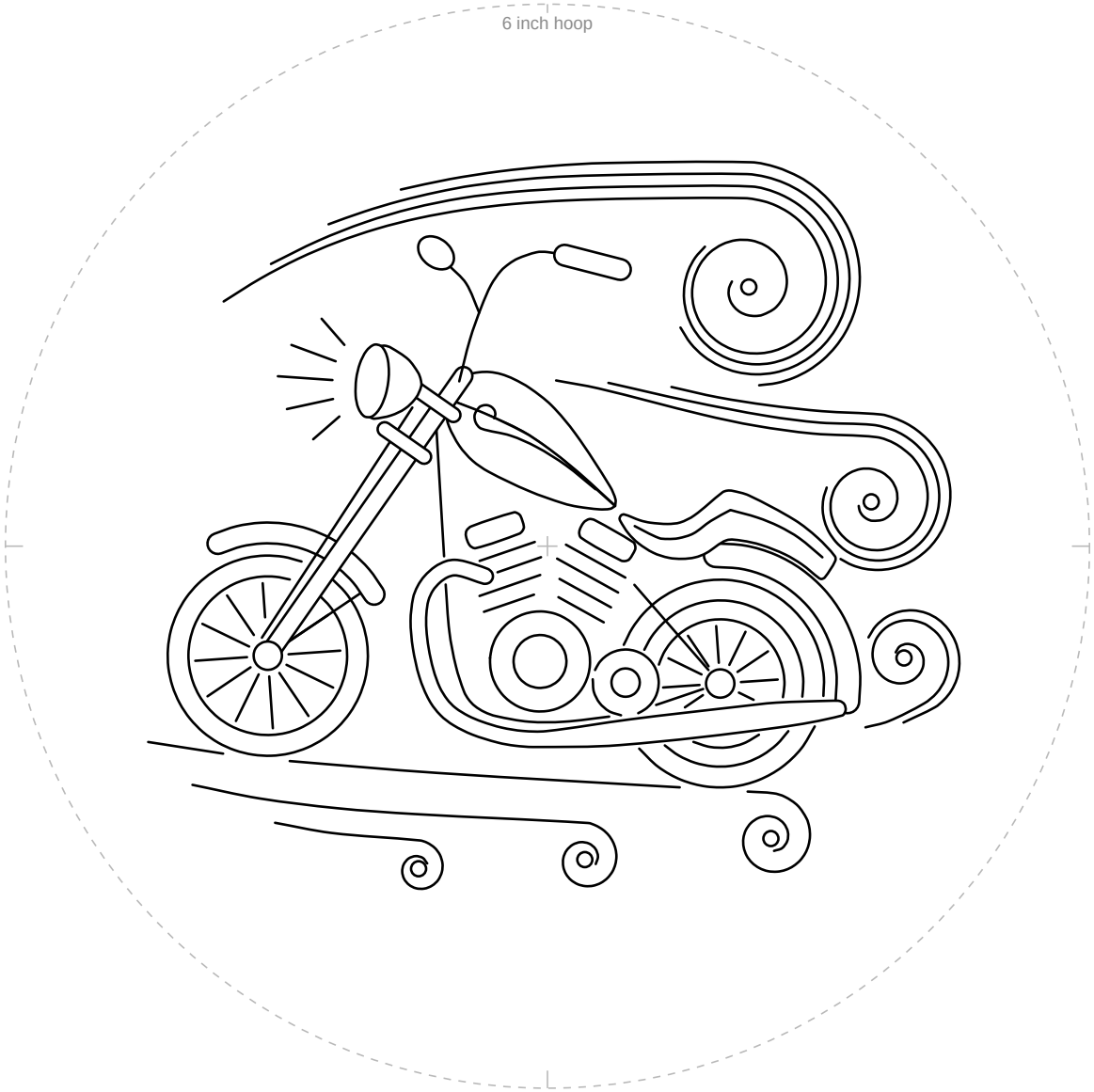
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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