Easy monarch butterfly with beads

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4 × 4.7 in (10.2 × 11.9 cm)



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

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.

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.

Buy: 7 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of navy cotton or linen, a white pencil.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Back stitch**
   2 strands: milkweed stem (color 4)
   3 strands: legs

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Wing hearts, milkweed leaves, milkweed buds, body, head, antennae



3. **Running stitch**
   3 strands: wing echo
   2 strands: lines of the milkweed leaves

4. **Back stitch**
   4 strands: wing cells
   1 strand: lines of the eye
   3 strands: lines of the antennae
   2 strands: tongue

5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: edges of the milkweed leaves
   4 strands: milkweed stem (color 4)

6. **Whipped back stitch**, 4 strands
   Wing rim



7. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: body bands
   4 strands: lines of the bead margin



8. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: knots of the eye
   2 strands: body spots
   3 strands: knots of the bead margin



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

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Easy monarch butterfly with beads

6 inch hoop

A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1 DMC 726 Light Topaz
2 DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow
3 DMC 3340 Medium Apricot
4 DMC 503 Medium Blue Green
5 DMC 972 Deep Canary
6 DMC 920 Medium Copper
7 DMC 3865 Winter White

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Easy monarch butterfly with beads

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.
On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a dashed line is running stitch.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.