Fancy butterfly

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.3 in (11.4 × 10.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark green cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Couching**, 6 strands
   Gold veins



2. **Trellis stitch**, 2 strands
   Near hindwing lattice, far hindwing lattice, far forewing lattice, near forewing lattice



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Near hindwing enamel, far hindwing enamel, far forewing enamel, near forewing enamel



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Gold swells



5. **Couching**
   4 strands: body bands, antennae, drop link, drop setting
   5 strands: thorax setting



6. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Garnet highlight



7. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Abdomen, thorax, head, garnet drop



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Pearls, antennae tips, eyes



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

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: 17 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 3 for 4 to 6 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of dark green cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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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 3849 Light Teal Green	7	DMC 550 Very Dark Violet	13	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
2	DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green	8	DMC 552 Medium Violet	14	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow
3	DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green	9	DMC 553 Violet	15	DMC 498 Dark Red
4	DMC 3822 Light Straw	10	DMC 3844 Dark Bright Turquoise	16	DMC 321 Red
5	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	11	DMC 3842 Very Dark Wedgwood	17	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
6	DMC 554 Light Violet	12	DMC 3843 Electric Blue		

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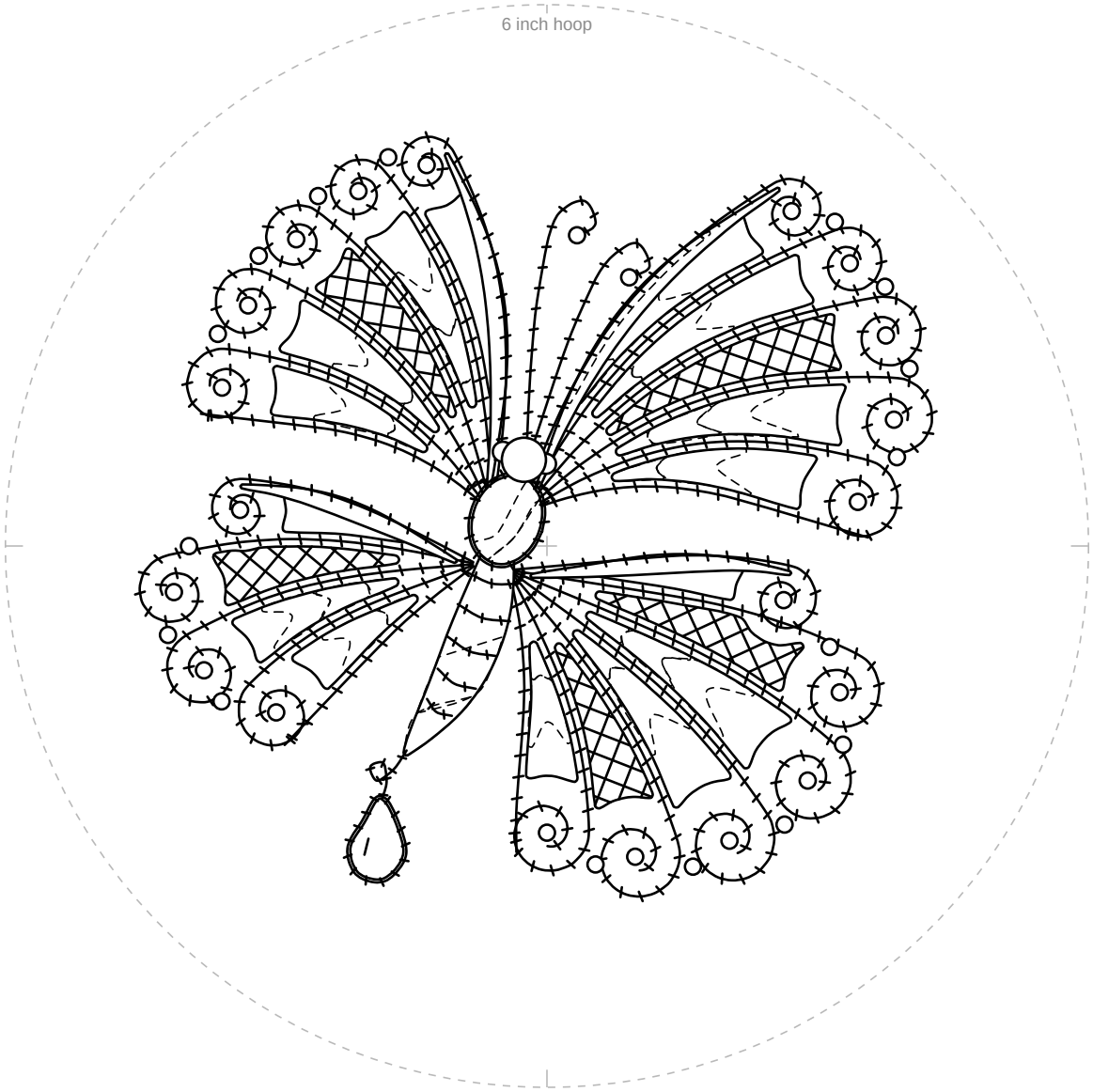
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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