Flaming letters, letter A

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The letter is 3.7 in (9.4 cm) tall; the stitched design is about 2.8 × 4.2 in (7.1 × 10.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: black 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 726 Light Topaz**
  Flames (shade 7 of 9)
- **2 DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red**
  Flames (shade 1 of 9)
- **3 DMC 606 Bright Orange-Red**
  Flames (shade 2 of 9), sparks (darkest)
- **4 DMC 946 Medium Burnt Orange**
  Flames (shade 3 of 9), sparks (dark)
- **5 DMC 970 Light Pumpkin**
  Flames (shade 4 of 9), sparks (light)
- **6 DMC 741 Medium Tangerine**
  Flames (shade 5 of 9), sparks (lightest)
- **7 DMC 972 Deep Canary**
  Flames (shade 6 of 9)
- **8 DMC 727 Very Light Topaz**
  Flames (shade 8 of 9)
- **9 DMC 3078 Very Light Golden Yellow**
  Flames (shade 9 of 9)

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Flames



2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Sparks



3. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Sparks



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How to read it

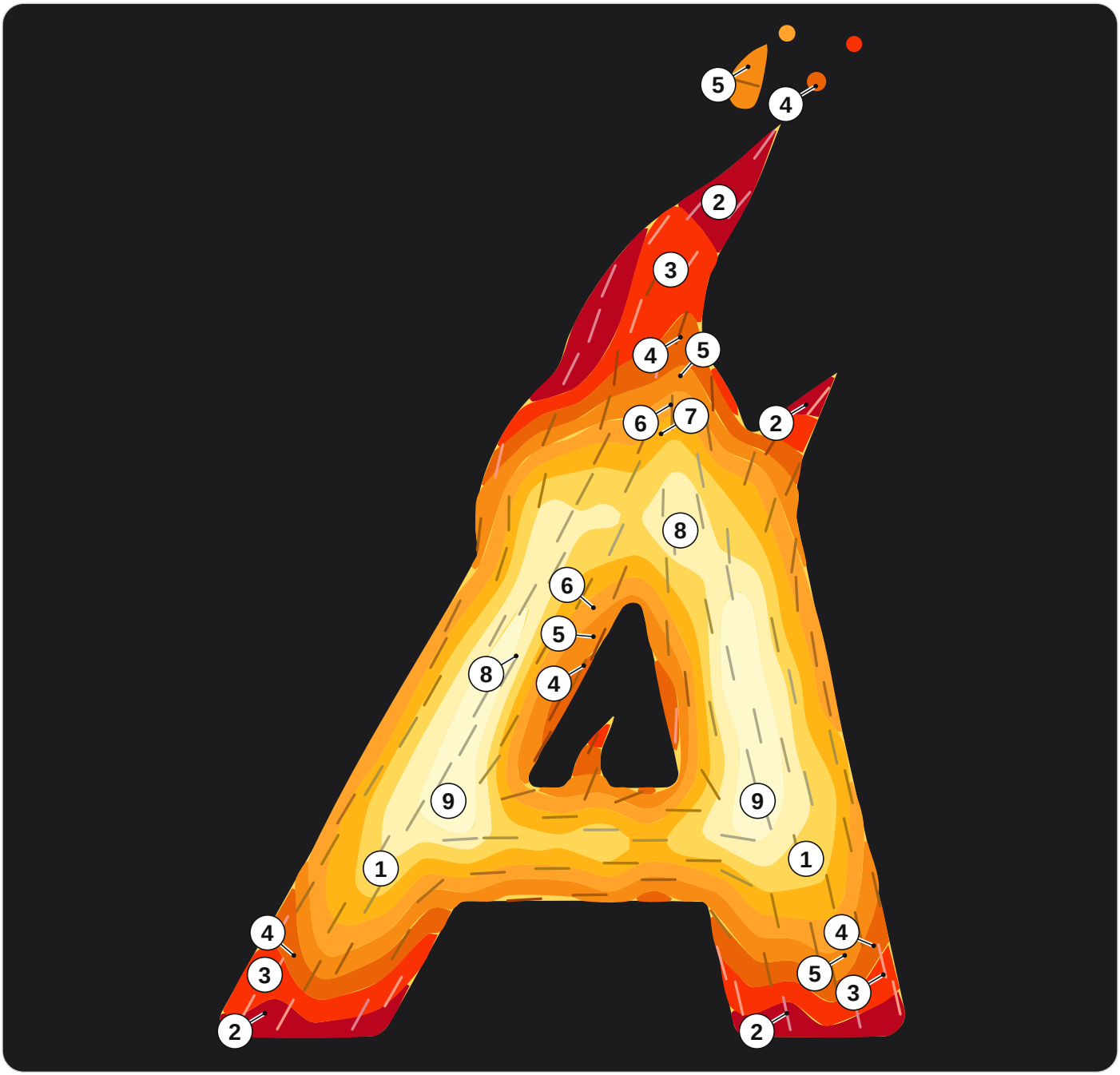
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Begin with no knot on the back where it is seen and washed, as on a towel, a napkin or clothes; for a piece in a hoop a small knot is fine. End each thread by whipping it around the backs of four or five stitches, with one small hitch.

Each small ring is one French knot. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

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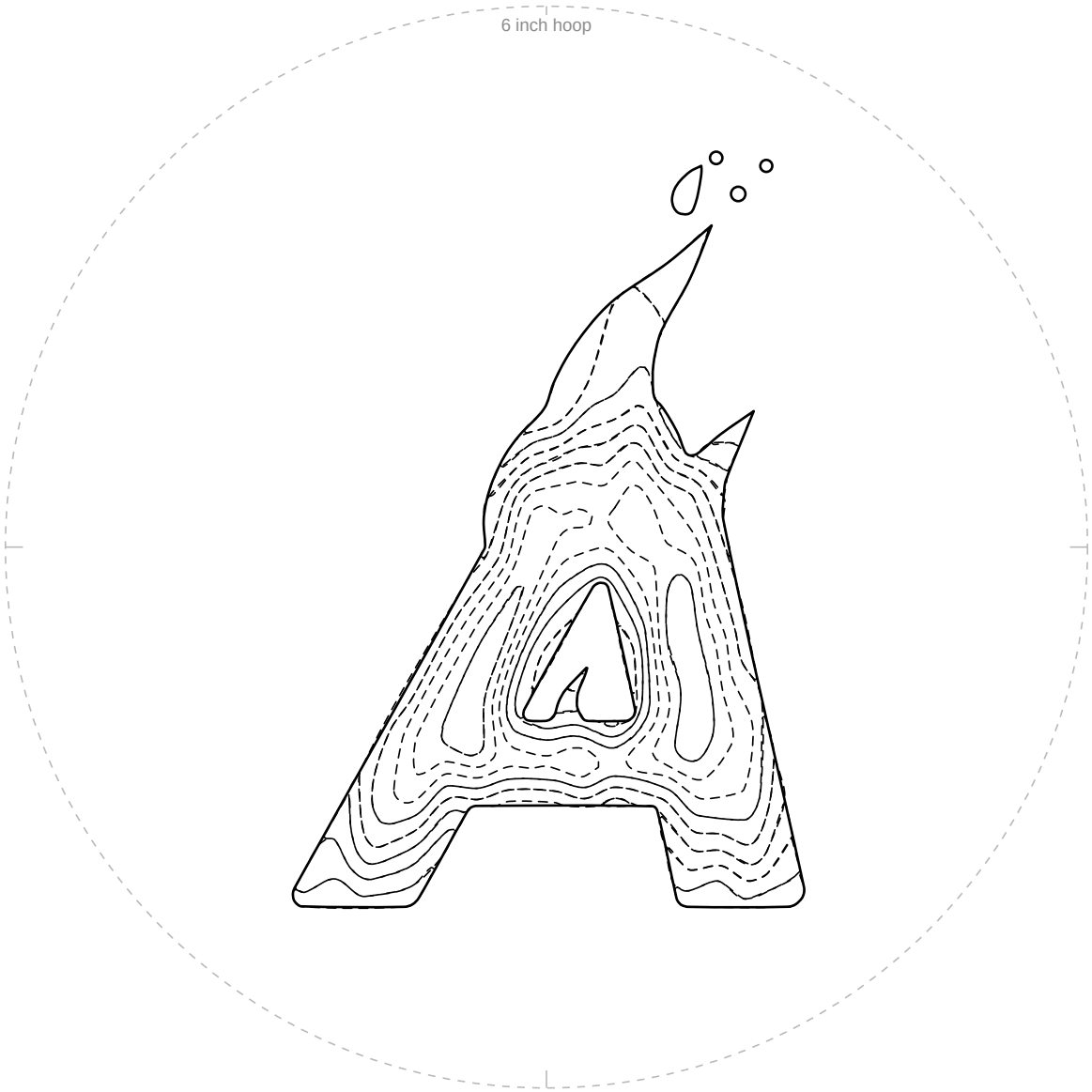
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

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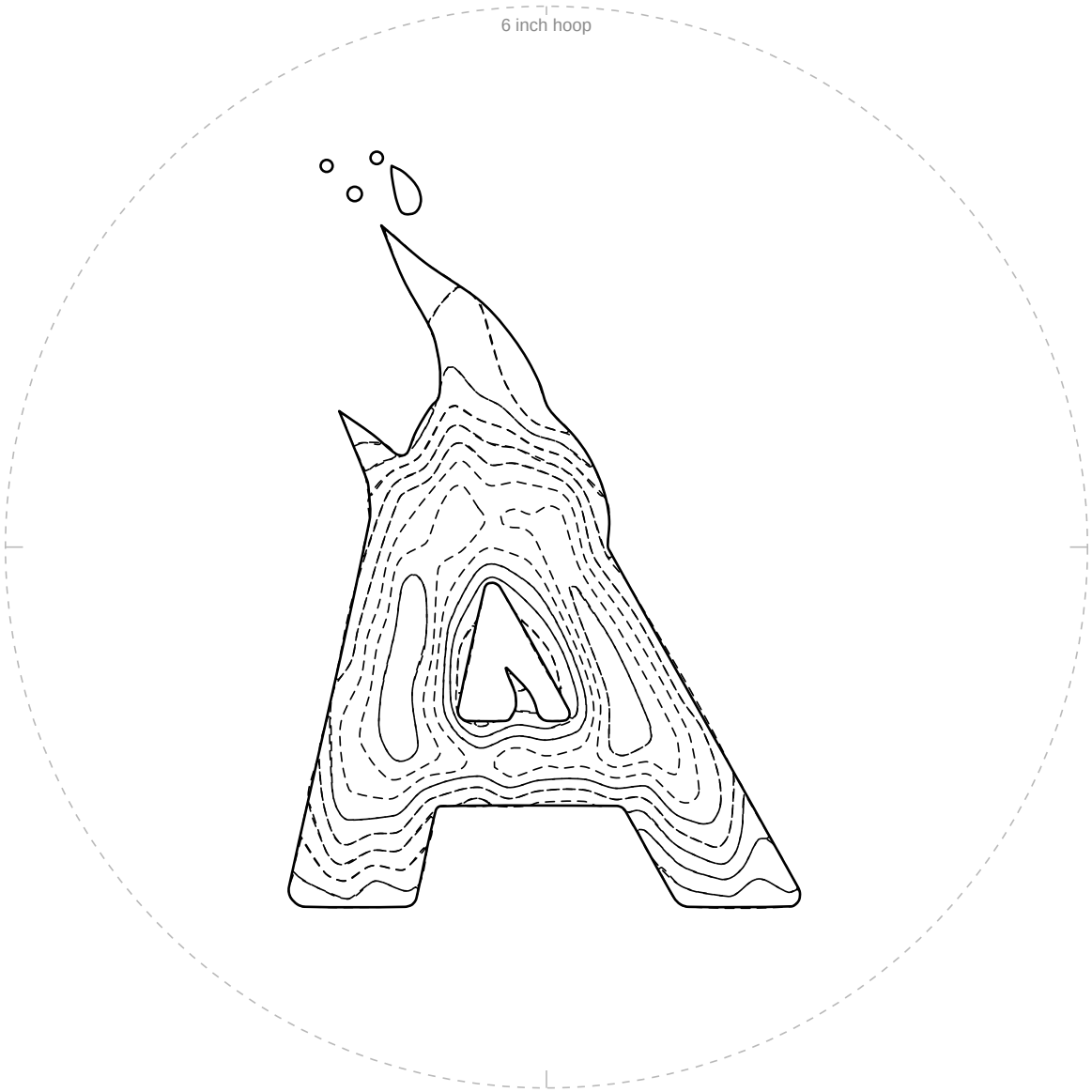
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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