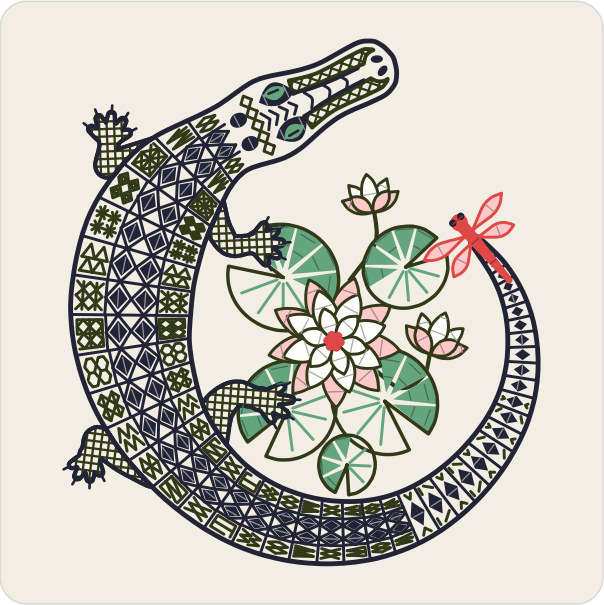
Florida alligator among water lilies

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



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 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 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them 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 934 Black Avocado Green**
  Flank patterns, legs, lily edges, pad edges, head lattice and lily stalks
- **2 DMC 3816 Celadon Green**
  Lily pads, pad veins and eyes
- **3 DMC 761 Light Salmon**
  Water lilies (darker), dragonfly wings (lighter)
- **4 DMC BLANC White**
  Water lilies (lighter)
- **5 DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Dragonfly wings (darker), dragonfly and lily hearts
- **6 DMC 310 Black**
  Outline, spine diaper, band edges, spine scutes, spine lines and brows and 7 more parts

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Lily pads, water lilies, spine scutes, brows, eyes, nostrils, nape scutes, dragonfly wings, dragonfly
2. **Trellis stitch**, 1 strand
   Legs, head lattice
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Lily stalks, pad edges, outline, head ridges
4. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Pad veins, lily edges, spine diaper, spine lines, flank patterns, band edges, head lattice, snout bars, dragonfly wings
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Claws, eye slits
6. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Lily hearts, dragonfly eyes

What you need

Intermediate. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, white or another light color. Embroidery needle: size 9 for 1 strand, size 7 for 2 or 3, size 5 for 4 (a lower number is a thicker needle). Skeins: 2 of DMC 934; one of each other color. 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

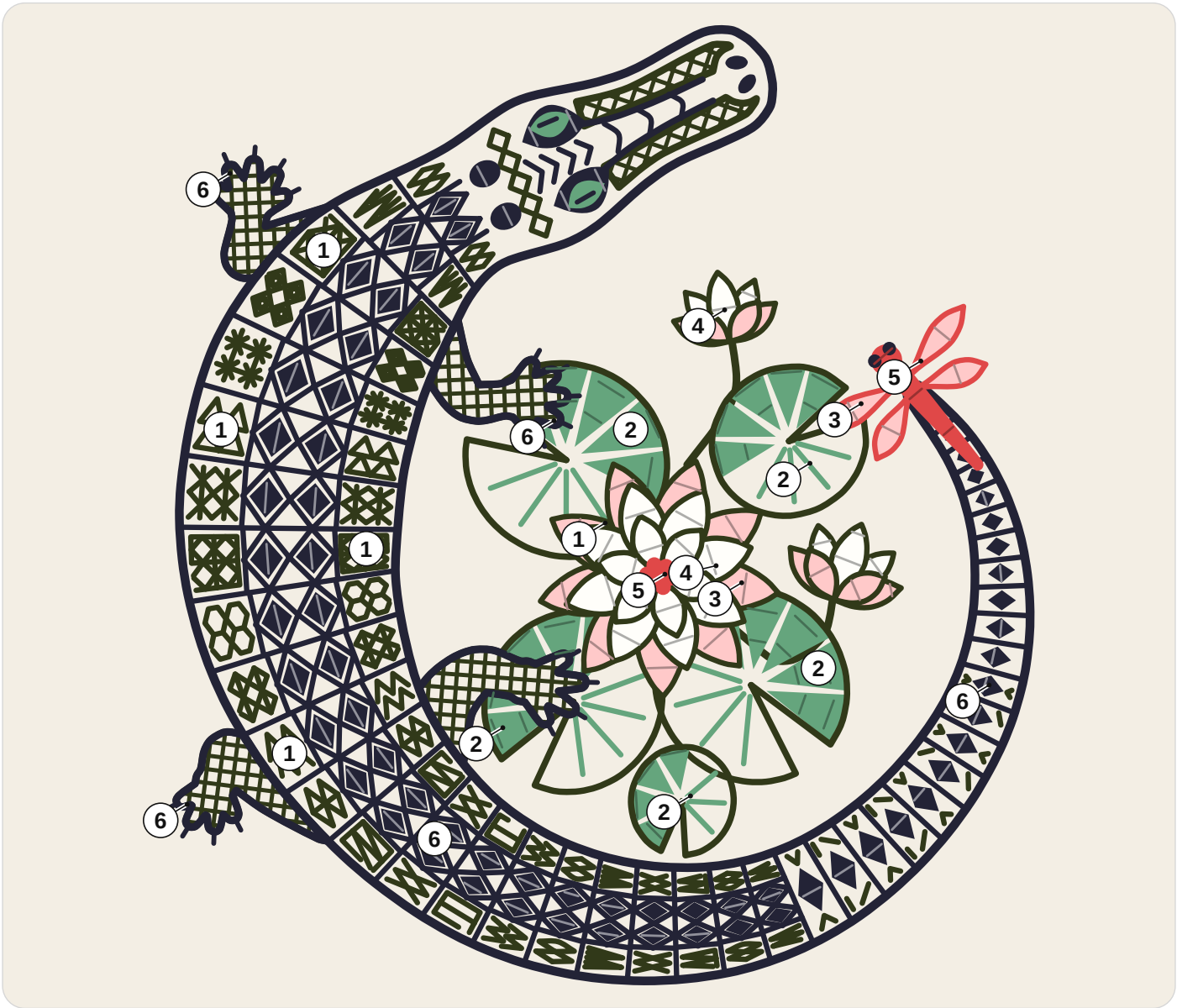
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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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How many strands

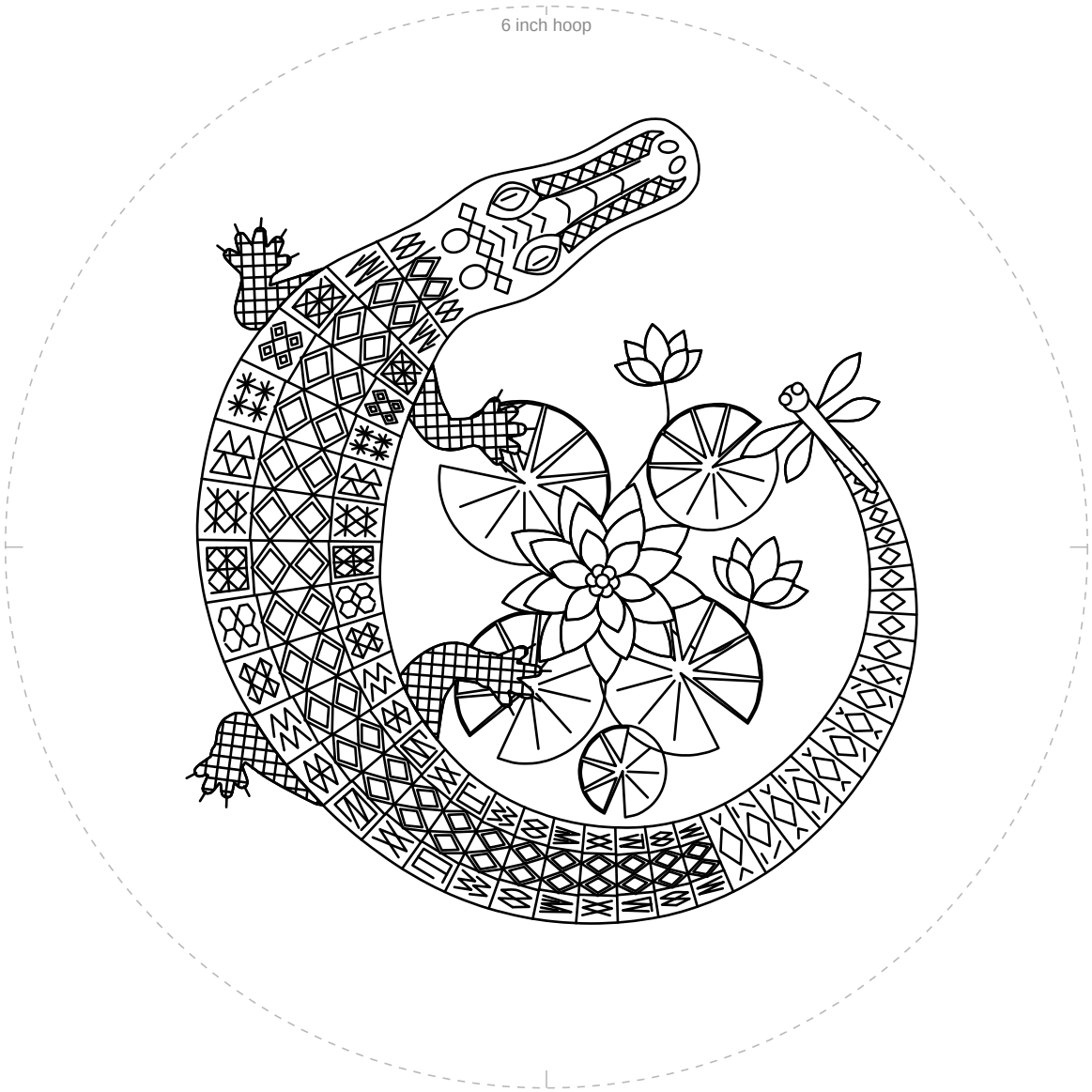
Stem stitch. 3 or 4 strands: outline; 3 strands: lily stalks; 2 strands: pad edges, head ridges.
Back stitch. 2 strands: pad veins, spine lines, band edges; 1 or 2 strands: snout bars; 1 strand: lily edges, spine diaper, flank patterns, head lattice, dragonfly wings.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: claws; 2 strands: eye slits.
French knot. 2 strands: lily hearts; 1 strand: dragonfly eyes.

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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.



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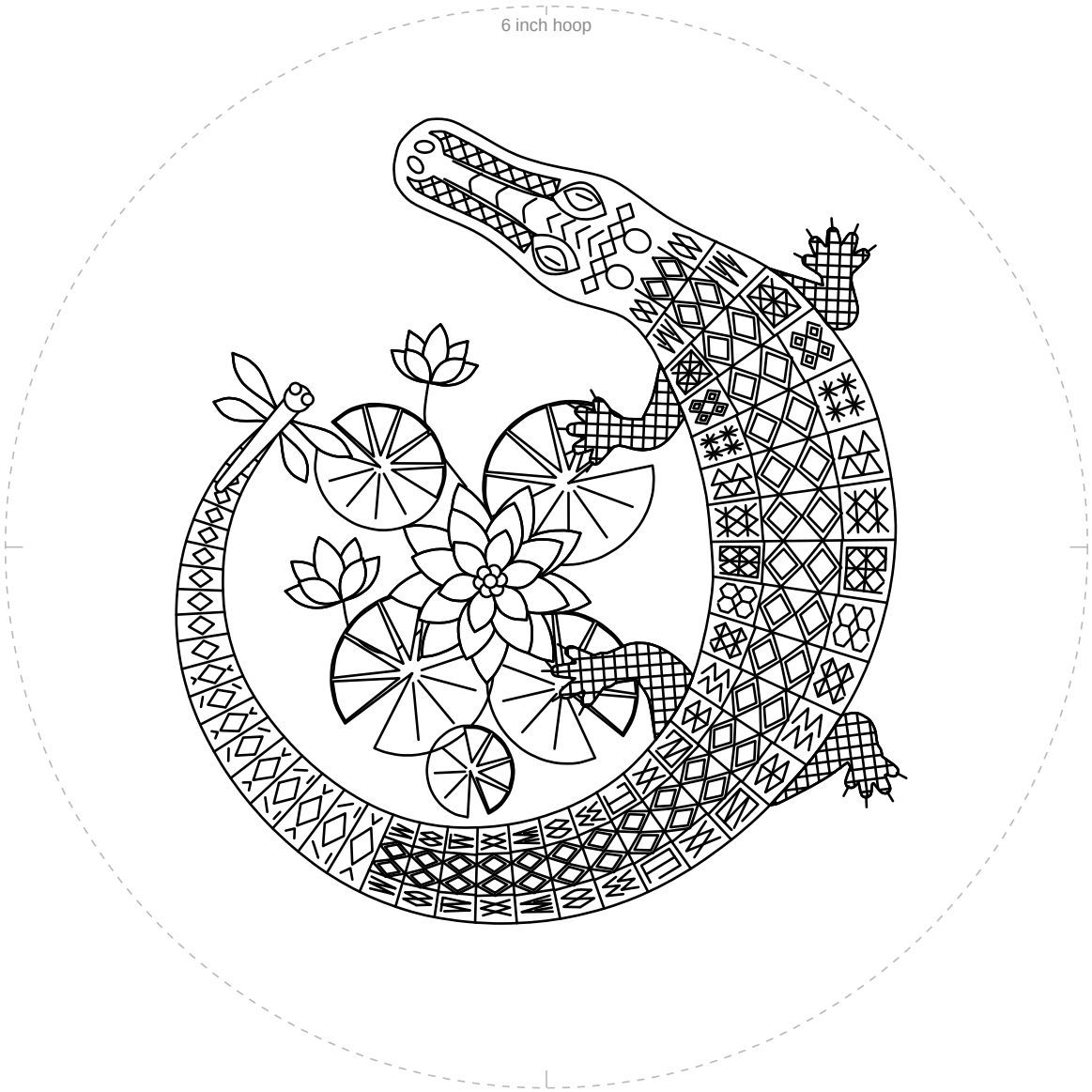
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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