Frog, panda, bird and beetle charms

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 5 × 5 in (12.7 × 12.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark red 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: 18 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 dark red cotton or linen, a white pencil.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Back stitch**, 3 strands
   Beetle edge, panda edge
2. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands: bamboo twig
   3 strands: sprig stems
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Beetle head, beetle wing cases, panda belly, panda arms, panda face, bird body, bird head, long petals, flower petals
4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Frames, corner leaves, corner buds, frog feet, frog hands, frog arms, frog thighs, frog body, frog head, frog eyes, frog pupils, frog cheeks, spirals, frog belly, belly leaves, belly flower, brow marks, frog smile, beetle legs, beetle feelers, beetle shoulders, wing case leaves, beetle eyes, shoulder leaves, wing case seam, bamboo leaves, panda ears, inner ears, panda legs, panda soles, bamboo cane, cane joints, panda paws, panda muzzle, eye patches, panda eyes, panda pupils, panda cheeks, panda nose, bough leaves, bough, tail feathers, tail eyes, tail eye centers, bird wing, bird collar, bird eye ring, bird eye, bird beak, bird thighs, bird legs, petal hearts, sprig curls, sprig leaves, sprig buds
5. **Back stitch**
   3 strands: frog edge, bird edge
   2 strands: panda mouth (color 8)
6. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Frame edges
7. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Frog nose, eye highlights, paw lines, panda mouth (color 8)
8. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: lines of the crest
   3 strands: bird toes
9. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Toe knots, flower center, beetle knees, knots of the beetle feelers, knots of the crest

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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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 726 Light Topaz	7	DMC 904 Very Dark Parrot Green	13	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue
2	DMC 712 Cream	8	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue	14	DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue
3	DMC 907 Light Parrot Green	9	DMC 352 Light Coral	15	DMC 3846 Light Bright Turquoise
4	DMC 353 Peach	10	DMC 3865 Winter White	16	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue
5	DMC 905 Dark Parrot Green	11	DMC 3844 Dark Bright Turquoise	17	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
6	DMC 906 Medium Parrot Green	12	DMC 796 Dark Royal Blue	18	DMC 351 Coral

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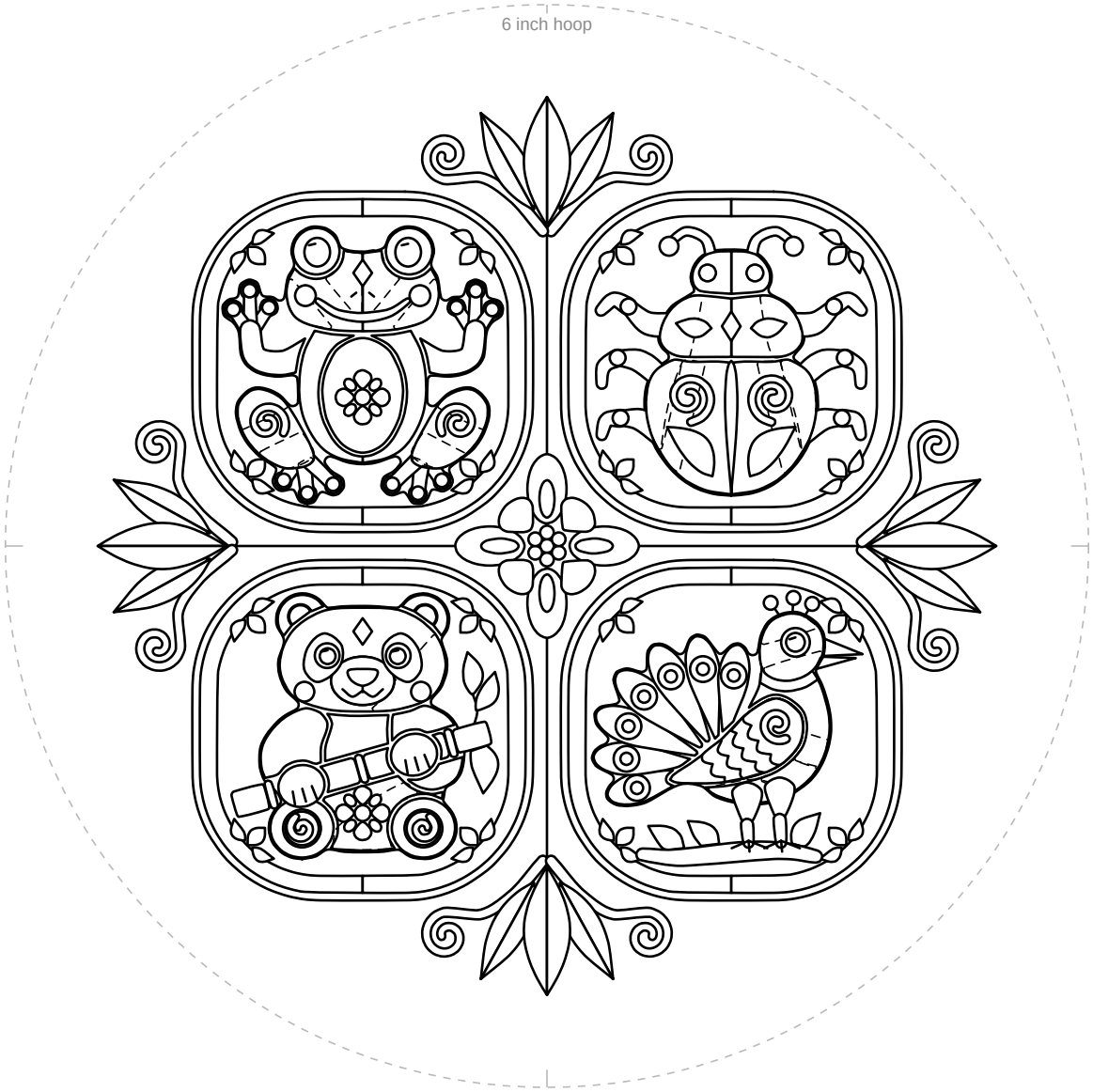
6 inch hoop

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 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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