Guizhou style butterfly and flower

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 4.8 in (11.2 × 12.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: indigo cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Stem, leaves, outer petals, middle petals, inner petals, gold petals, flower heart, hind wings, wing dots, fore wings, body, eyes, stem drop
2. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Tendrils, antennae
3. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf edges, petal edges, wing seams, wing edges, body edges, eyes, drop edges
4. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Eyes
5. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Heart beads, stem drop

Floss

- **1 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Fore wings (shade 6 of 7), wing edges and tendrils, hind wings (light) and 4 more parts
- **2 DMC 3850 Dark Bright Green**
  Hind wings (dark), leaves (darker), fore wings (shade 3 of 7), stem, body (middle)
- **3 DMC 964 Light Seagreen**
  Leaves (lighter), hind wings (lightest), fore wings (shade 7 of 7)
- **4 DMC 746 Off White**
  Wing seams, petal edges, leaf edges and body edges and 4 more parts
- **5 DMC 321 Red**
  Outer petals, fore wings (shade 2 of 7), hind wings (darkest) and 3 more parts
- **6 DMC 351 Coral**
  Middle petals, stem drop (middle)
- **7 DMC 963 Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose**
  Inner petals
- **8 DMC 727 Very Light Topaz**
  Gold petals (lighter), body (lightest), stem drop (light)
- **9 DMC 552 Medium Violet**
  Fore wings (shade 1 of 7), body (darkest), flower heart and wing dots (darker)
- **10 DMC 519 Sky Blue**
  Fore wings (shade 4 of 7), hind wings (middle dark)
- **11 DMC 210 Medium Lavender**
  Hind wings (middle light), fore wings (shade 5 of 7)
- **12 DMC 310 Black**
  Eyes (dark)

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.

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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.

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

Split stitch. 3 strands: wing edges; 2 strands: leaf edges, petal edges, wing seams, body edges, drop edges; 1 strand: eyes.

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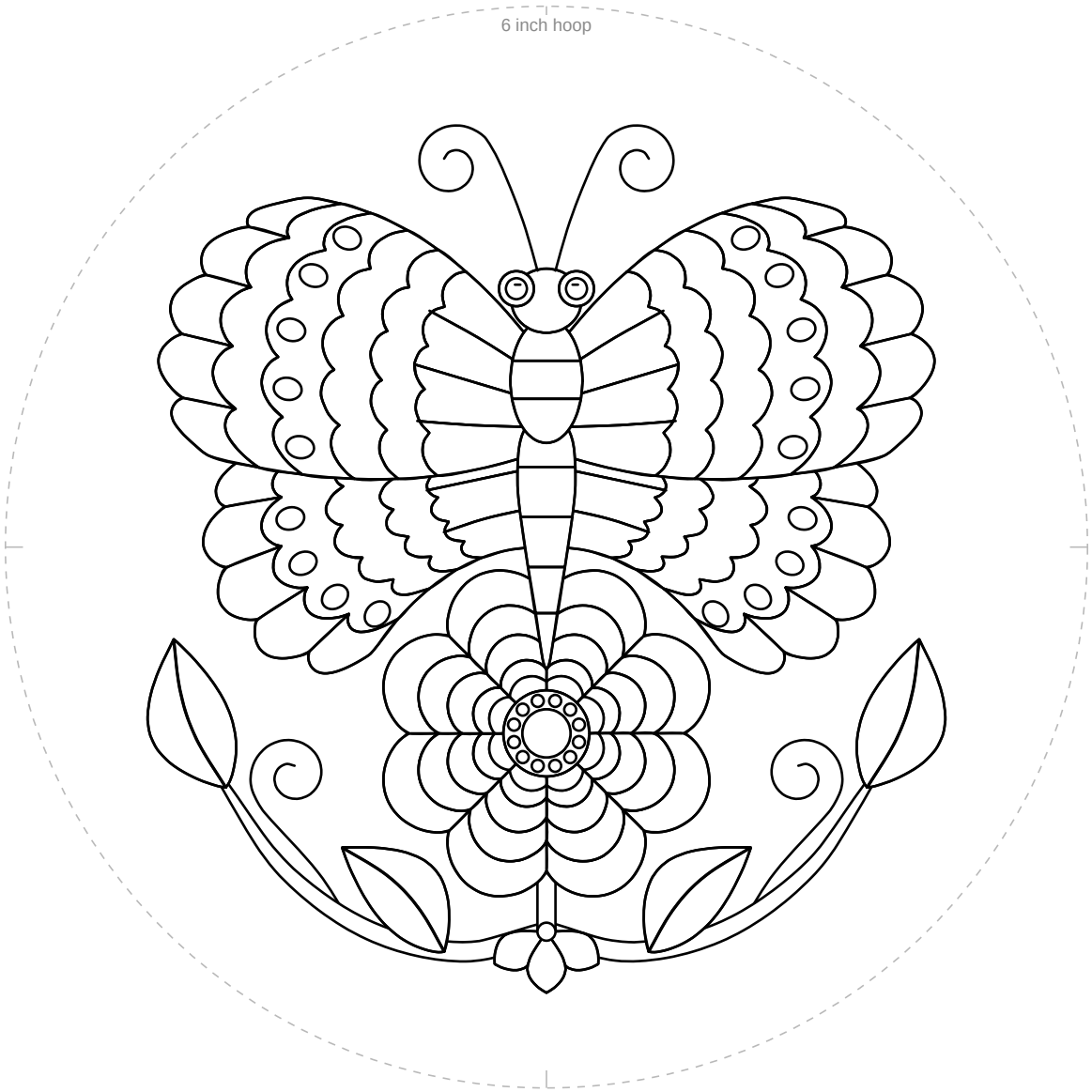
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

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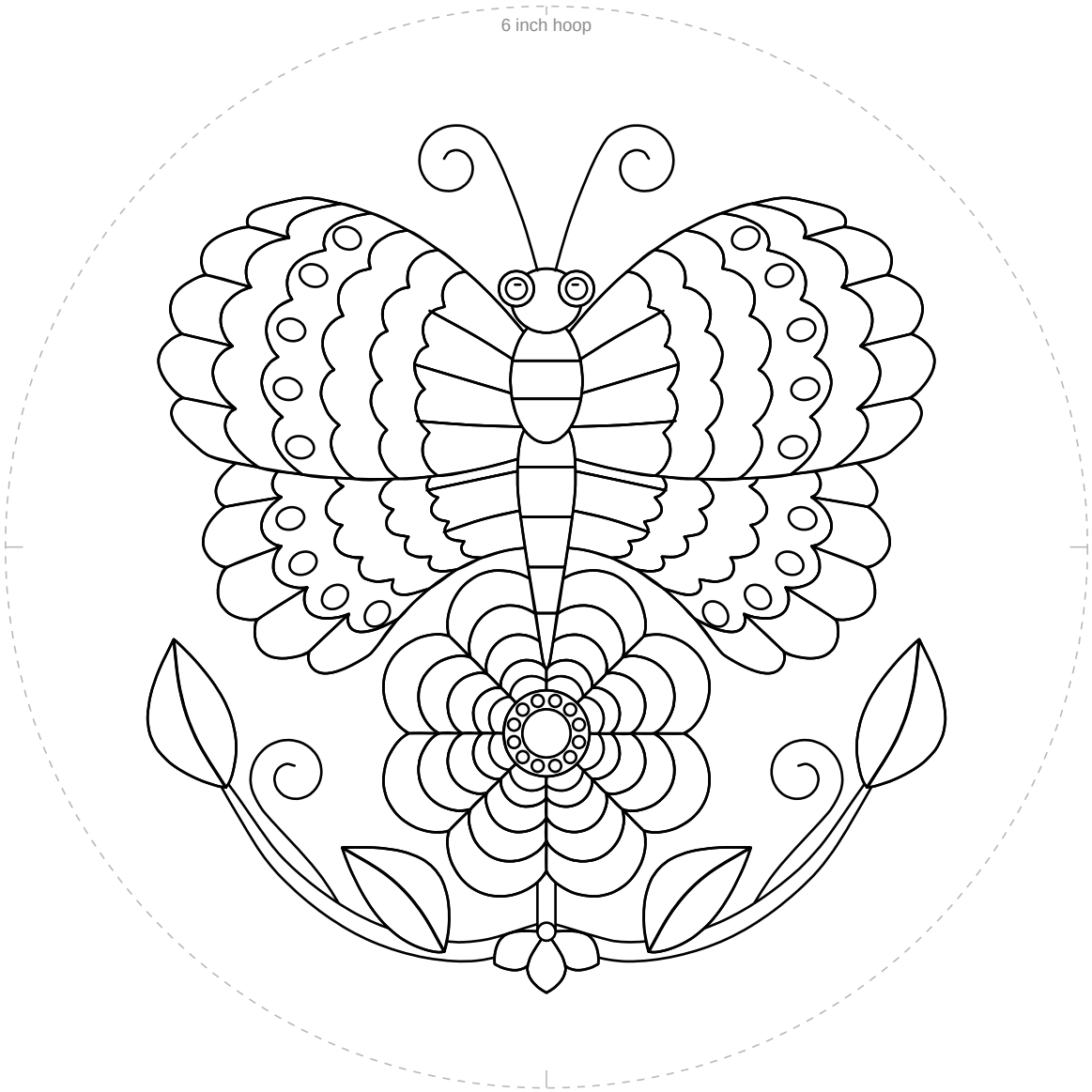
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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