Japanese crane and red sun for a photo

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.8 × 4.1 in (12.2 × 10.4 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 817 Very Dark Coral Red**
  Sun (dark), red crown
- **2 DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Sun (middle)
- **3 DMC 351 Coral**
  Sun (light)
- **4 DMC 3787 Dark Brown Gray**
  Legs, bill and toes
- **5 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Flight feathers, short coverts, wing edges and head, body (lighter)
- **6 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Inner flight feathers, feather tips, neck and eye
- **7 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Feather outlines, body outline and head outline
- **8 DMC 415 Pearl Gray**
  Long coverts
- **9 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Body (darker)

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Flight feathers, feather tips, inner flight feathers, long coverts, short coverts, wing edges, body, neck, bill, head, red crown



2. **Stem stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Sun, legs

3. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Toes



4. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Feather outlines, body outline, head outline

5. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Eye



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6 inch hoop

How to read it

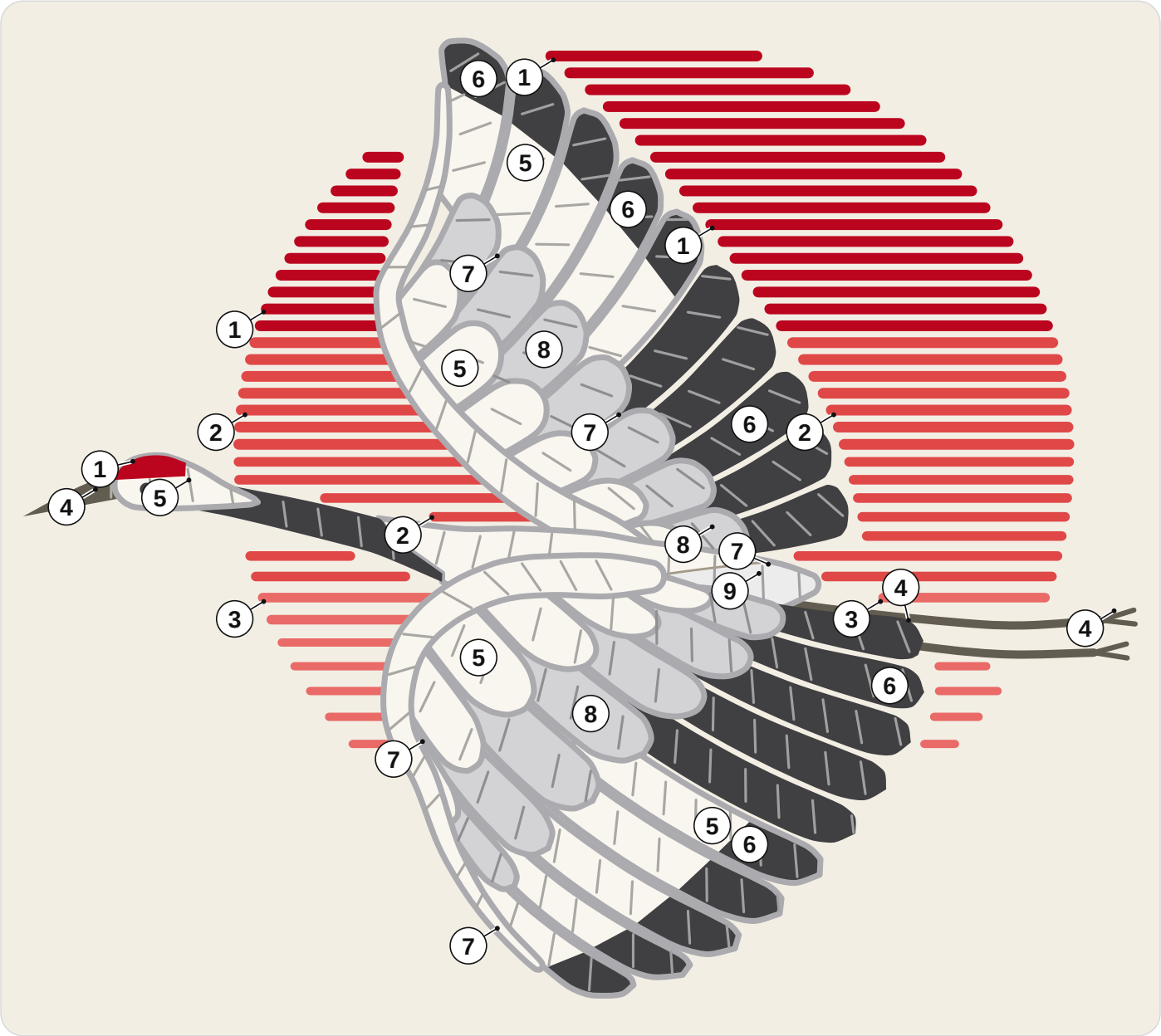
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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 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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How many strands

Stem stitch. 3 to 5 strands: sun; 3 strands: legs.

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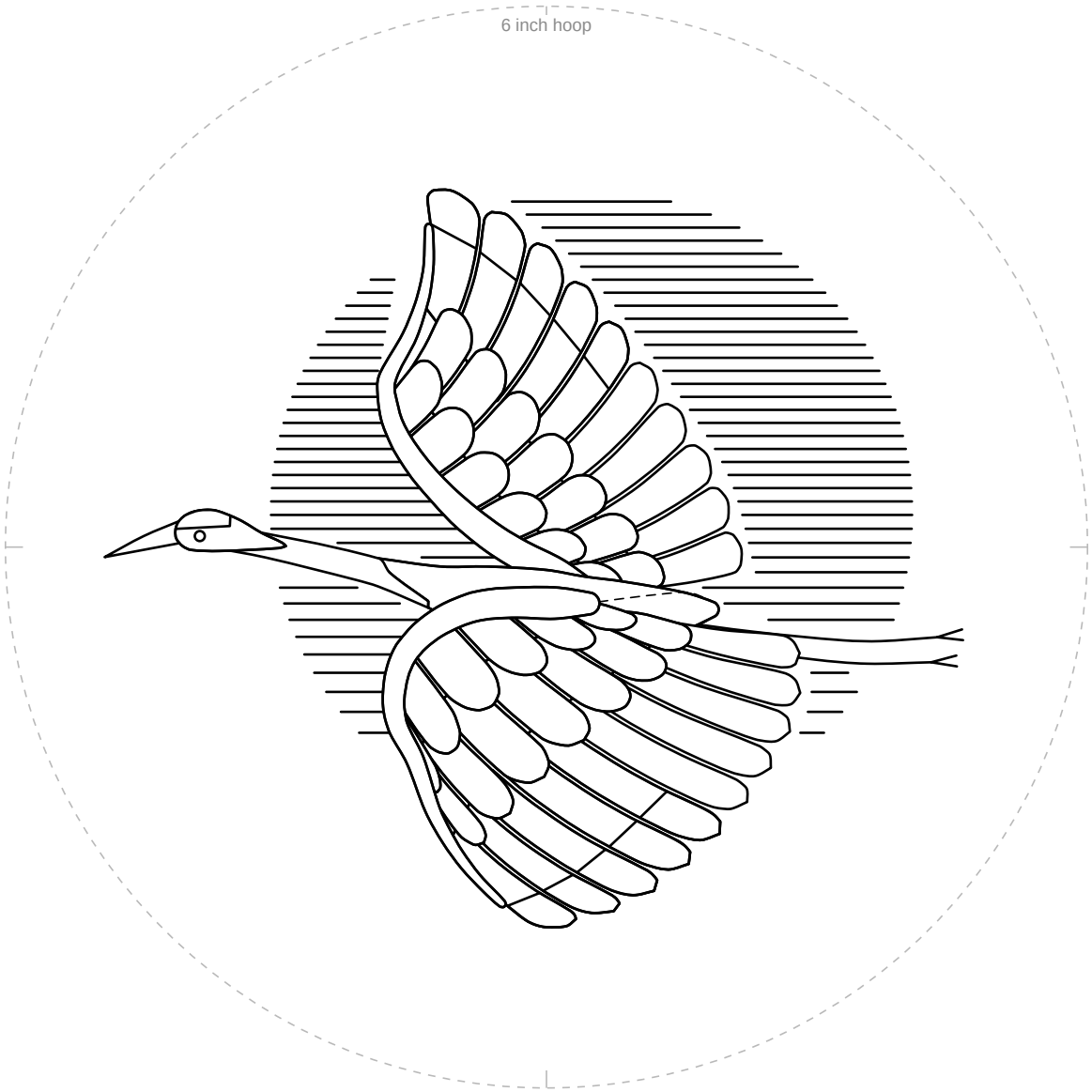
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



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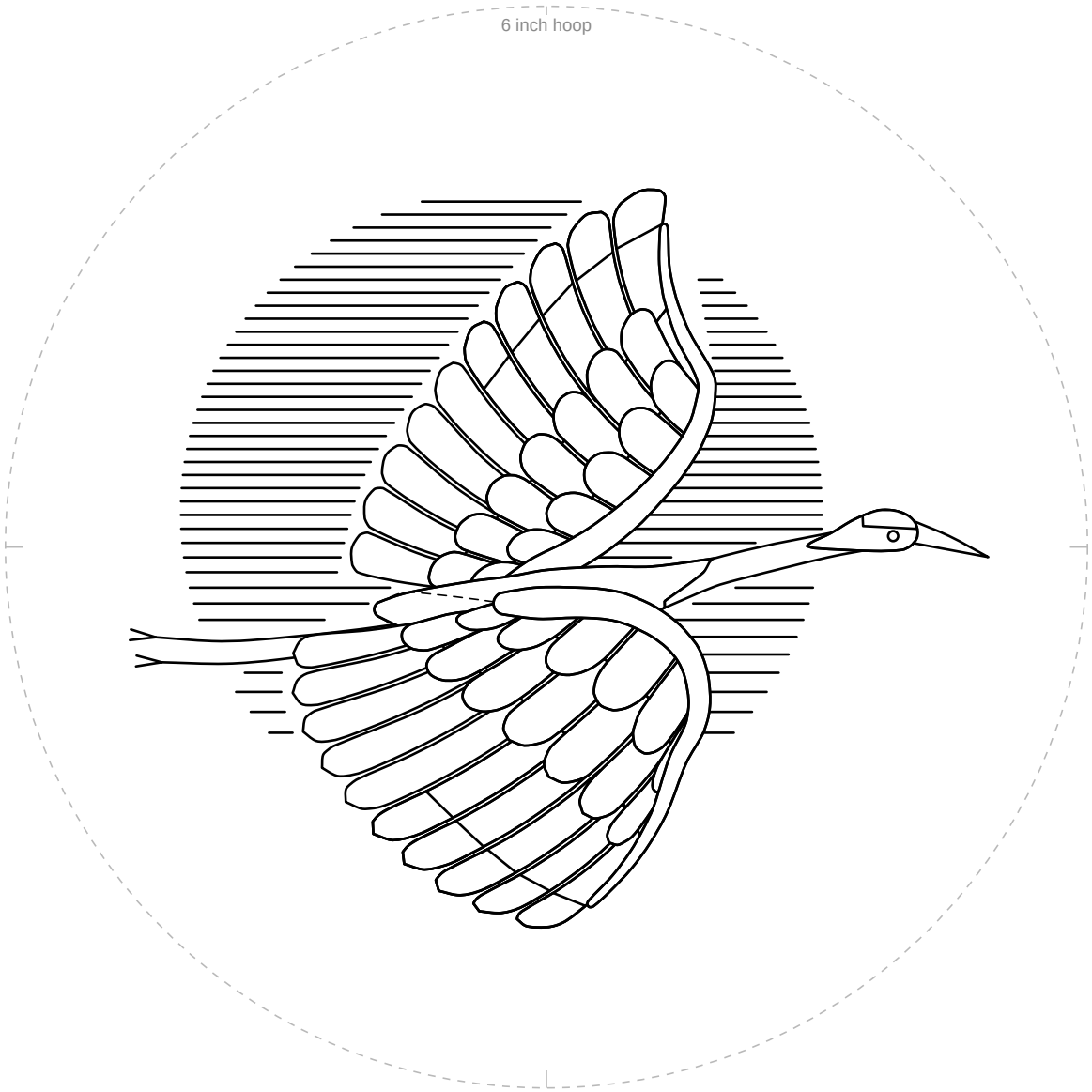
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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