Jellyfish bookmark in running stitch

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 2 × 4.6 in (5.1 × 11.7 cm).



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

Floss

- **1 DMC 3846 Light Bright Turquoise**
  Border and waves (lighter), tentacles and bell (light)
- **2 DMC 996 Medium Electric Blue**
  Border and waves (darker), tentacles and bell (dark)
- **3 DMC 727 Very Light Topaz**
  Rim knots, wave knots and arm knots
- **4 DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue**
  Tentacles and bell (lightest), bubbles and bell rim
- **5 DMC 210 Medium Lavender**
  Tentacles and bell (darkest)
- **6 DMC 3705 Dark Melon**
  Middle arm and heart

Stitch in this order

1. **Running stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Border, waves, bell, heart, tentacles, middle arm

2. **Back stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Waves, bell rim, bubbles

3. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Wave knots, arm knots, rim knots



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.

What you need

Easy. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, in navy. Embroidery needle: size 7 for 2 or 3 strands, size 5 for 4 (a lower number is a thicker needle). Skeins: one of each color is enough. 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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How to read it

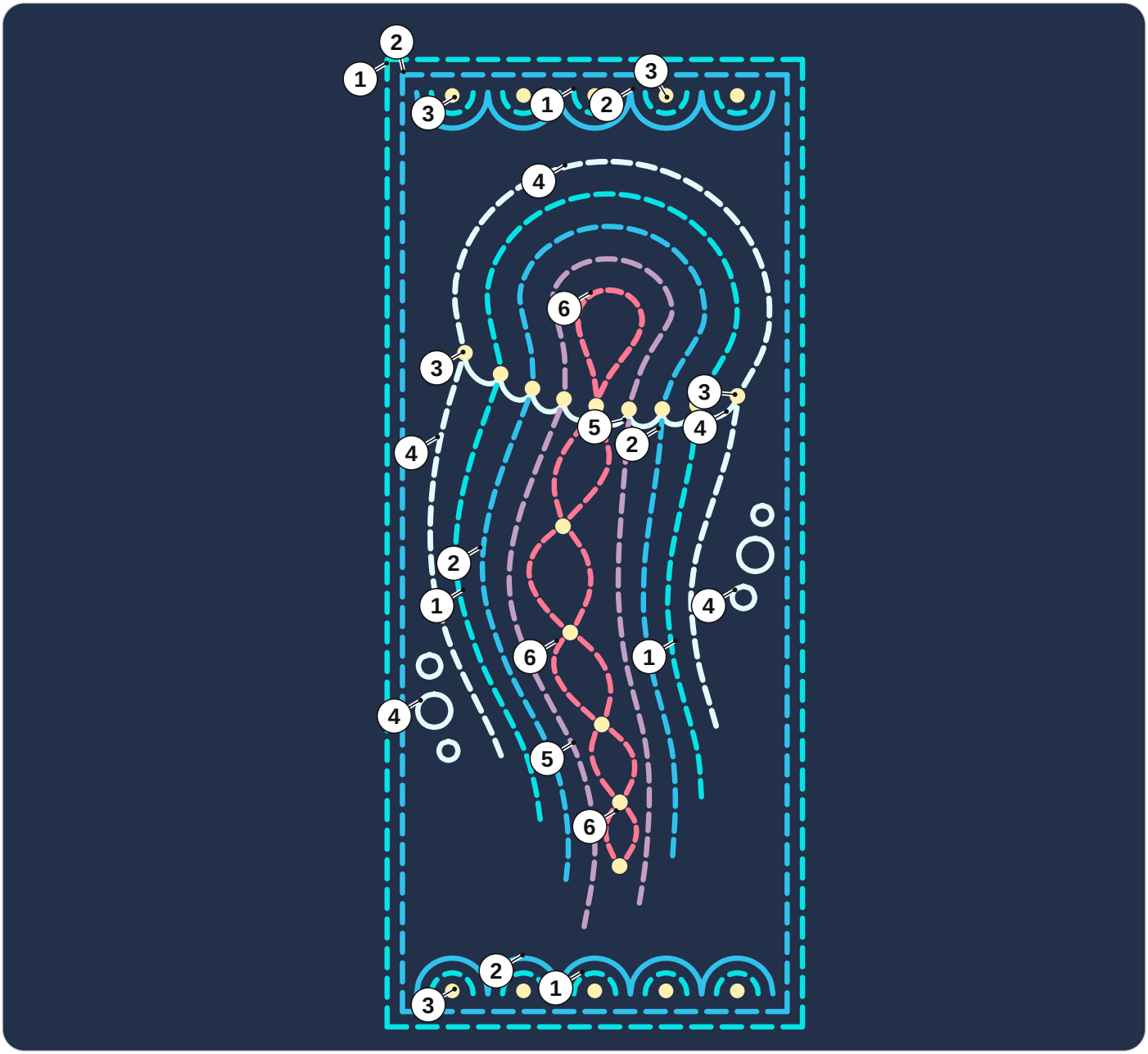
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Start each thread with a small knot on the back, and end it by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A dashed line is running stitch.

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

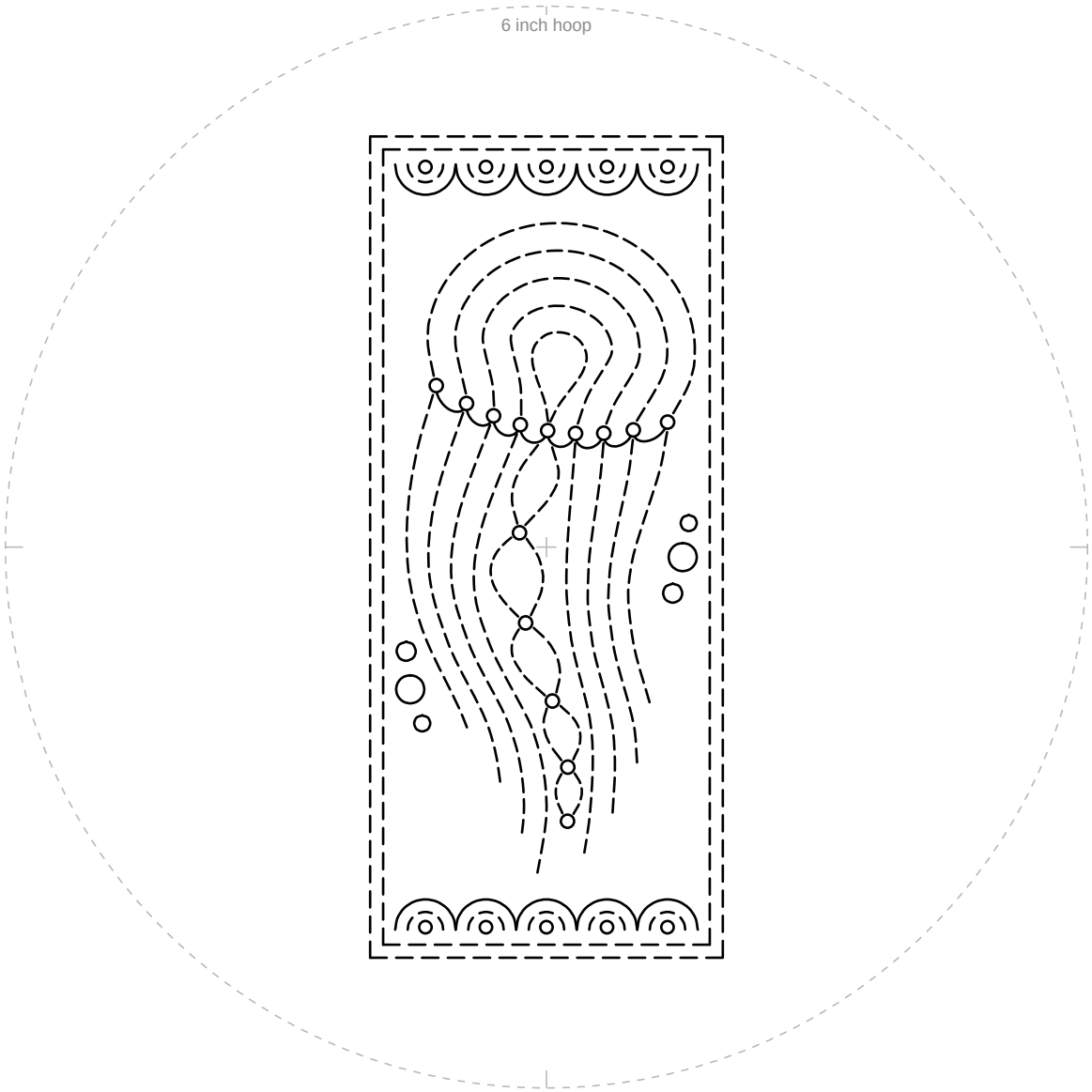
Running stitch. 4 strands: heart; 3 or 4 strands: bell, tentacles; 3 strands: middle arm; 2 or 3 strands: border; 2 strands: waves.
Back stitch. 3 strands: waves, bell rim; 2 strands: bubbles.

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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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25.4 mm

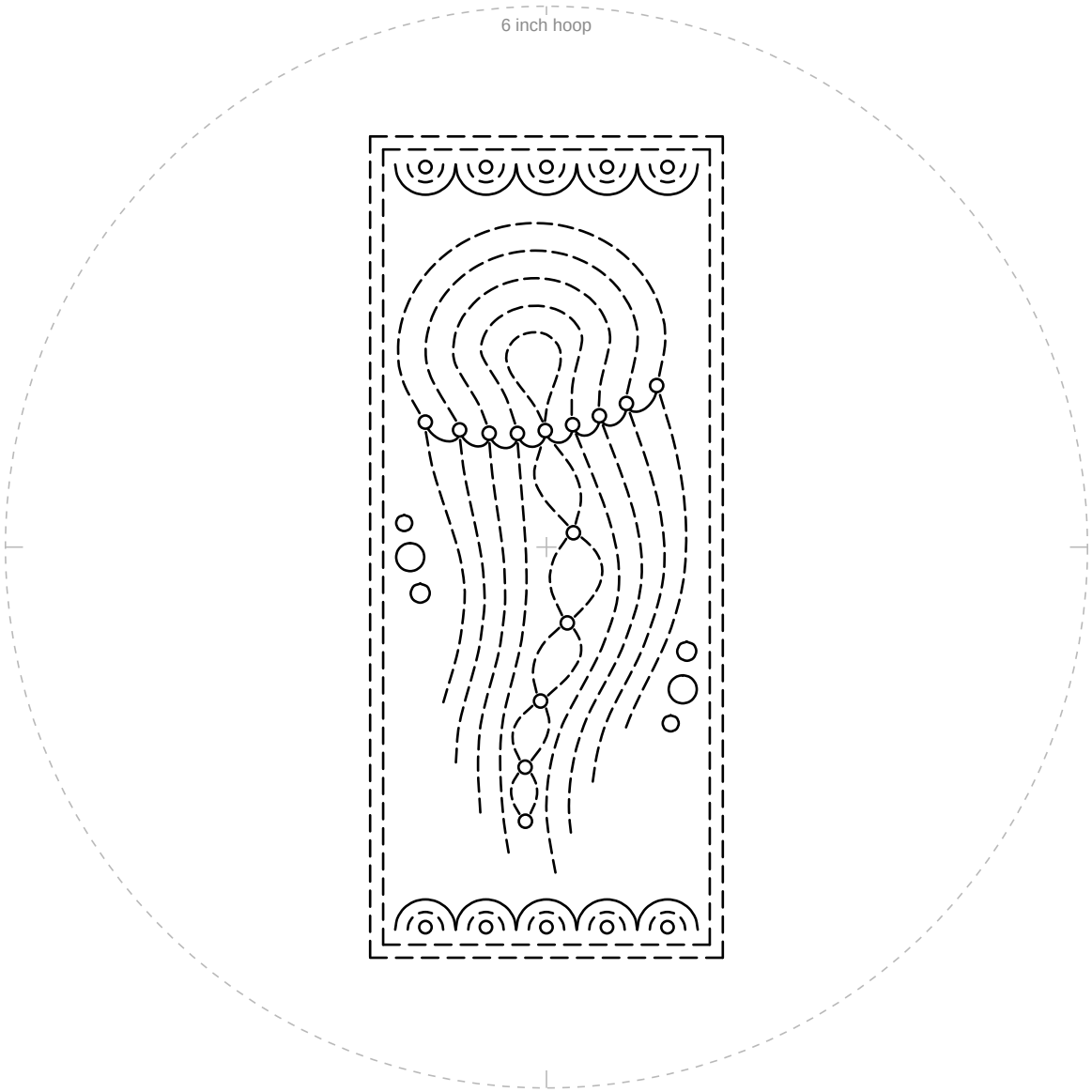
Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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