Lifelike largemouth bass

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 3.7 in (11.9 × 9.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

20 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

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.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: water fern (color 1)
   3 strands: pondweed stems

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Pondweed leaves, tail, soft dorsal fin, spiny dorsal fin, anal fin, far pelvic fin, far fin, body, side band, near pelvic fin, inside of mouth, throat, lower jaw, gill shadow, gill cover, ear spot, cheek, cheek bars, head, upper jaw, near fin, minnow (color 20)



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Pebbles, eye socket, gold of the eye, pupil, fin root, minnow (colors 4 and 5)



4. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: water fern (color 1)
   2 strands: nostril, eye highlight



5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Spiny dorsal fin spines

6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf veins, tail rays, soft dorsal fin rays, anal fin rays, far pelvic fin rays, scales, lower edge, near pelvic fin rays, lines of the throat, gill cover edge, cheek edge, jaw line, near fin rays, minnow stripe

7. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Minnow eye



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

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	8	DMC 934 Black Avocado Green	15	DMC 3371 Black Brown
2	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	9	DMC 834 Very Light Golden Olive	16	DMC 3047 Light Yellow Beige
3	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	10	DMC 3012 Medium Khaki Green	17	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
4	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	11	DMC 937 Medium Avocado Green	18	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
5	DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green	12	DMC 3011 Dark Khaki Green	19	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
6	DMC 415 Pearl Gray	13	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	20	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
7	DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green	14	DMC 712 Cream		

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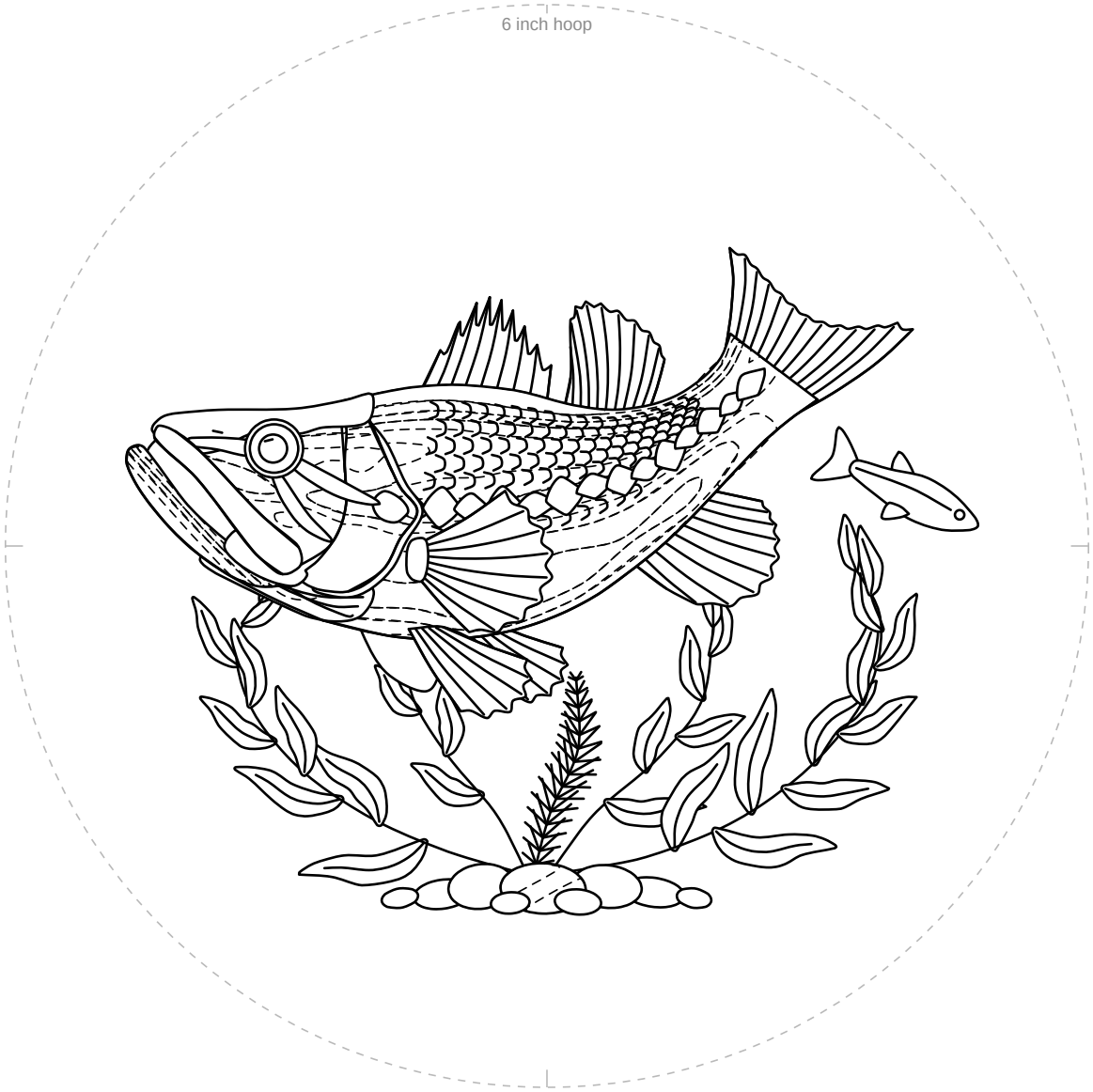
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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.



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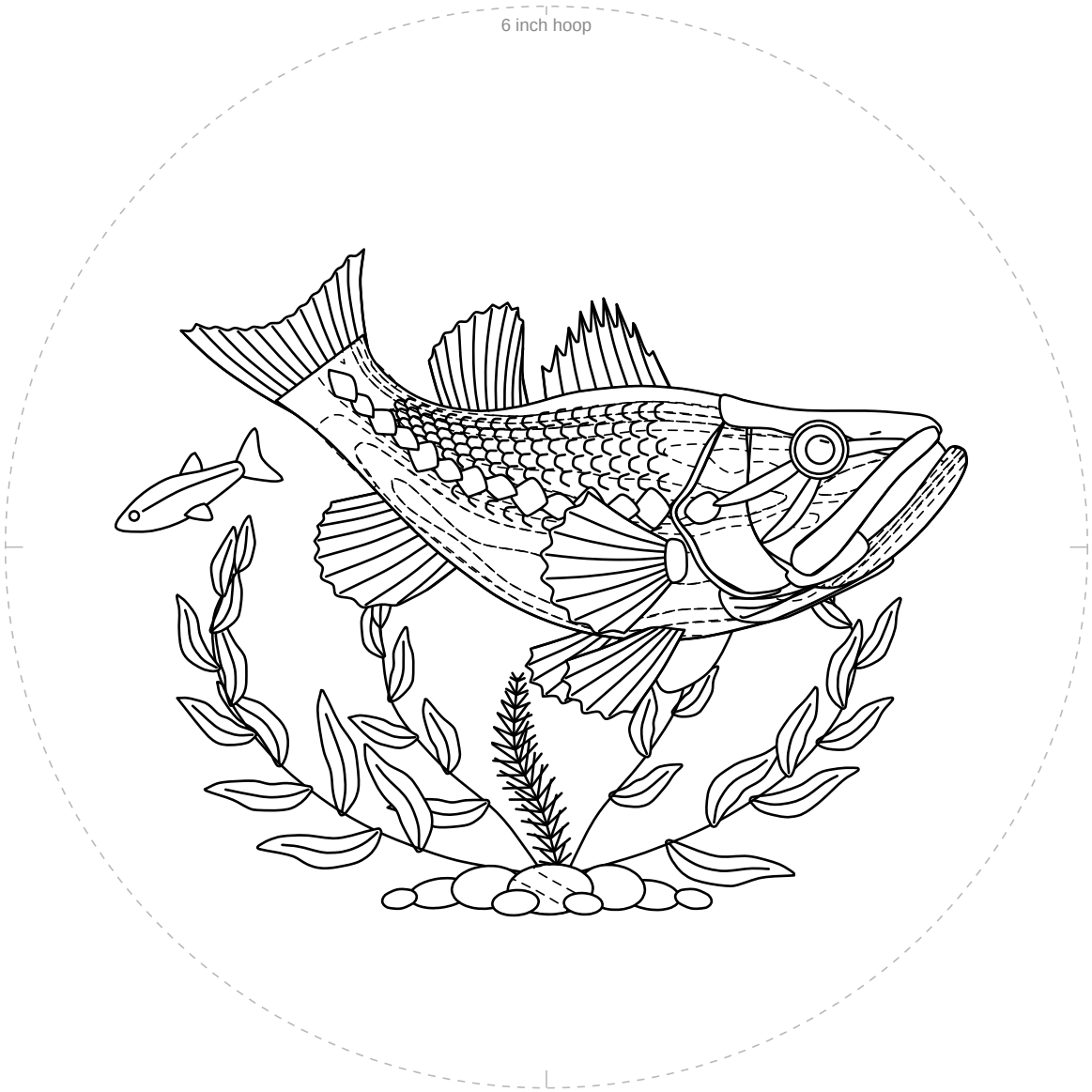
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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