Loon and water lily border

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 2.7 in (11.9 × 6.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue 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
   Blades, necklace, back checks, bill, eye, dragonfly wings, dragonfly, water, scallops, scallop lilies
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Cattails, loon, breast, lily pads, lily petals
3. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Cattail stems
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Cattail spikes, necklace bars, throat bar, eye light, stamens
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Breast, bill line, dragonfly wings, lily pads, lily petal edges
6. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Rule
7. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Dragonfly, stamen tips, scallop joins

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Blades (light), lily pads (lightest)
- **2 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Lily pads (light), cattail stems, blades (middle)
- **3 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Cattails (lighter), cattail spikes
- **4 DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown**
  Cattails (darker)
- **5 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green**
  Lily pads and blades (dark)
- **6 DMC 310 Black** Loon and eye (darker), necklace bars
- **7 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Loon (lighter), bill, breast (darkest)
- **8 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray** Breast (light)
- **9 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray** Bill line, breast (dark)
- **10 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Breast (lightest), back checks and necklace, dragonfly wings (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **11 DMC 321 Red** Eye (lighter)
- **12 DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue**
  Water (middle), scallops, dragonfly wings (darker)
- **13 DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue**
  Water (dark), rule, dragonfly (darker)
- **14 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Stamens and scallop joins, dragonfly (lighter)
- **15 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue** Water (light)
- **16 DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green**
  Lily pads (darkest)
- **17 DMC 3689 Light Mauve**
  Lily petals (light), scallop lilies (lighter)
- **18 DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose**
  Lily petals (dark), scallop lilies (darker)
- **19 DMC 3733 Dusty Rose** Lily petals (middle)
- **20 DMC 819 Light Baby Pink** Lily petals (lightest)
- **21 DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose**
  Lily petal edges, lily petals (darkest)
- **22 DMC 3822 Light Straw** Stamen tips

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.

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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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7	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	15	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue		
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How many strands

Straight stitch. 2 strands: cattail spikes, throat bar, stamens; 1 strand: necklace bars, eye light.

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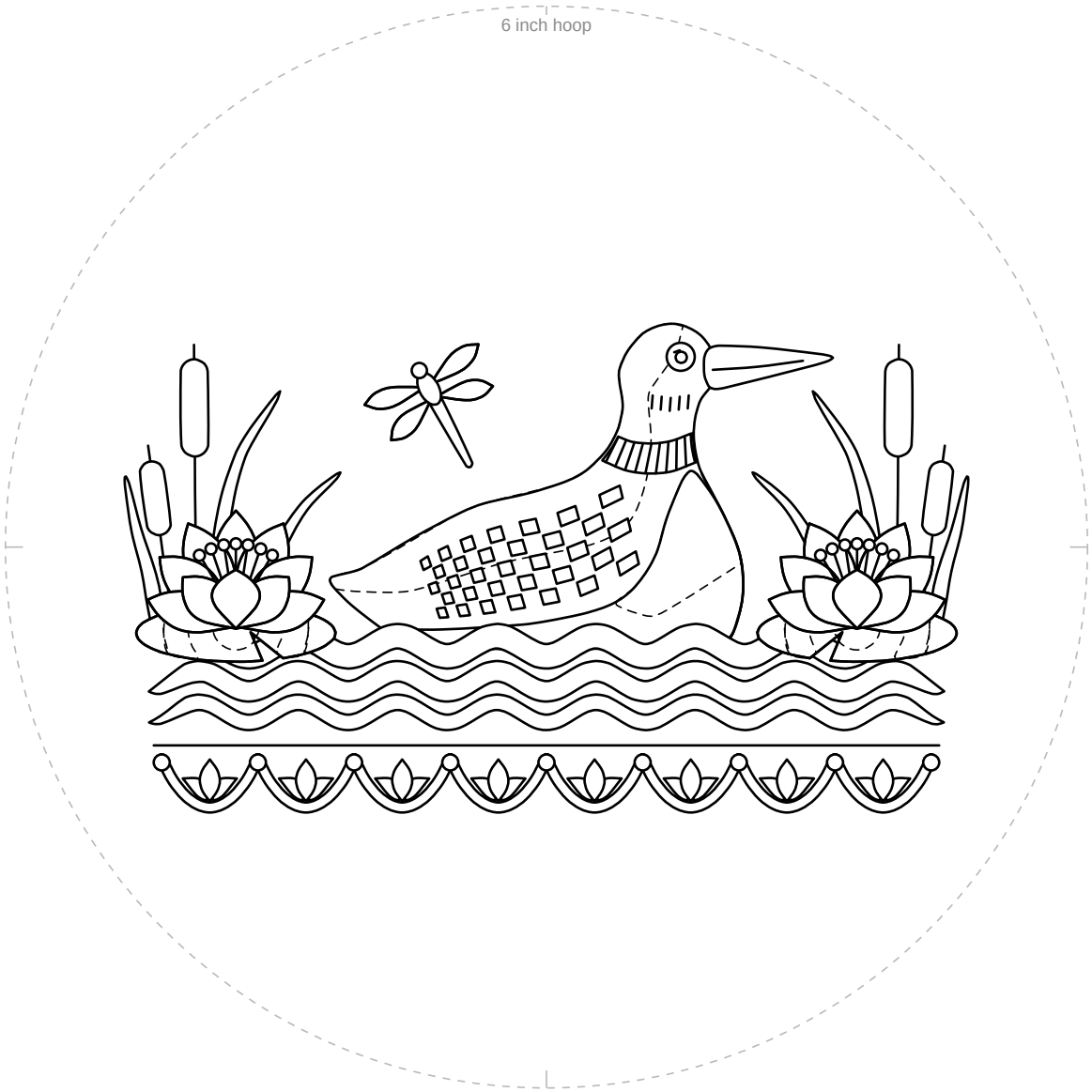
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

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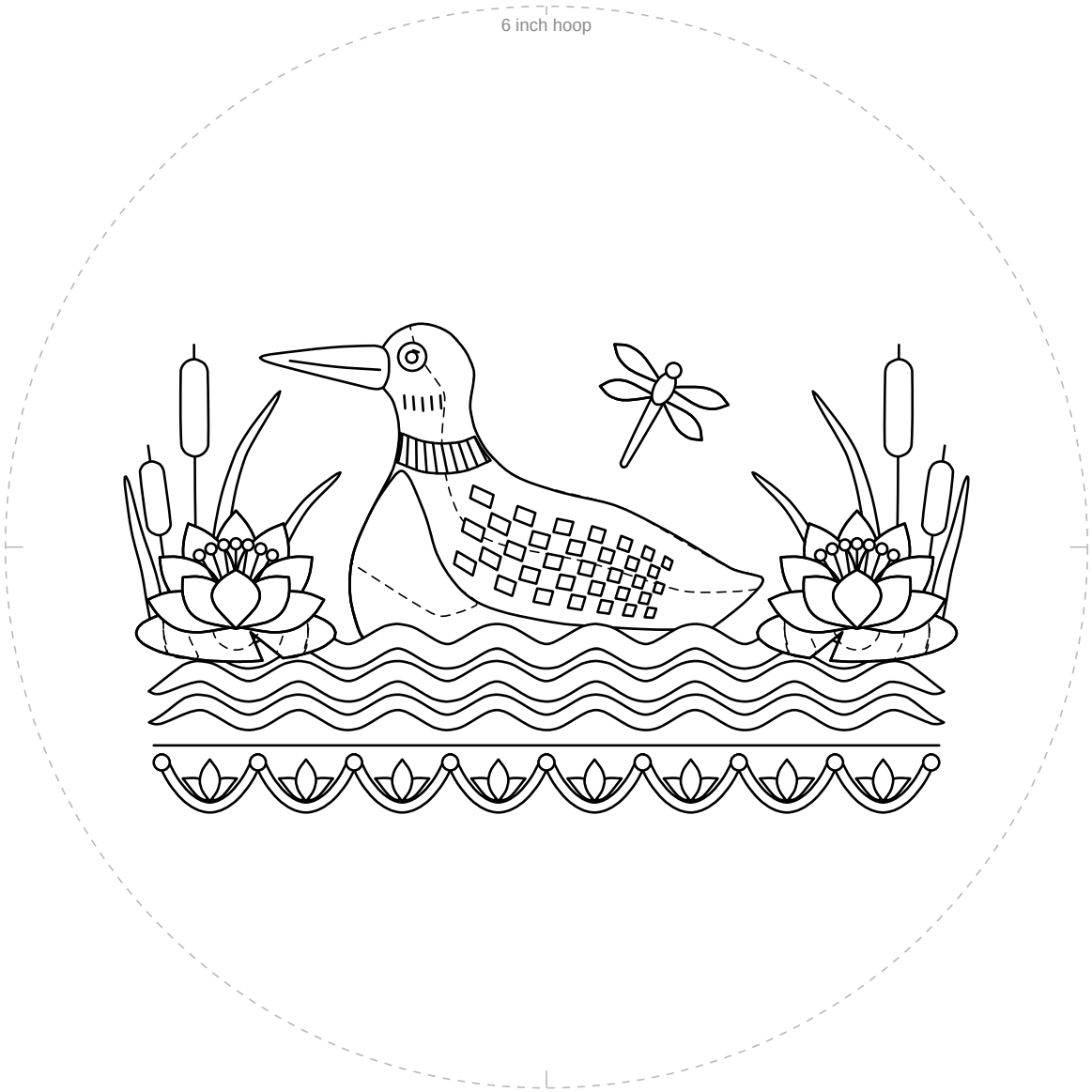
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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