Luna moth with crescent moon

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.2 × 4.5 in (10.7 × 11.4 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, knots and raised parts.

1. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Moon
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Hindwings, tails, forewings
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Front edge, eyespots
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Moon edge, front edge, wing margins, antennae
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Wing veins, wing margins
6. **Fly stitch**, 1 strand
   Antennae
7. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Star rays
8. **French knot**, 1 to 2 strands, two wraps
   Star knots
9. **Turkey work**, 1 strand
   Body

Floss

- **1 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Moon, star rays and star knots, antennae (lighter), wing margins (darker)
- **2 DMC 729 Medium Old Gold**
  Moon edge, eyespots (light), antennae (darker)
- **3 DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green**
  Hindwings, forewings and tails (light)
- **4 DMC 562 Medium Jade**
  Wing veins, hindwings, forewings and tails (darkest)
- **5 DMC 563 Light Jade**
  Forewings, hindwings and tails (dark)
- **6 DMC 564 Very Light Jade**
  Forewings, hindwings and tails (middle)
- **7 DMC 369 Very Light Pistachio Green**
  Forewings, hindwings and tails (lightest), wing margins (lighter)
- **8 DMC 3834 Dark Grape**
  Front edge (lighter), eyespots (dark)
- **9 DMC 154 Very Dark Grape**
  Eyespots (darkest), front edge (darker)
- **10 DMC 746 Off White**
  Eyespots (lightest)
- **11 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Body (lighter)
- **12 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Body (darker)

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

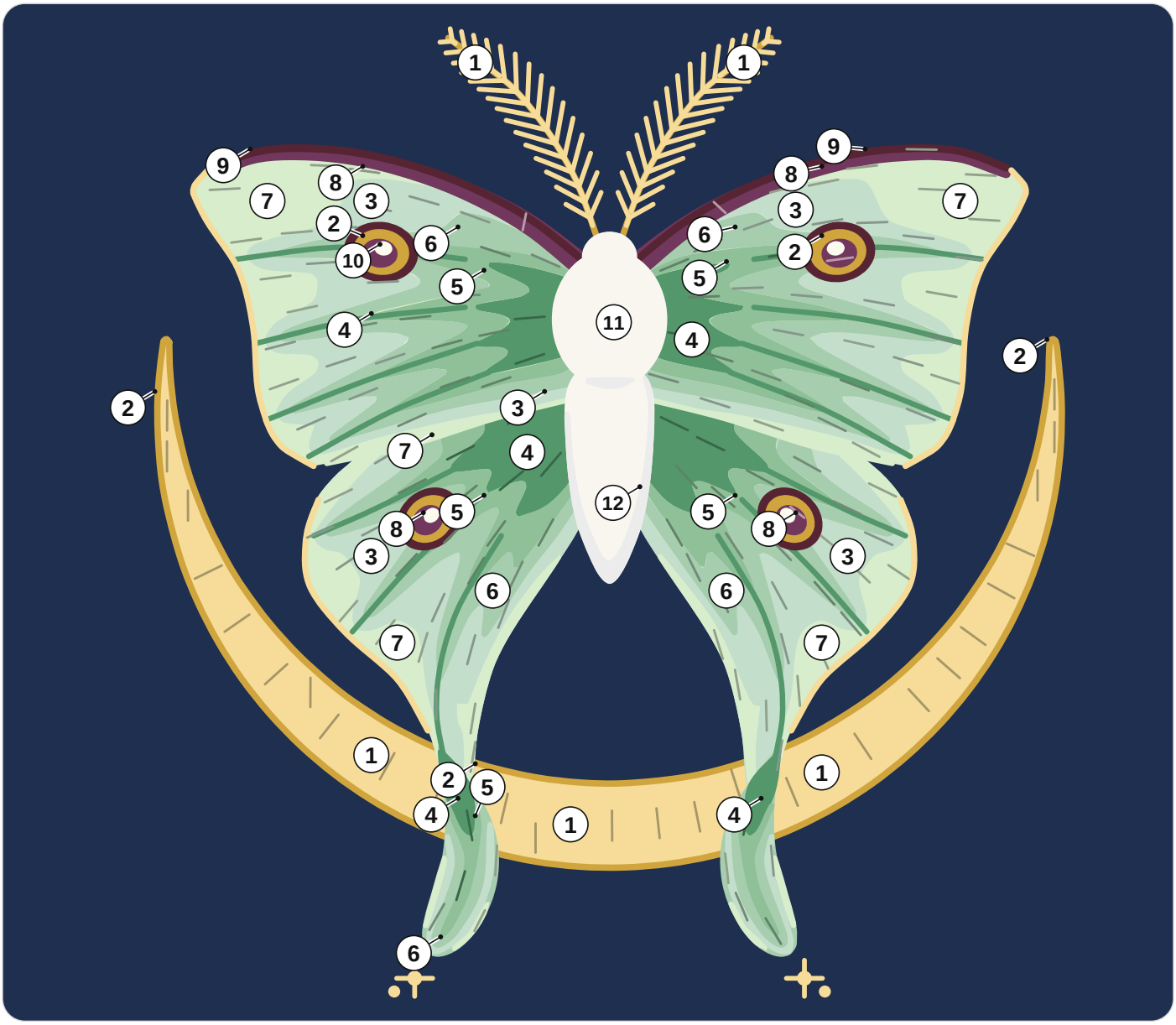
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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 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

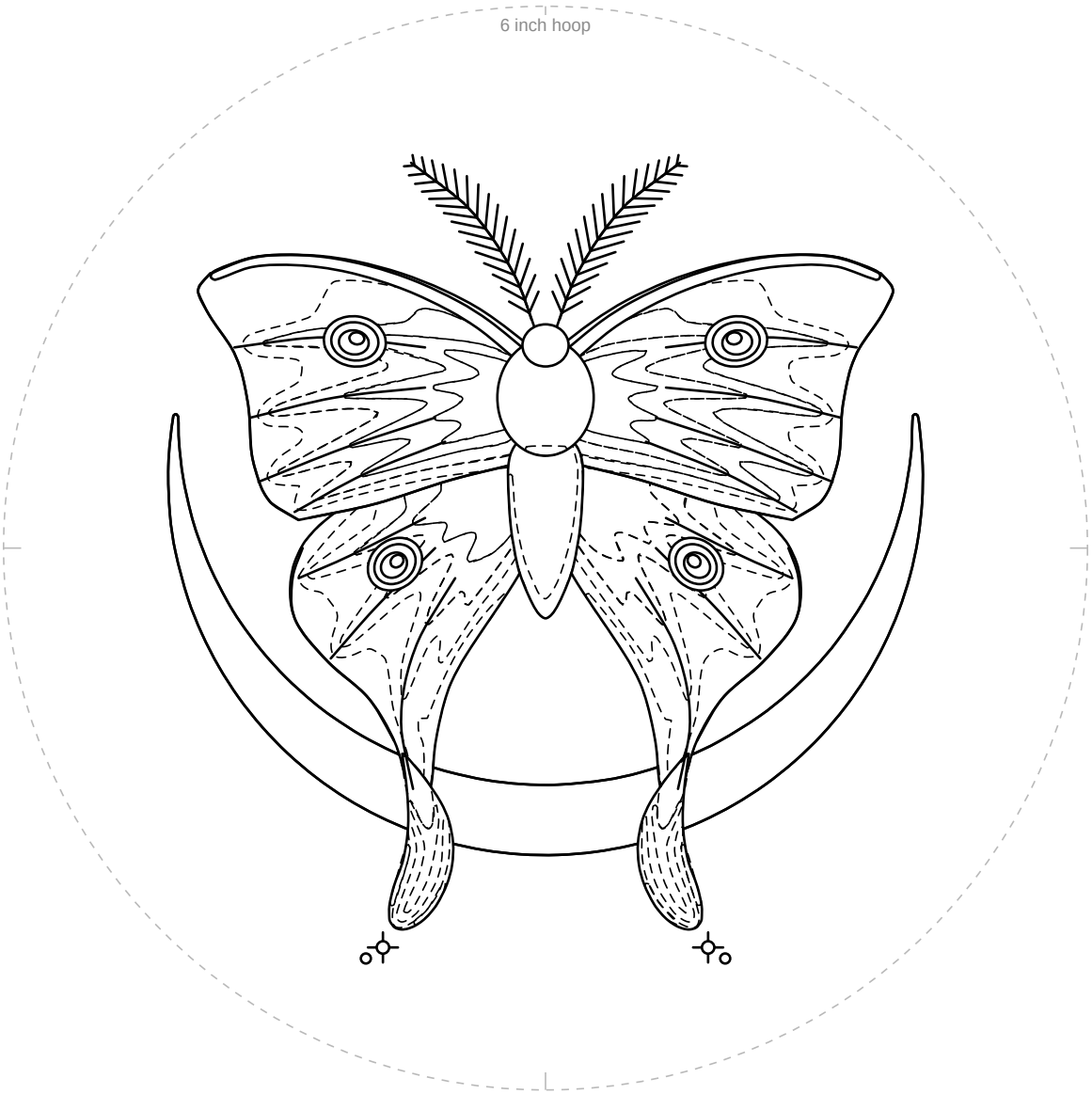
Stem stitch. 3 strands: front edge; 2 strands: moon edge, antennae; 1 strand: wing margins.

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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

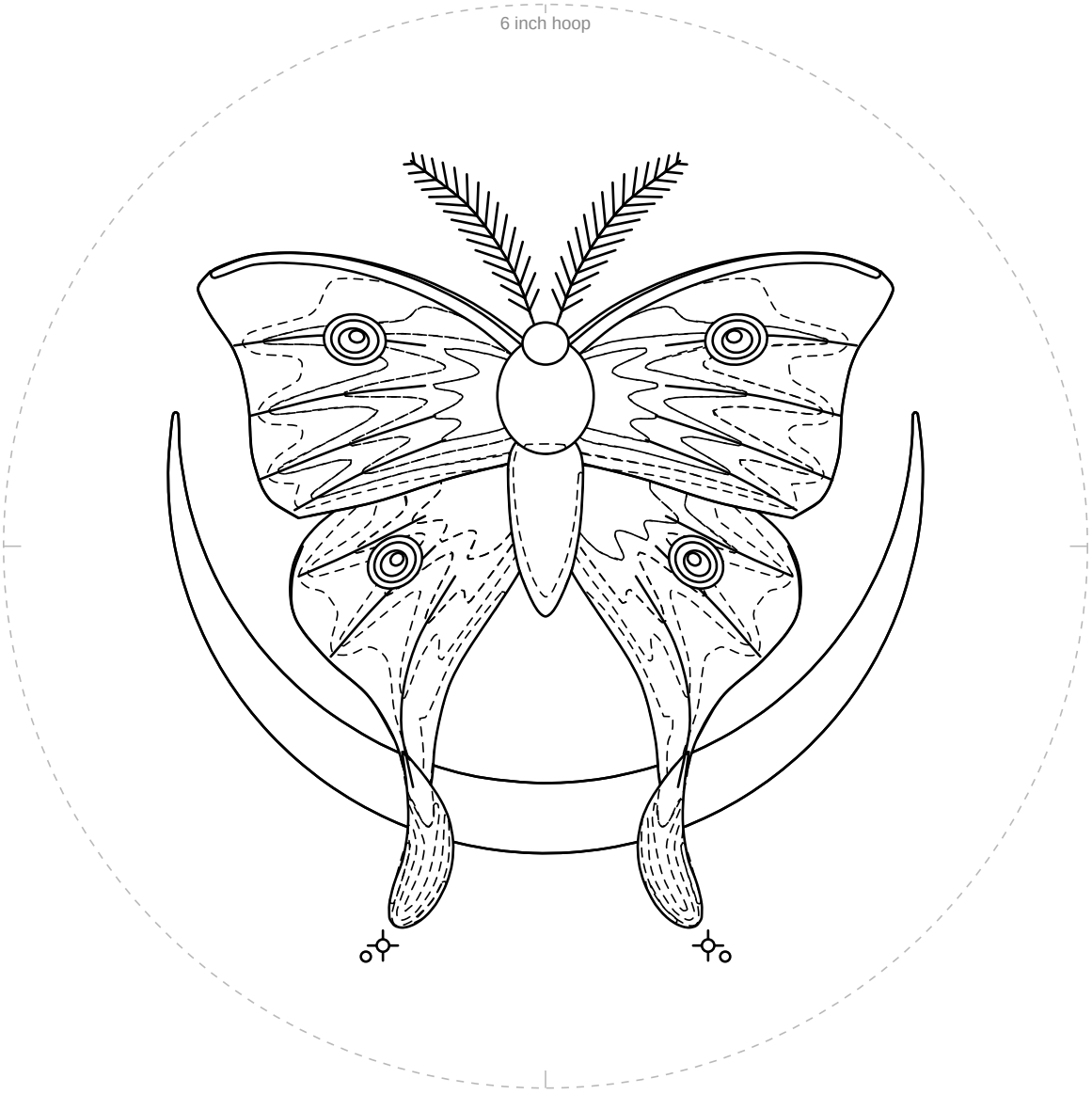
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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