Manatee swimming with little fish

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4 in (11.2 × 10.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: teal cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands: eye, fish tails, fish fins, fish backs, fish bellies, seagrass, starfish
   1 strand: cheek



2. **Back stitch**
   3 strands: body outline, muzzle, chest and flipper
   2 strands: far flipper, eye rim, mouth, seagrass lines
   1 strand: folds, tail lines, belly shading, back shading, nostrils, bubbles

3. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: flipper nails, eye highlight
   1 strand: whiskers



4. **Running stitch**, 2 strands
   Water lines, sand

5. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Whisker dots, fish eyes, starfish dots



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

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.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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

Buy: 8 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of teal cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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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 712 Cream	**4**	DMC 353 Peach	**7**	DMC 964 Light Seagreen
2	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	**5**	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**8**	DMC 3849 Light Teal Green
3	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue	**6**	DMC 351 Coral		

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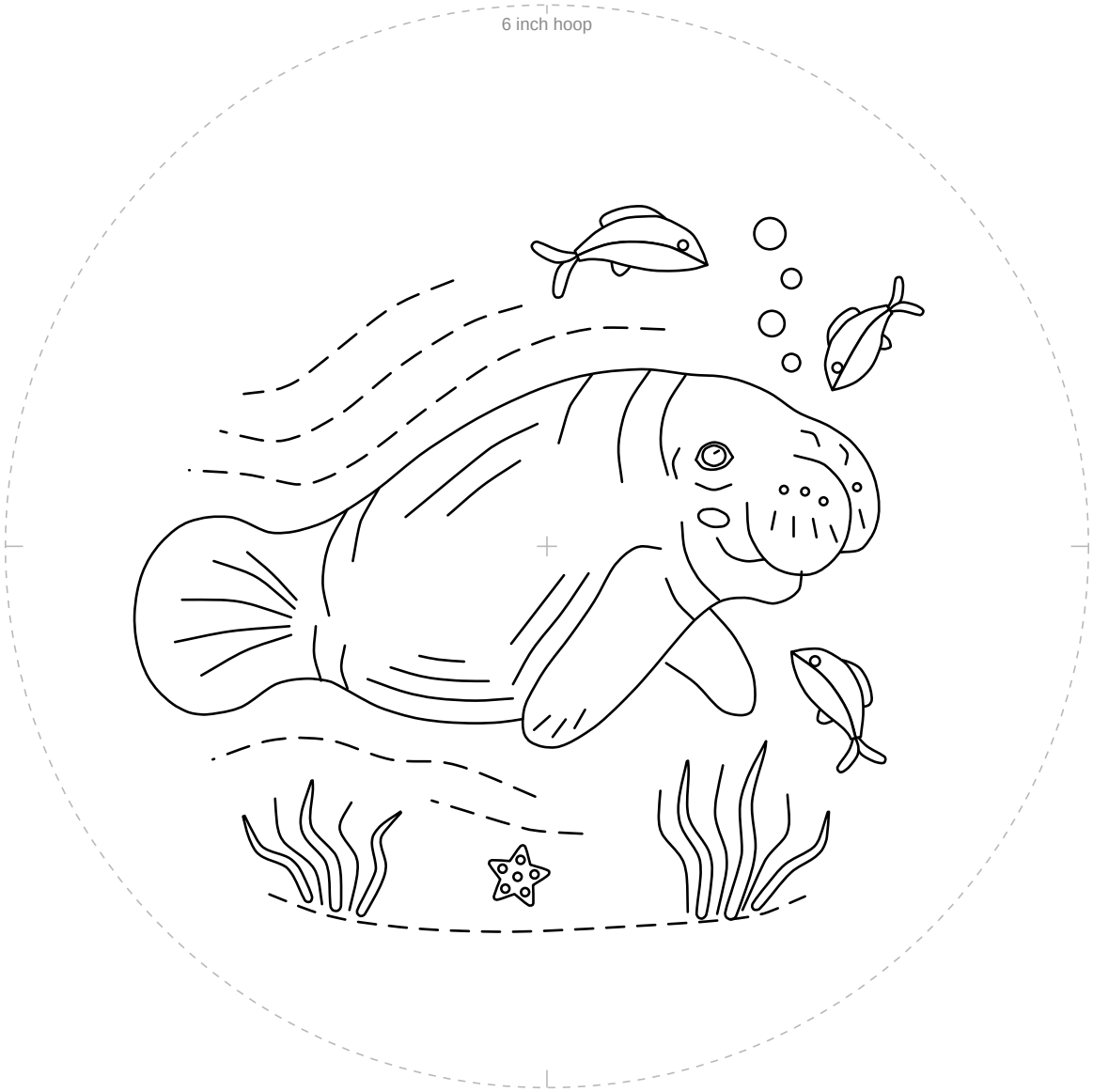
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.
On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a dashed line is running stitch.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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