Mermaid tail with patterned scales

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.9 × 4.5 in (9.9 × 11.4 cm).



Which color goes where.

Stitches

- **Stem stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Fluke edge, fluke ribs, scale edges, tail edge, hip scallop edges
- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Fluke rays, scales, coral scales, hip scallops, hip band
- **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
  Pearls, scales, coral scales
- **Chain stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Scales, hip band edges
- **Buttonhole stitch**, 1 strand
  Scales
- **Trellis stitch**, 1 strand
  Scales, coral scales
- **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
  Scales

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

- **DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink**
  Fluke rays (darker), fluke edge and fluke ribs, scale edges (dark) and 4 more parts
- **DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink**
  Fluke rays (lighter), scales (shade 6 of 8), hip scallops
- **DMC 712 Cream**
  Scales (shade 8 of 8), pearls, coral scales (lighter)
- **DMC 964 Light Seagreen**
  Scales (shade 7 of 8)
- **DMC 943 Medium Aquamarine**
  Scales (shade 4 of 8), scale edges (lightest)
- **DMC 3849 Light Teal Green**
  Scales (shade 5 of 8)
- **DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Coral scales (darker)
- **DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise**
  Scales (shade 3 of 8), hip band, scale edges (light)
- **DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise**
  Scales (shade 1 of 8), scale edges (darkest), tail edge (darker)

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 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 2 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on**
   Go over the lines of page 3, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron.

Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

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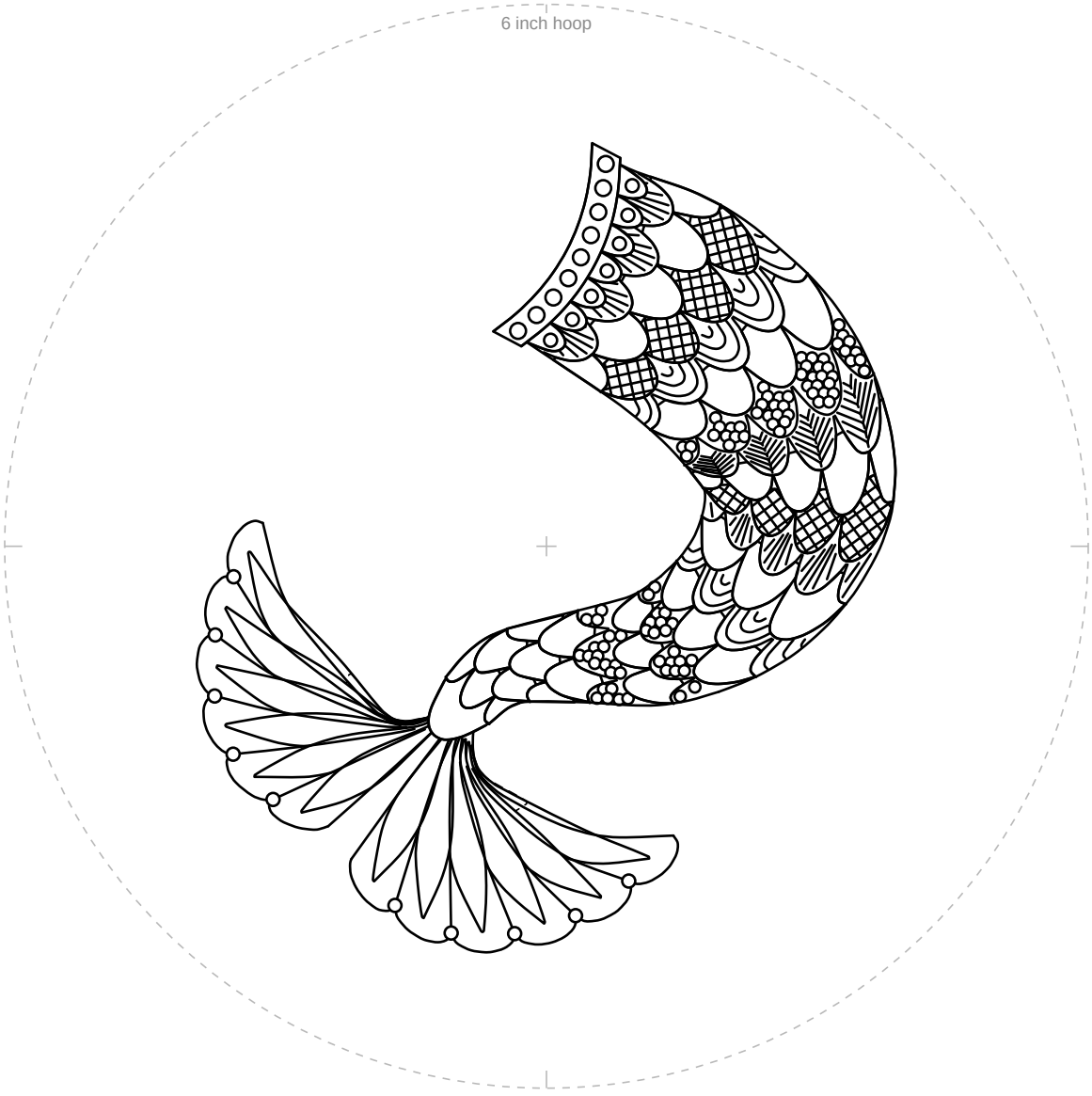

1 in
25.4 mm

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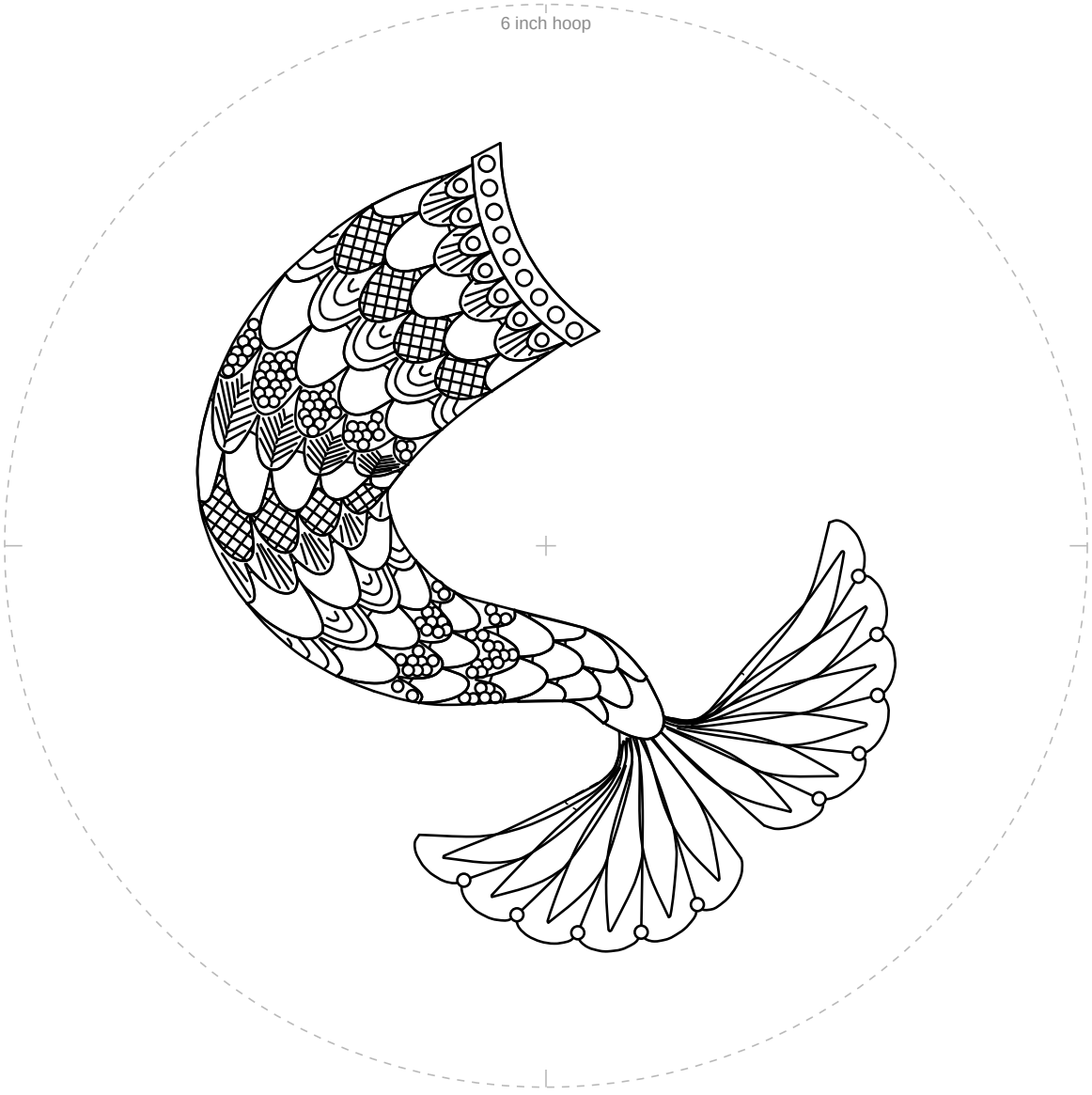
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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