Moon and moth celestial journal cover

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3 × 4.5 in (7.6 × 11.4 cm)



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

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: 13 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 navy cotton or linen, a white pencil.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Fern stems
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Fern leaves
3. **Long and short stitch**, 2 strands
   Hind wings, fore wings, moth shoulders
4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ribbon marker, moon phases, wing eyes, moth head
5. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Outer frame
6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Inner frame, ribbon edges, moon phase rims, wing lines
7. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: lines of the corner stars, edges of the fern leaves, lines of the stars, body bands
   1 strand: lines of the ribbon star
8. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Crescent edge, wing edges, body edge
9. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
   Wing bands
10. **Fern stitch**, 1 strand
    Antennae
11. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Moon phases, crescent moon, moth body
12. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: knots of the corner stars, knots of the ribbon star, knots of the stars, moth collar
    1 strand: phase dots, knots of the wing eyes, moth eyes

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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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 3820 Dark Straw	**6**	DMC 415 Pearl Gray	**11**	DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet
2	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**7**	DMC 502 Blue Green	**12**	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
3	DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet	**8**	DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green	**13**	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
4	DMC 3743 Very Light Antique Violet	**9**	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray		
5	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	**10**	DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet		

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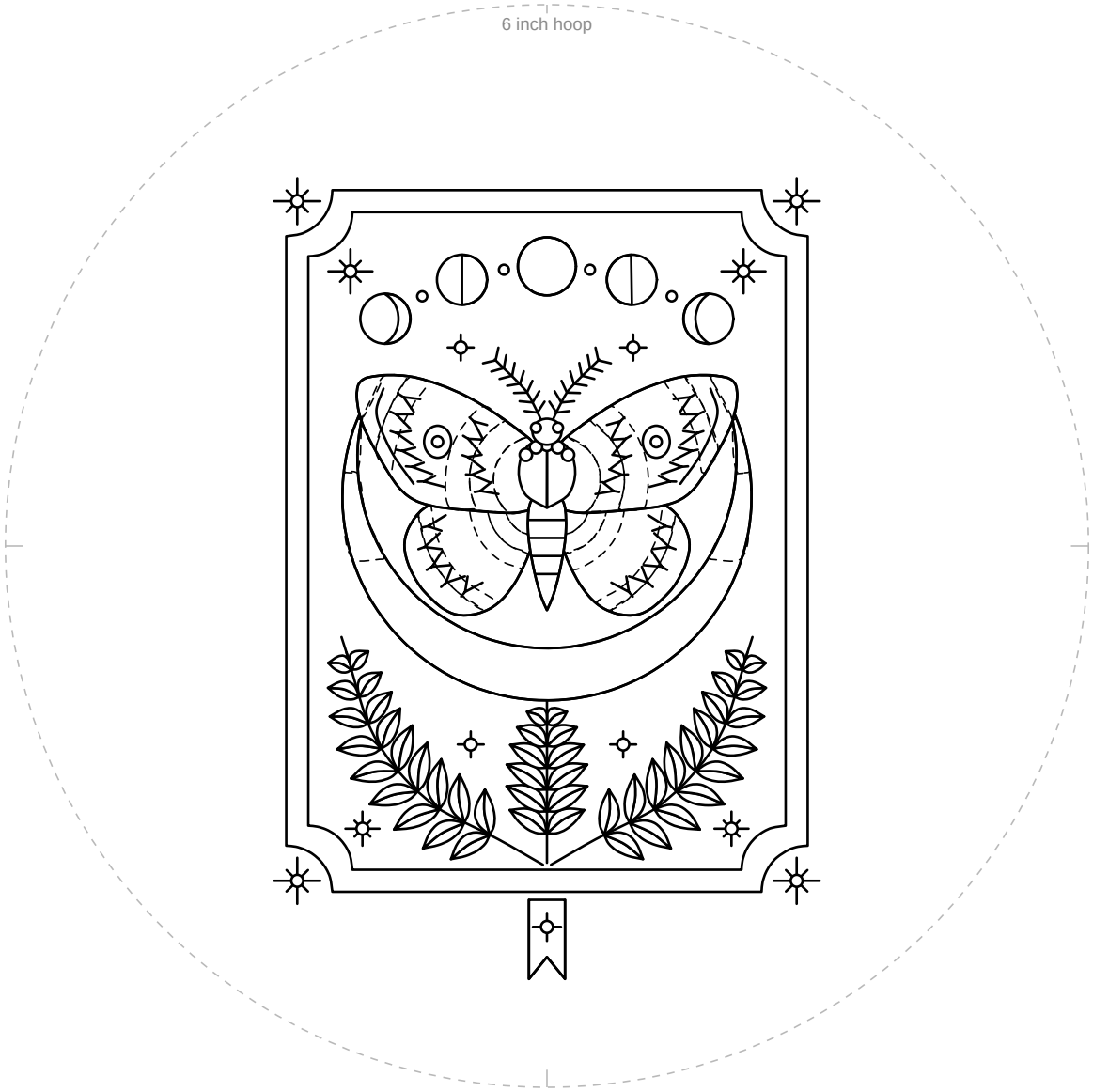
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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