The Moon tarot card with a luna moth

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 2.7 × 4.3 in (6.9 × 10.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: black 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
   Outer gold border, buds, petal stars, flower throats, leading edges, wing eyes, wing eye moons, collar, head, title
2. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Moon
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaves, moonflower petals, hindwings, forewings, body
4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Sepals
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Inner gold border, panel line, moon edge, vines, tendrils, leaf veins, bud folds, petal stars, petal edges, wing veins, wing edges, and 3 more
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Stars, stamens, antennae
7. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Border beads, stars, stamens, moth eyes

Floss

- **1 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Outer gold border, inner gold border, antennae and panel line
- **2 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Title, border beads, wing eye rings, stars and outer wing margins, stamens (lighter)
- **3 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Moon and moonflower petals (light), moon edge, body (middle) and 3 more parts
- **4 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Moonflower petals (darkest), moon (dark)
- **5 DMC 415 Pearl Gray**
  Moon (middle), petal edges, moonflower petals and body (dark)
- **6 DMC 562 Medium Jade**
  Wing veins and wing edges, hindwings (darkest), leaves (middle) and 3 more parts
- **7 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green**
  Leaves (dark), sepals (darker)
- **8 DMC 563 Light Jade**
  Hindwings, forewings and petal stars (dark), leaves (light) and 3 more parts
- **9 DMC 369 Very Light Pistachio Green**
  Forewings and hindwings (lightest), leaf veins, petal stars (light)
- **10 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Moonflower petals (lightest), body (light), buds (lighter)
- **11 DMC 966 Medium Baby Green**
  Hindwings and forewings (light), petal stars (middle), stamens (darker)
- **12 DMC 3834 Dark Grape**
  Wing eyes, leading edges, collar and moth eyes

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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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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How many strands

Stem stitch. 3 strands: inner gold border, panel line; 2 or 3 strands: vines; 2 strands: tendrils, outer wing margins, wing eye rings, antennae; 1 or 2 strands: wing edges; 1 strand: moon edge, leaf veins, bud folds, petal stars, petal edges, wing veins.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: stars; 1 strand: stamens, antennae.

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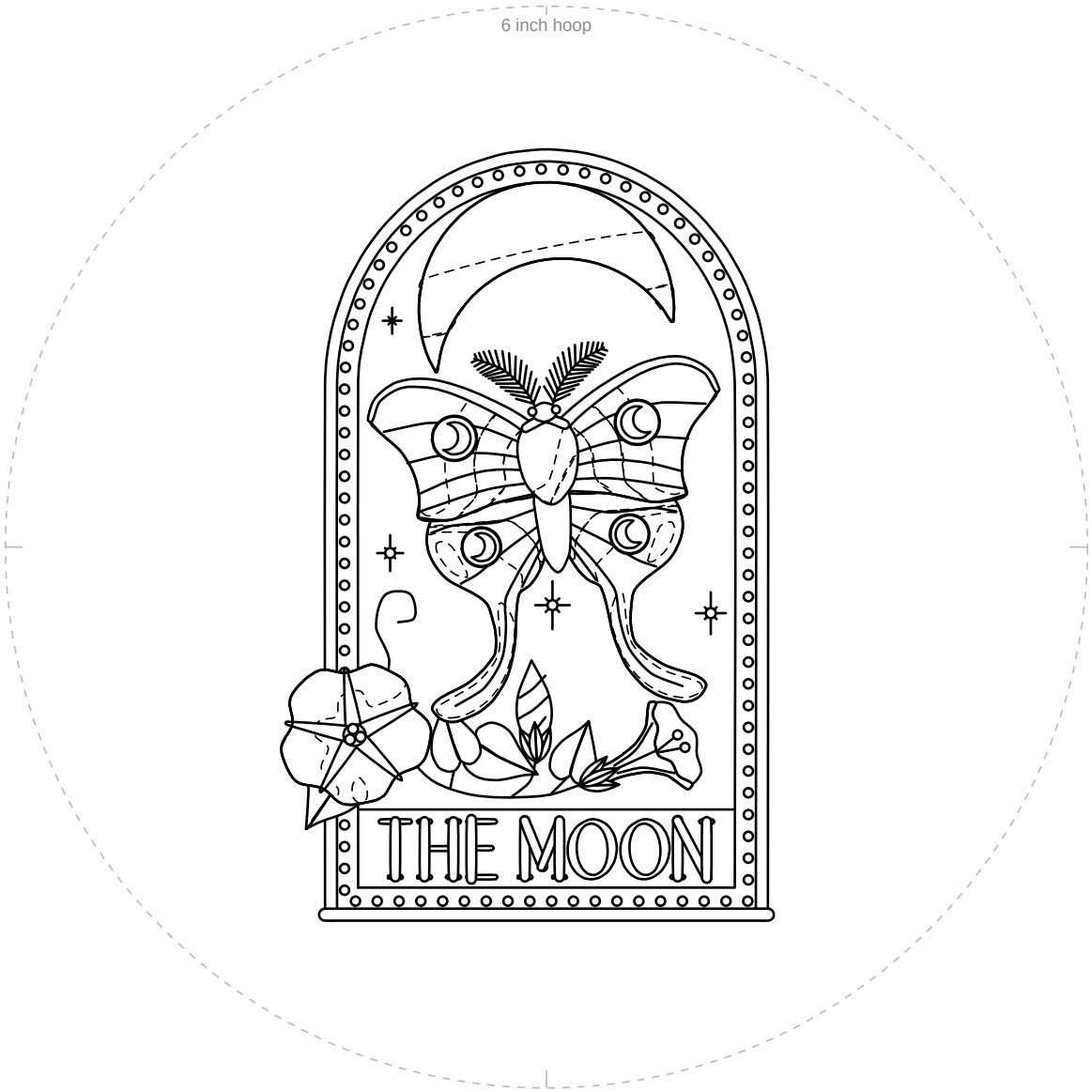
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
If it measures anything else, print again at 100% with scaling off.

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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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