North Star

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.6 × 3.7 in (9.1 × 9.4 cm)



A number is a row of the list.

Floss

DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw
Short points, shaded halves of the long points, rays, stars of the Little Dipper, small stars and far stars

DMC 336 Navy Blue
Long points, facet lines and line of the Little Dipper

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 7.

One skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 2 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 2 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 3, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

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

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.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Shaded halves of the long points



2. **Stem stitch**, 2 or 3 strands
   Short points, long points, small stars

3. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Facet lines

Stitch in this order, continued

4. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Rays



5. **Running stitch**, 3 strands
   Line of the Little Dipper

6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Stars of the Little Dipper, far stars



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

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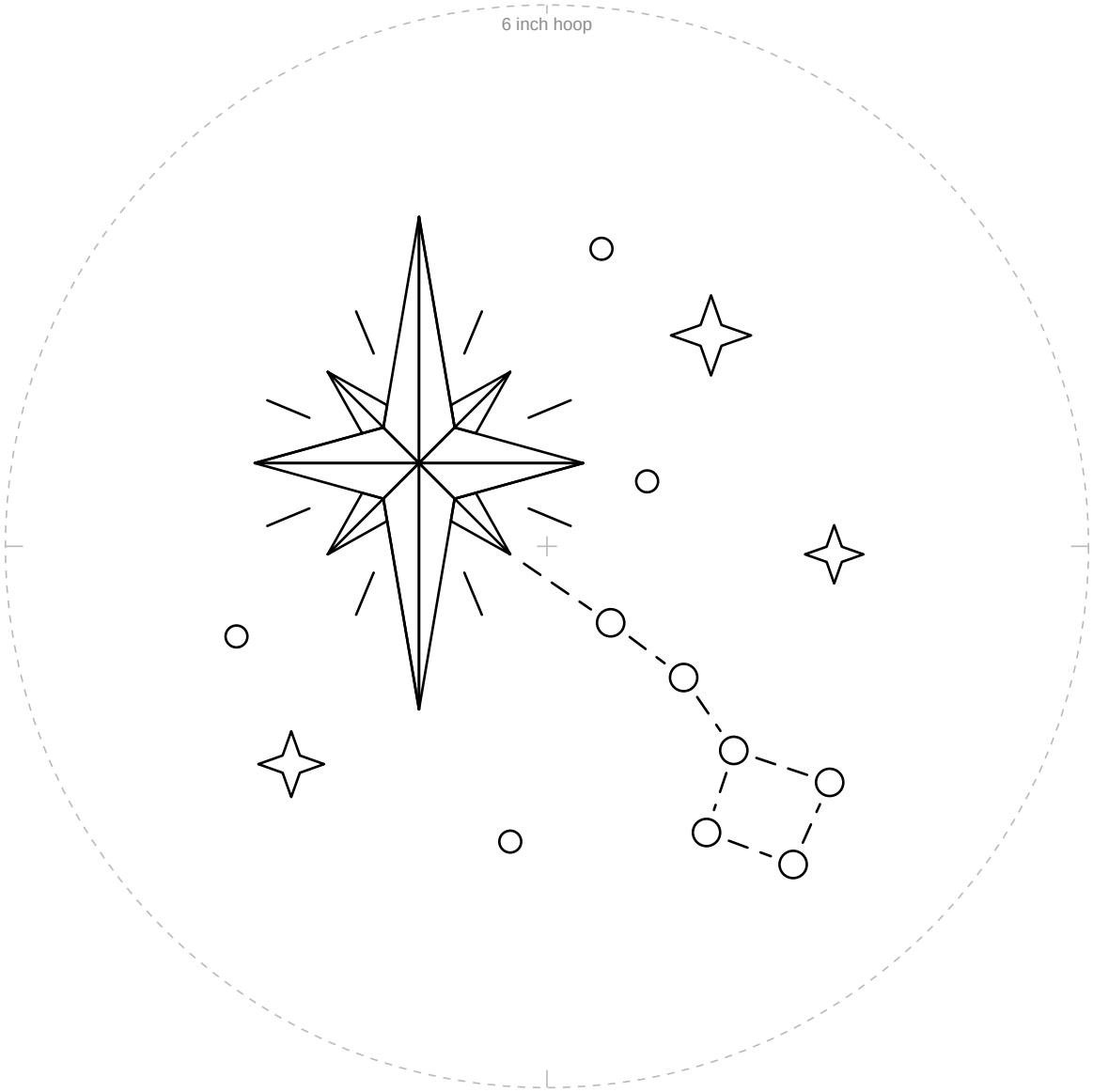
6 inch hoop

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.



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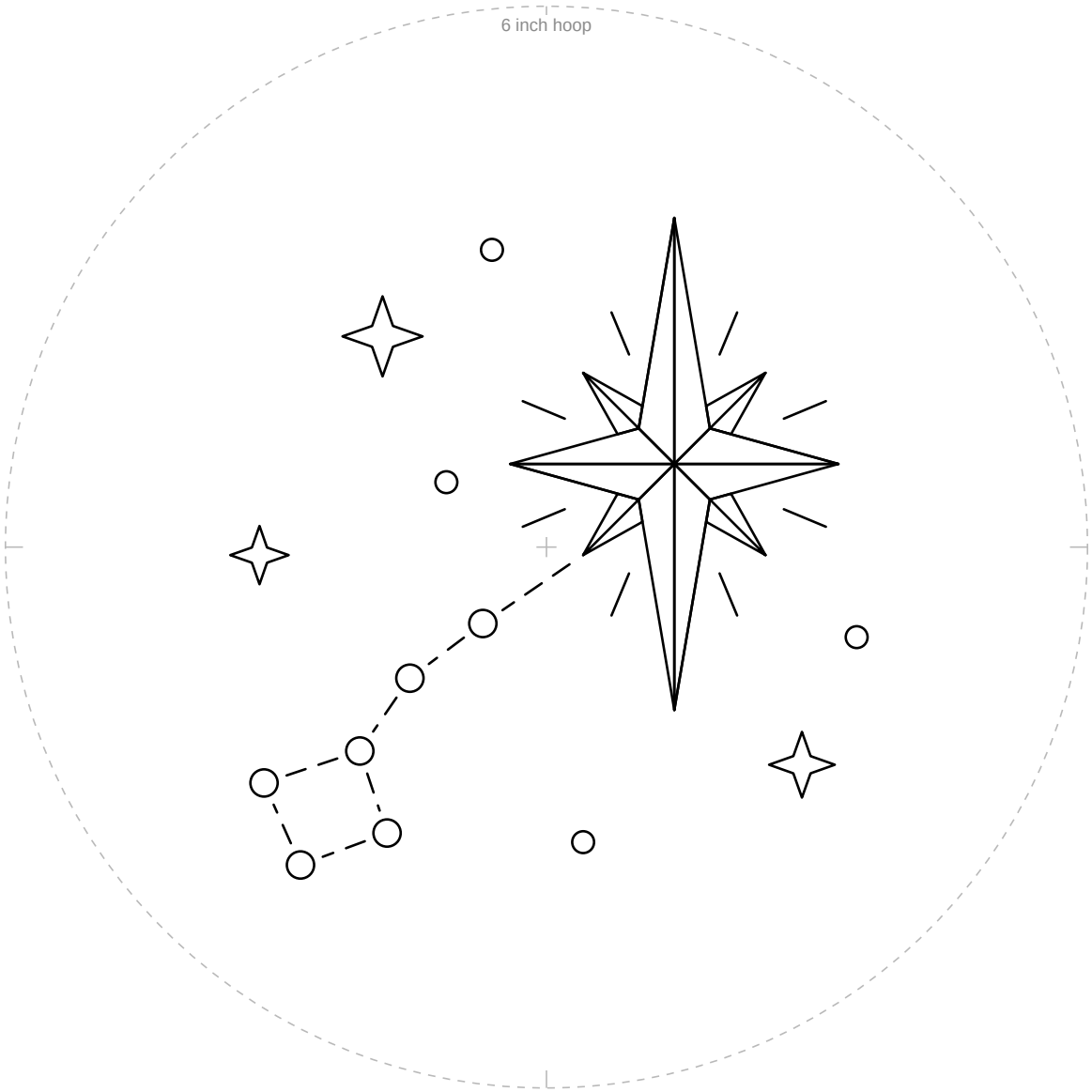
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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