Peacock feathers in a curling sweep

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 4.6 in (11.4 × 11.7 cm).



Which color goes where.

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.

Floss

- **DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Gold barbs, eyes (light), gold lines (darker)
- **DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Shafts, gold lines (lighter)
- **DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise**
  Barbs (middle)
- **DMC 581 Moss Green**
  Barbs (lightest)
- **DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise**
  Barbs (darkest), eyes (dark)
- **DMC 831 Medium Golden Olive**
  Eyes (middle), barbs (light)
- **DMC 782 Dark Topaz**
  Barbs (dark)
- **DMC 829 Very Dark Golden Olive**
  Eye rims
- **DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet**
  Eye hearts (middle)
- **DMC 820 Very Dark Royal Blue**
  Eye hearts (dark)
- **DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue**
  Eye hearts (light)

Stitches

- **Couching**, 4 strands
  Gold lines
- **Stem stitch**, 1 to 3 strands
  Barbs, shafts
- **Fly stitch**, 1 strand
  Gold barbs
- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Eyes, eye hearts
- **Split stitch**, 1 strand
  Eye rims, eye hearts

Work it in this order

1. Stitch the filled parts first, what lies behind before what lies in front of it.
2. Then stitch the lines: stems, veins and outlines over the edges of the filled parts.

The thread
Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers: a knot shows as a bump. A line may start with a small knot on the back or one of the knotless starts. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

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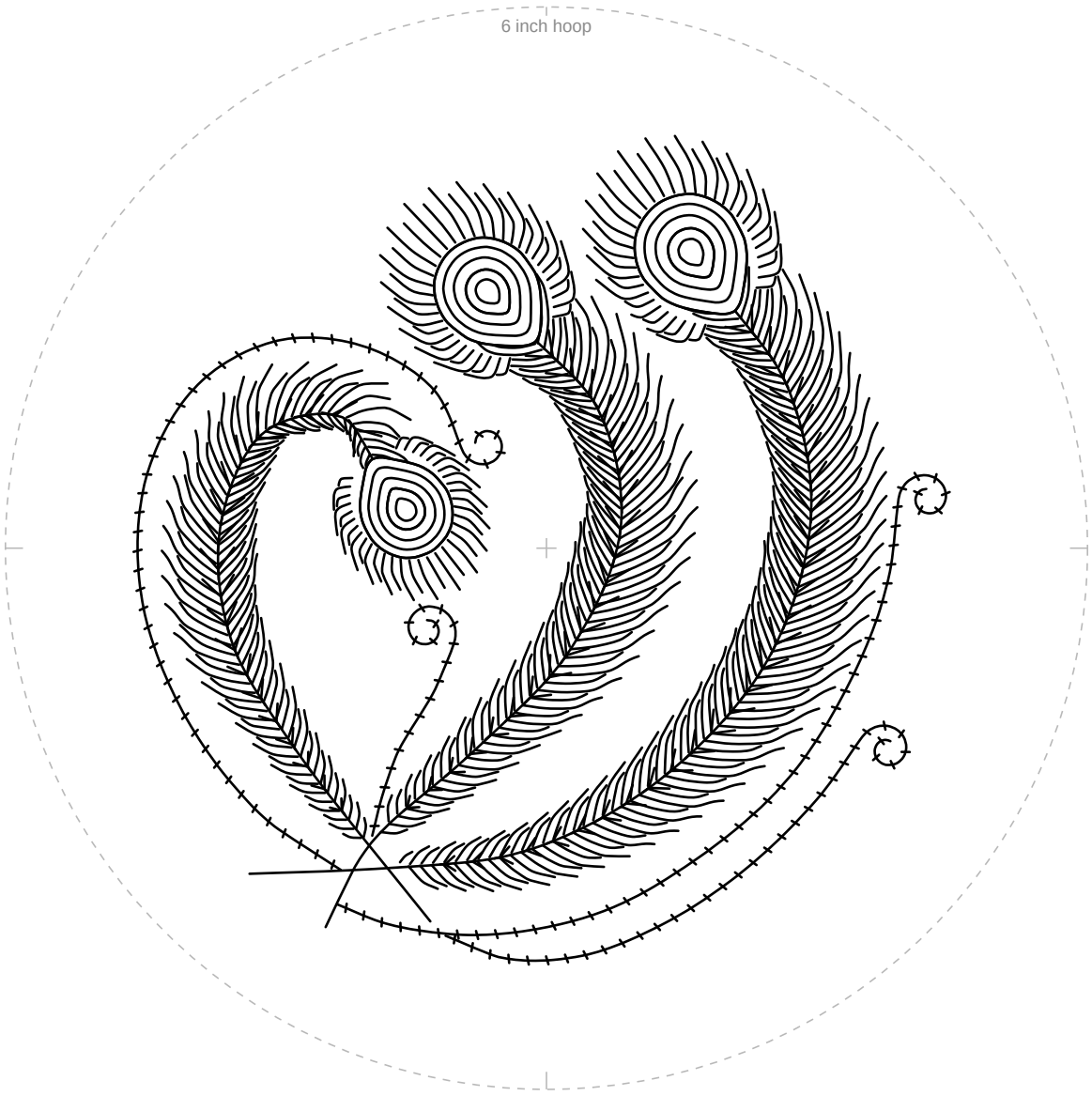

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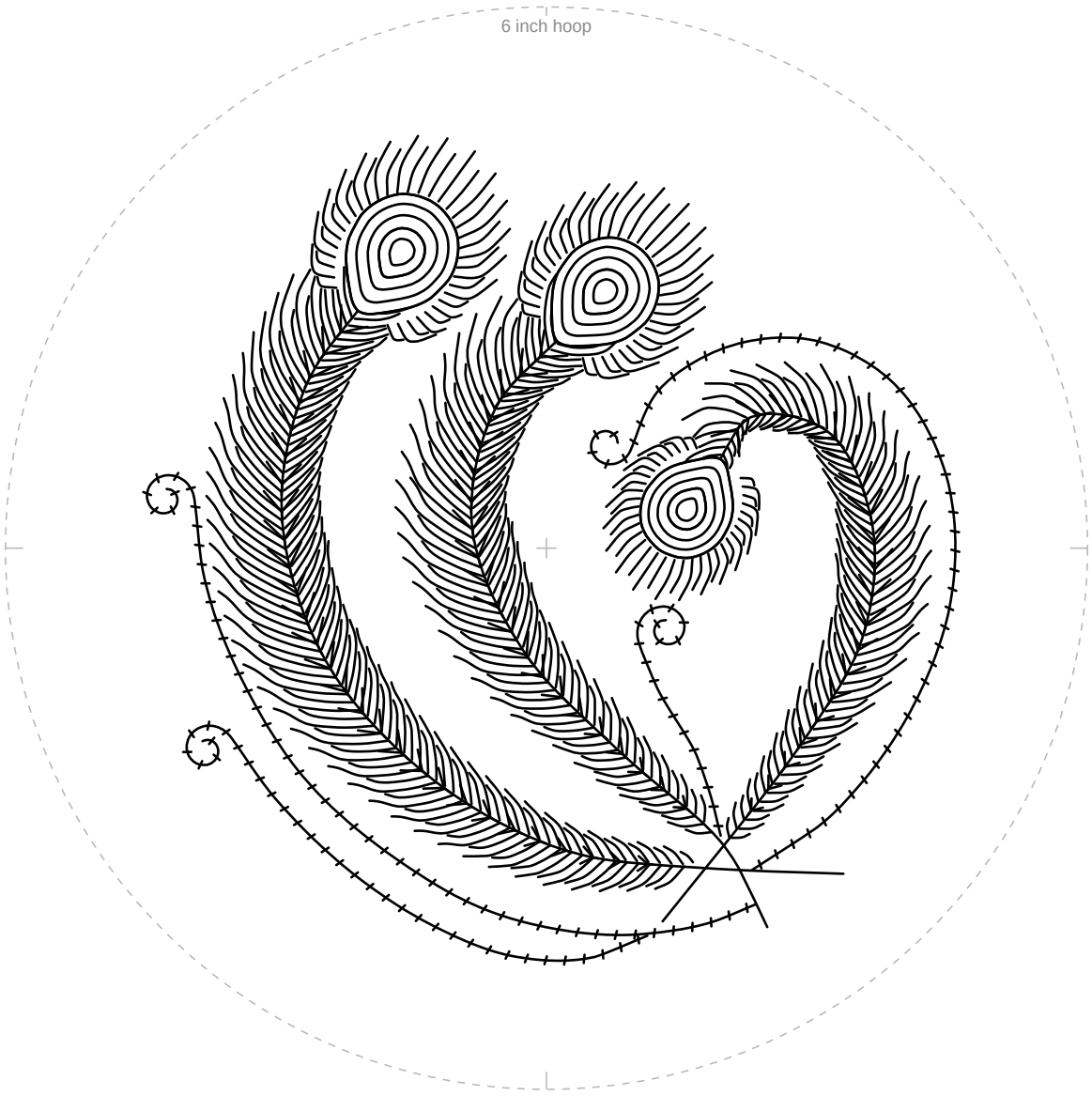
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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