Peacock in full display

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 3.2 in (10.9 × 8.1 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tail feathers (each in two halves that meet down its middle, each half slanted to the seam), gold eyes of the feathers, collar feathers, legs, ground, crest, head and neck, breast feather rows, beak



2. **Stem stitch**, 2 or 3 strands
   Toes, peacock outline

3. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Knots in the eyes of the feathers, eyes of the peacock



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

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 you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, 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.

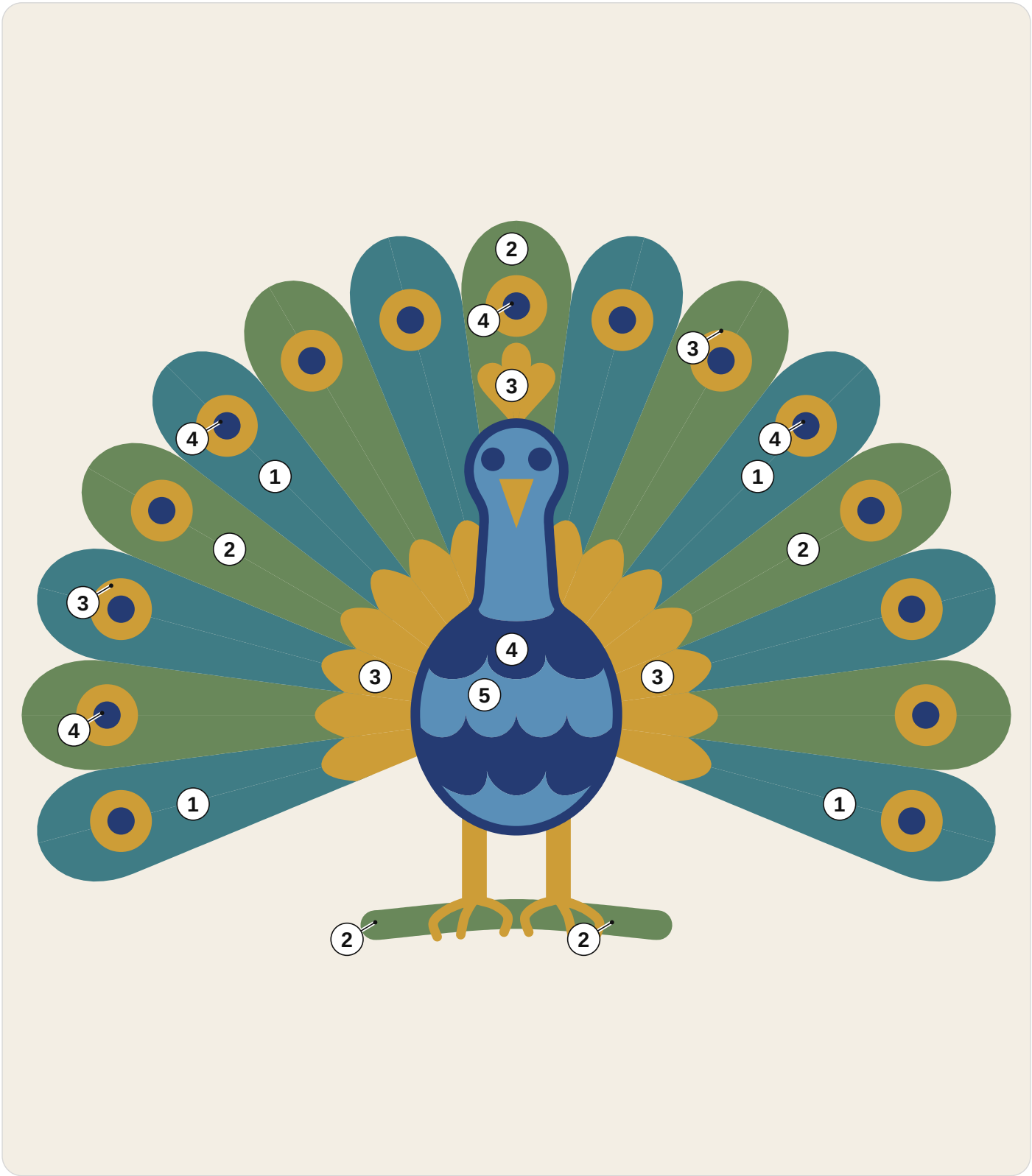
Buy: 5 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 7, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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A number is a color of the list.



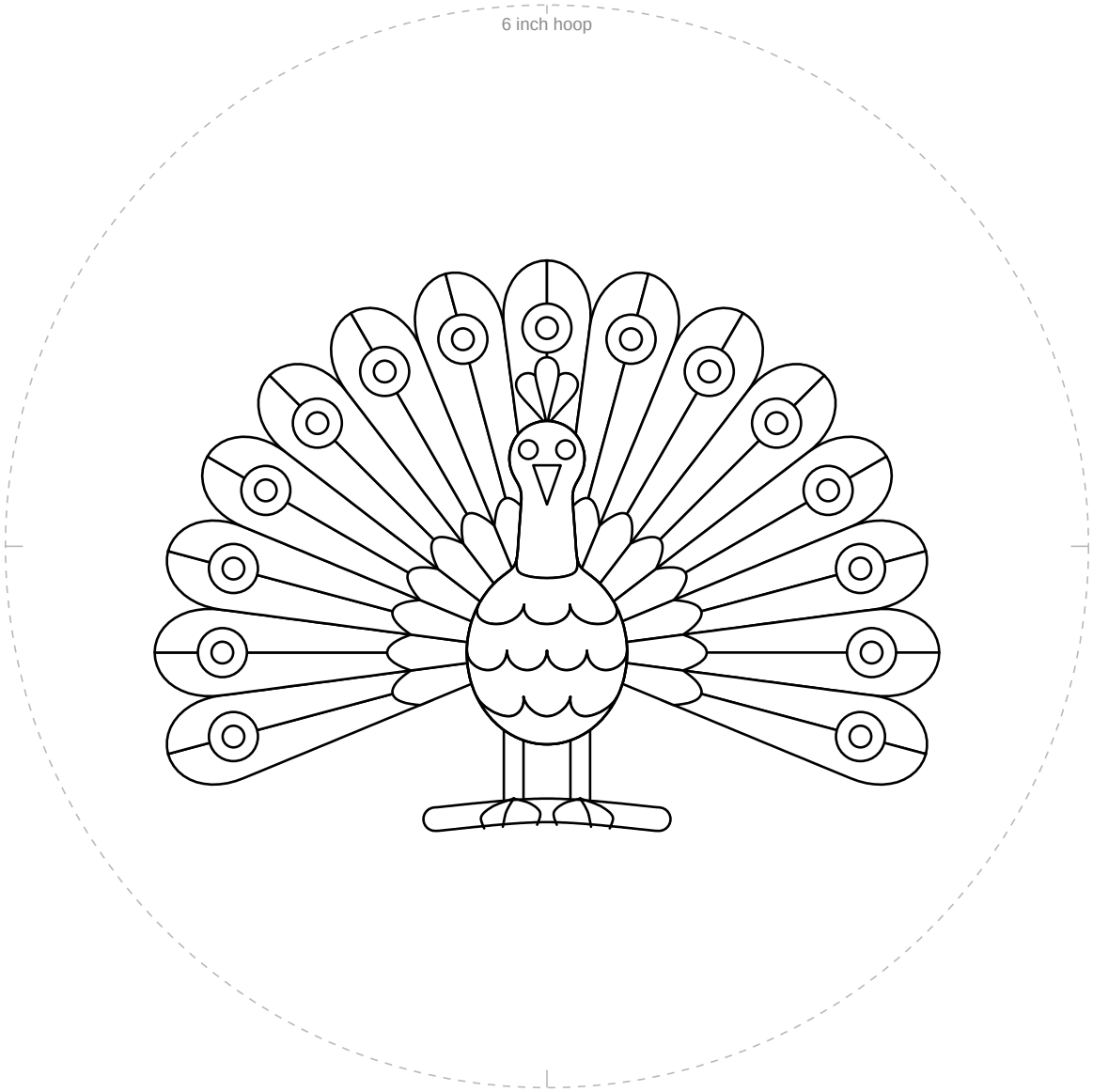
1 DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise
2 DMC 320 Medium Pistachio Green
3 DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw
4 DMC 336 Navy Blue
5 DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue

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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.



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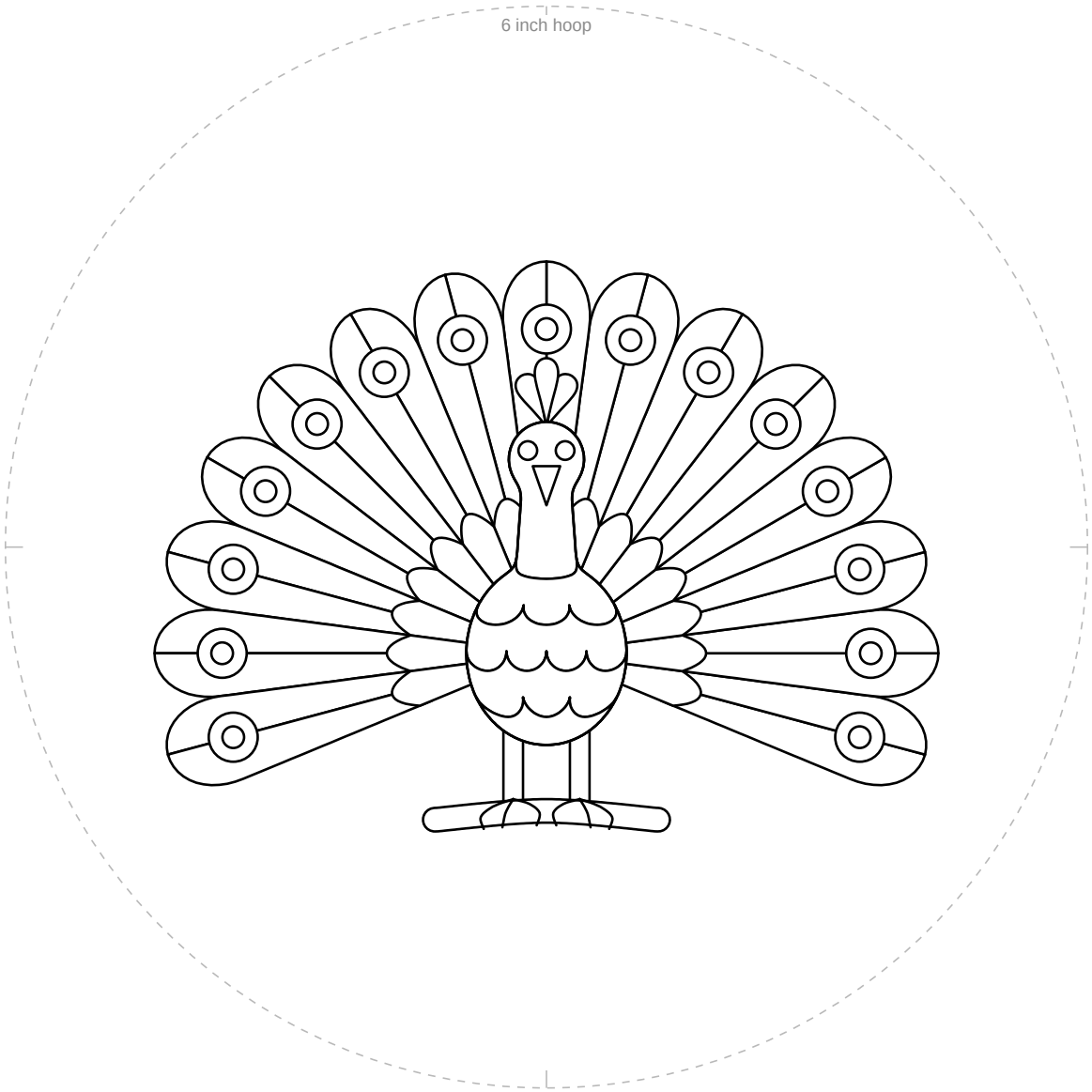
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