Pharaoh hound with lotus flowers

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 2.5 × 4.5 in (6.4 × 11.4 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

8 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

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.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 6, 8
   Tail, body, foreleg, haunch, head, near ear



2. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 4
   Lotus leaves



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8
   Border petals, sun disc, stems, lotus bud, sepals, white tail tip, far ear, far leg, collar, inner ear, nose, eye, ledge, lotus petals



4. **Couching**, 4 strands, color 1
   Gold lines



5. **Back stitch**, 2 strands, colors 2, 4
   Water

6. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, colors 3, 7
   Sun disc rings, outline, eye line

7. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand, colors 5, 7
   Toes, eye highlight



8. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, color 7
   Mouth, brow

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
2 DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise
3 DMC 351 Coral
4 DMC 598 Light Turquoise
5 DMC 3865 Winter White
6 DMC 3776 Light Mahogany
7 DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany
8 DMC 301 Medium Mahogany

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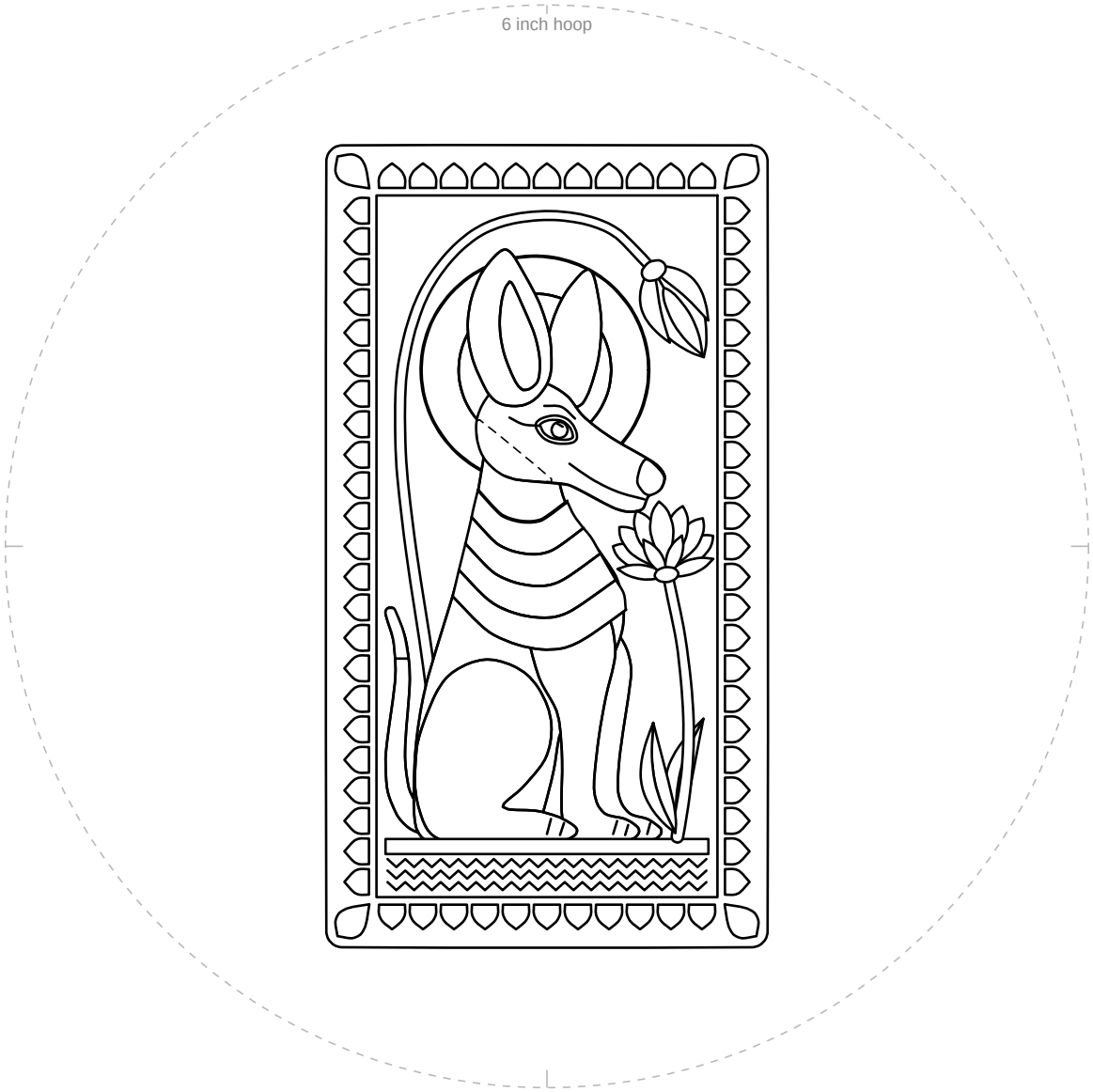
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.
On the drawing a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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