Pipli style applique, parrots and lotus

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: black cotton or linen.

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 666 Bright Red**
  Ring petals and lotus petals (darker), petal hearts (dark) and 3 more parts
- **2 DMC BLANC White**
  White edges, ring edges and eye rings, petal spots (lighter), petal hearts (light)
- **3 DMC 444 Dark Lemon**
  Ring petals and lotus petals (lighter), wings, petal hearts (middle)
- **4 DMC 996 Medium Electric Blue**
  Inner ring, tails, wing hearts and water
- **5 DMC 741 Medium Tangerine**
  Low petals, legs, feet and sun
- **6 DMC 701 Light Green**
  Parrots and lotus base
- **7 DMC 907 Light Parrot Green**
  Wing feathers

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ring petals, petal spots, water, sun, tails, parrots, collars, bills, wing feathers, wings, wing hearts, lotus petals, petal hearts, and 6 more



2. **Blanket stitch**, 2 strands
   White edges



3. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Ring edges



What you need

Intermediate. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, in black. Embroidery needle: size 7. Skeins: 2 of DMC BLANC; one of each other color. An estimate for the 6 inch hoop, from the length of each line and the area of each filled shape, with a fifth added for tails.

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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.

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.



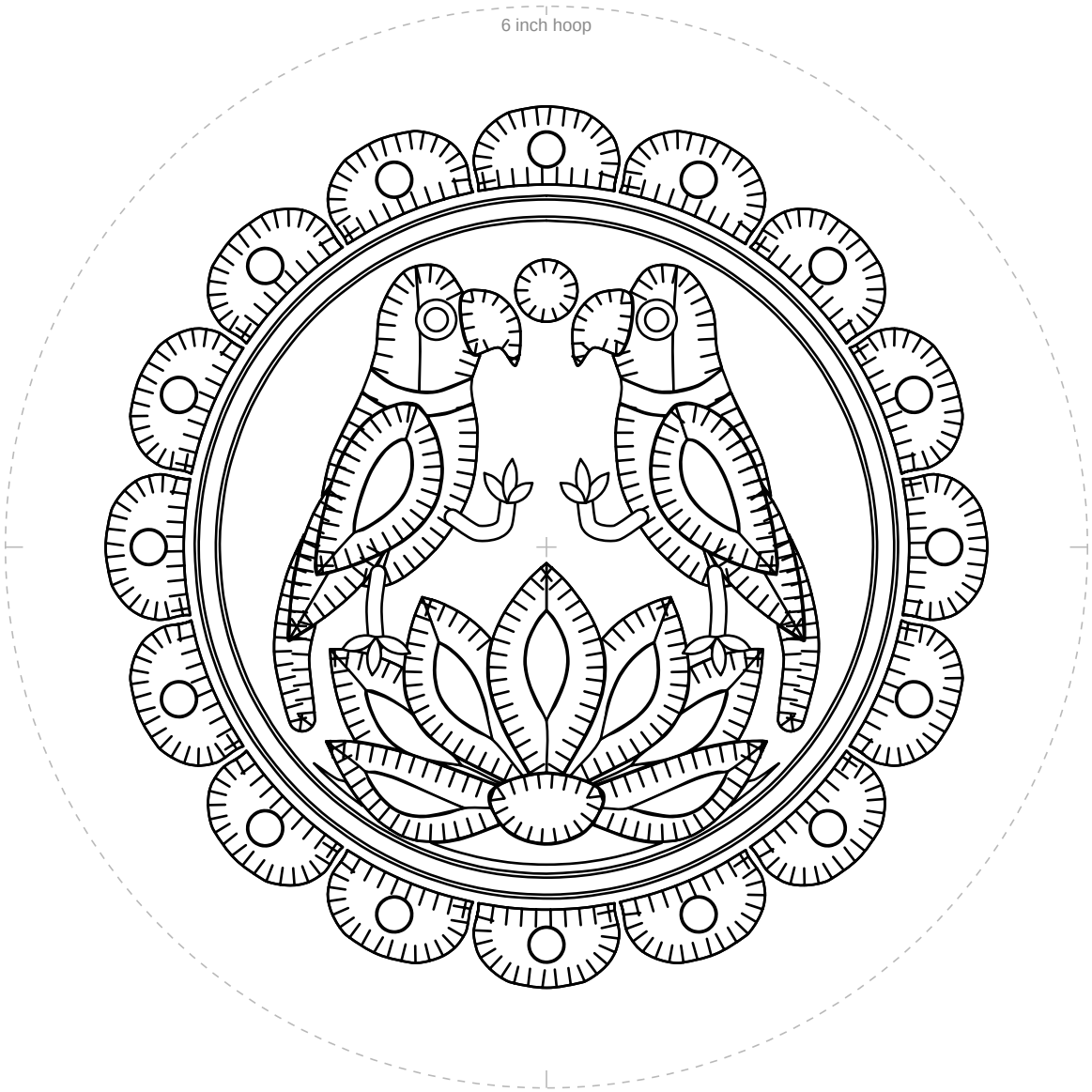
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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

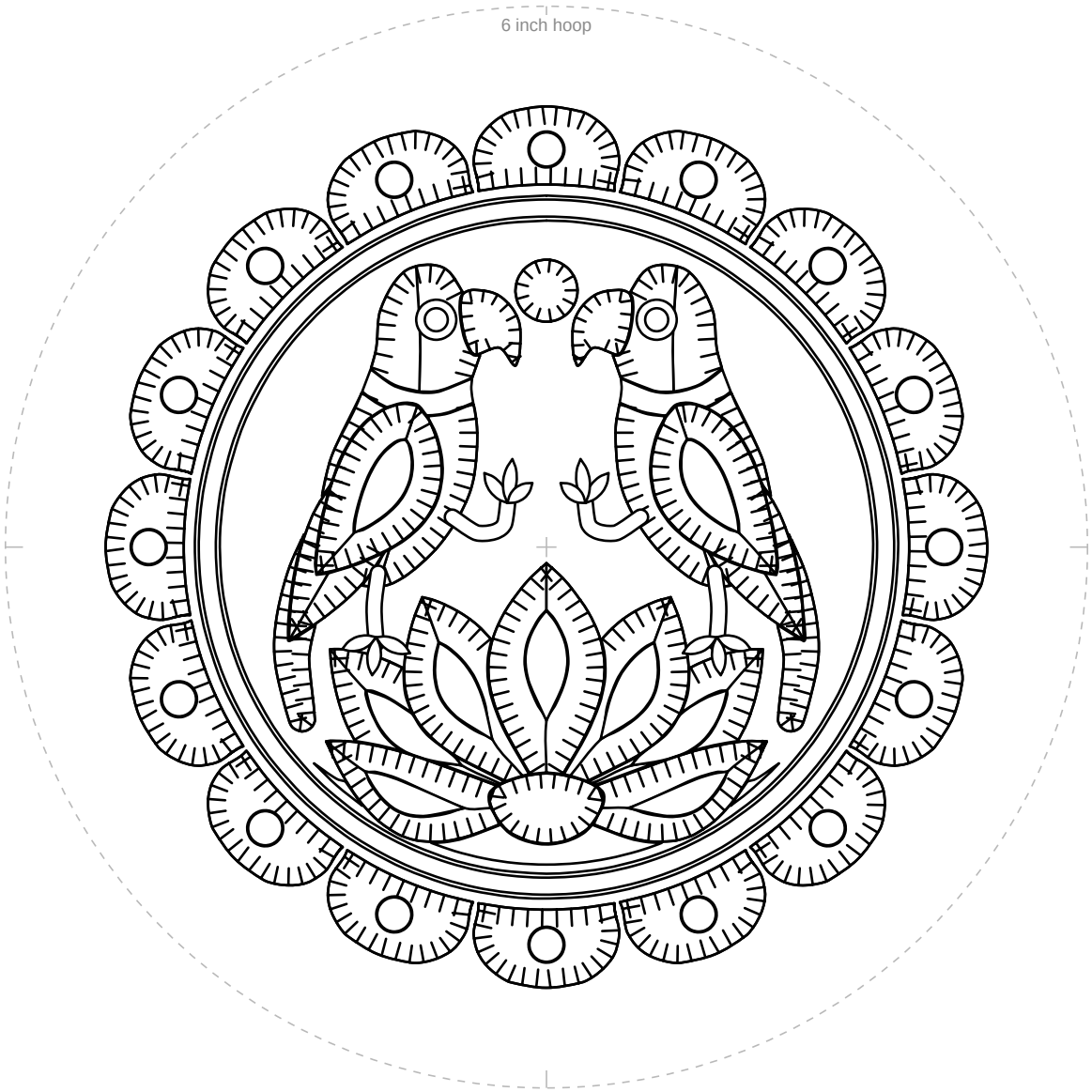
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6 inch hoop

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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