Pisces zodiac sign

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.9 in (11.4 × 12.4 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

15 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. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Waterweed stems
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Coral fish body, coral fish eye, pearl fish body, pearl fish eye, foam curls, cord wraps
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Kelp, coral fish tail, coral fish fins, coral fish head, coral fish side fin, pearl fish tail, pearl fish fins, pearl fish head, pearl fish side fin
4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Waterweed leaves
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Coral fish edge, coral fish side fin edge, pearl fish edge, pearl fish side fin edge
6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Coral fish fins rays, coral fish eye highlight, coral fish side fin rays, pearl fish fins rays, pearl fish eye highlight, pearl fish side fin rays
7. **Trellis stitch**, 1 strand
   Coral fish scales, pearl fish scales
8. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Coral fish gill, coral fish mouth, pearl fish gill, pearl fish mouth
9. **Couching**, 3 strands
   Gold cord
10. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
    Bubbles
11. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Foam, star knots

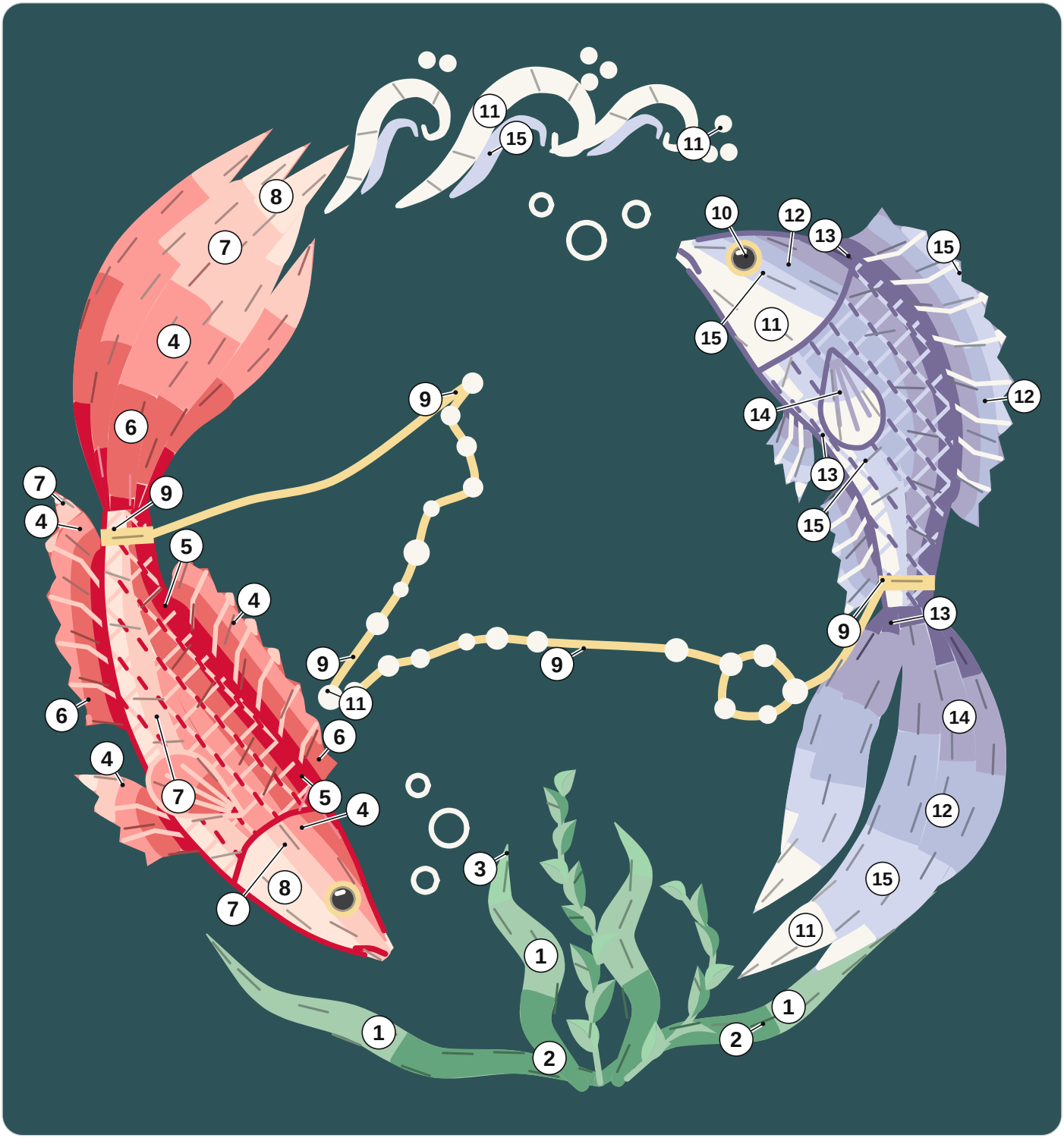
Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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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 564 Very Light Jade	**6**	DMC 351 Coral	**11**	DMC 3865 Winter White
2	DMC 3816 Celadon Green	**7**	DMC 3824 Light Apricot	**12**	DMC 341 Light Blue Violet
3	DMC 955 Light Nile Green	**8**	DMC 948 Very Light Peach	**13**	DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet
4	DMC 352 Light Coral	**9**	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**14**	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet
5	DMC 349 Dark Coral	**10**	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	**15**	DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet

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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; 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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