Pumpkin with a heart

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4 × 4.3 in (10.2 × 10.9 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

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

19 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**
   4 strands: vines
   1 strand: moth feelers (color 18)

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Pumpkin ribs, glowing heart, flame, stalk, leaves, blossom petals, moth wings



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cut wall, candle, stalk end, moth body



4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Rib edges, candle edge, flame edge, heart edge (color 5), stalk ridges, edges of the stalk end, blossom veins, moth wing edges

5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: heart edge (color 6), tendrils
   1 strand: leaf veins

6. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: wick
   1 strand: lines of the flame, moth feelers (color 18)



7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Blossom center, moth spots



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 3012 Medium Khaki Green	8	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	15	DMC 3346 Hunter Green
2	DMC 970 Light Pumpkin	9	DMC 972 Deep Canary	16	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green
3	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper	10	DMC 743 Medium Yellow	17	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green
4	DMC 919 Red Copper	11	DMC 712 Cream	18	DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown
5	DMC 900 Dark Burnt Orange	12	DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green	19	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray
6	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany	13	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green		
7	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine	14	DMC 934 Black Avocado Green		

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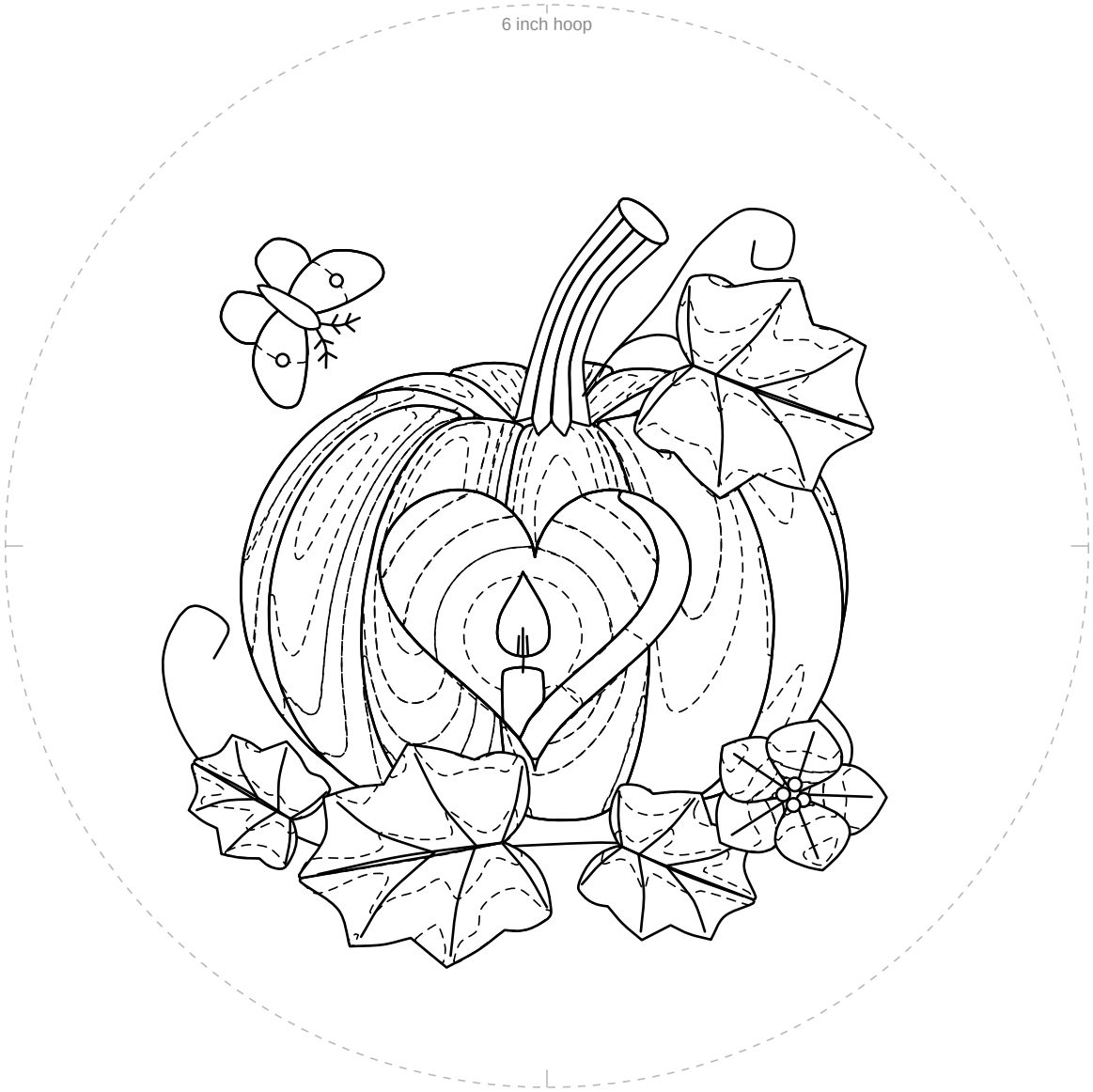
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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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