Red and gold kimono with cranes

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 4.4 in (11.2 × 11.2 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Lacquer stand, gold caps, lining, wave bands, wave hearts, collar, wing feathers, wing tips, wings, tail feathers, necks, bodies, heads
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Sleeves, front panels, back and train
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Stand shadow, neck bands
4. **Couching**, strands by part on page 2
   Gold edges, gold waves
5. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Seams, wave lines
6. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Legs, bills, crowns

Floss

- **1 DMC 3858 Medium Rosewood**
  Lacquer stand
- **2 DMC 3857 Dark Rosewood**
  Stand shadow
- **3 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Gold waves and gold edges (lighter), wave hearts, gold caps and bills
- **4 DMC 814 Dark Garnet**
  Wave bands and lining (darker), back and train and sleeves (darkest) and 2 more parts
- **5 DMC 498 Dark Red**
  Back and train and sleeves (dark), front panels (middle), lining (lighter)
- **6 DMC 782 Dark Topaz**
  Gold edges and gold waves (darker), legs
- **7 DMC 608 Bright Orange**
  Sleeves and back and train (lightest)
- **8 DMC 321 Red**
  Back and train and sleeves (middle), front panels (light), collar (darker)
- **9 DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Sleeves and back and train (light), collar (lighter), crowns
- **10 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Wave lines, wings, necks and heads, wing feathers and bodies (lighter)
- **11 DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green**
  Wave bands (lighter), wing tips, tail feathers and neck bands
- **12 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Wing feathers and bodies (darker)

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.

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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 fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

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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How many strands

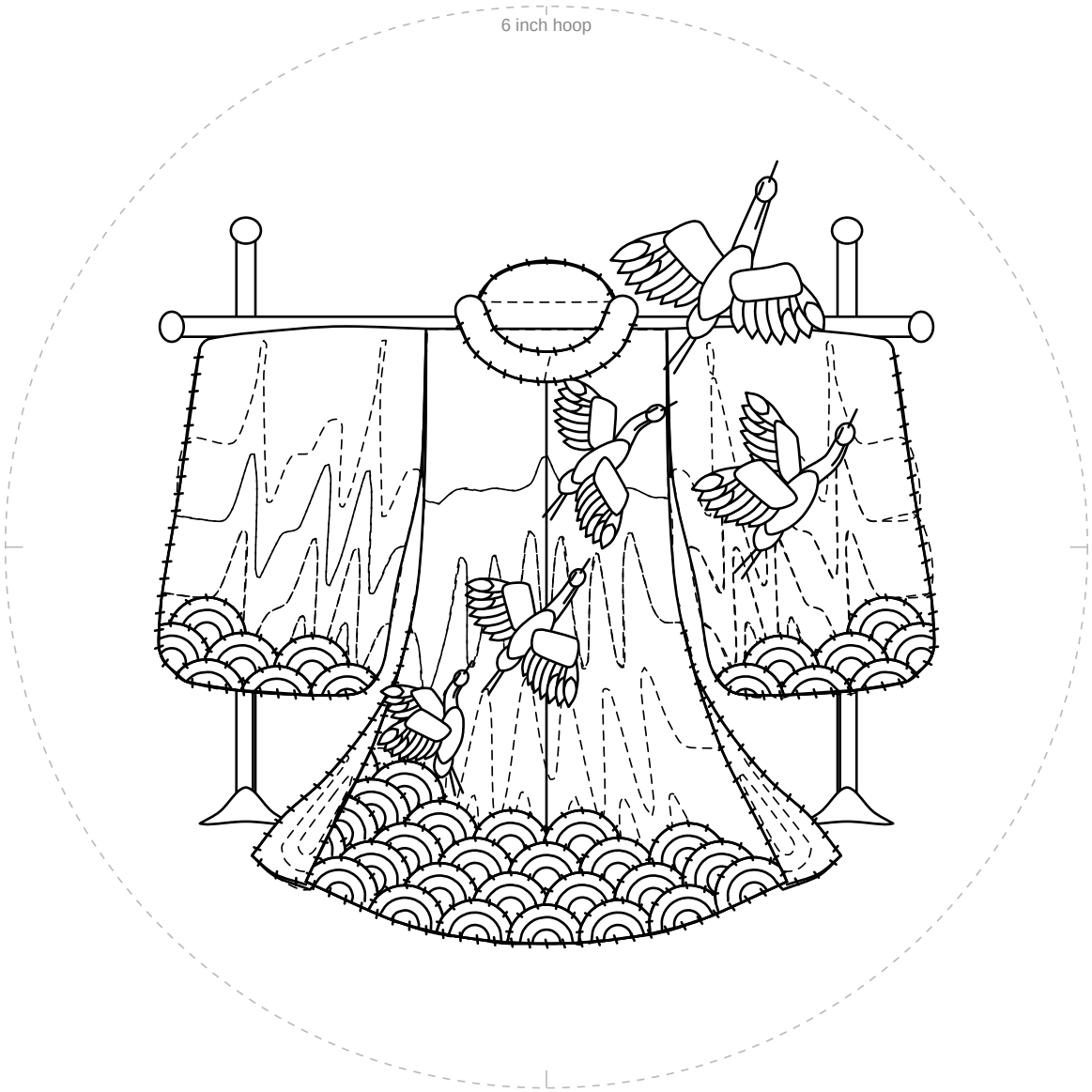
Stem stitch. 2 strands: stand shadow; 1 strand: neck bands.
Couching. 2 to 4 strands: gold edges; 2 strands: gold waves.

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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

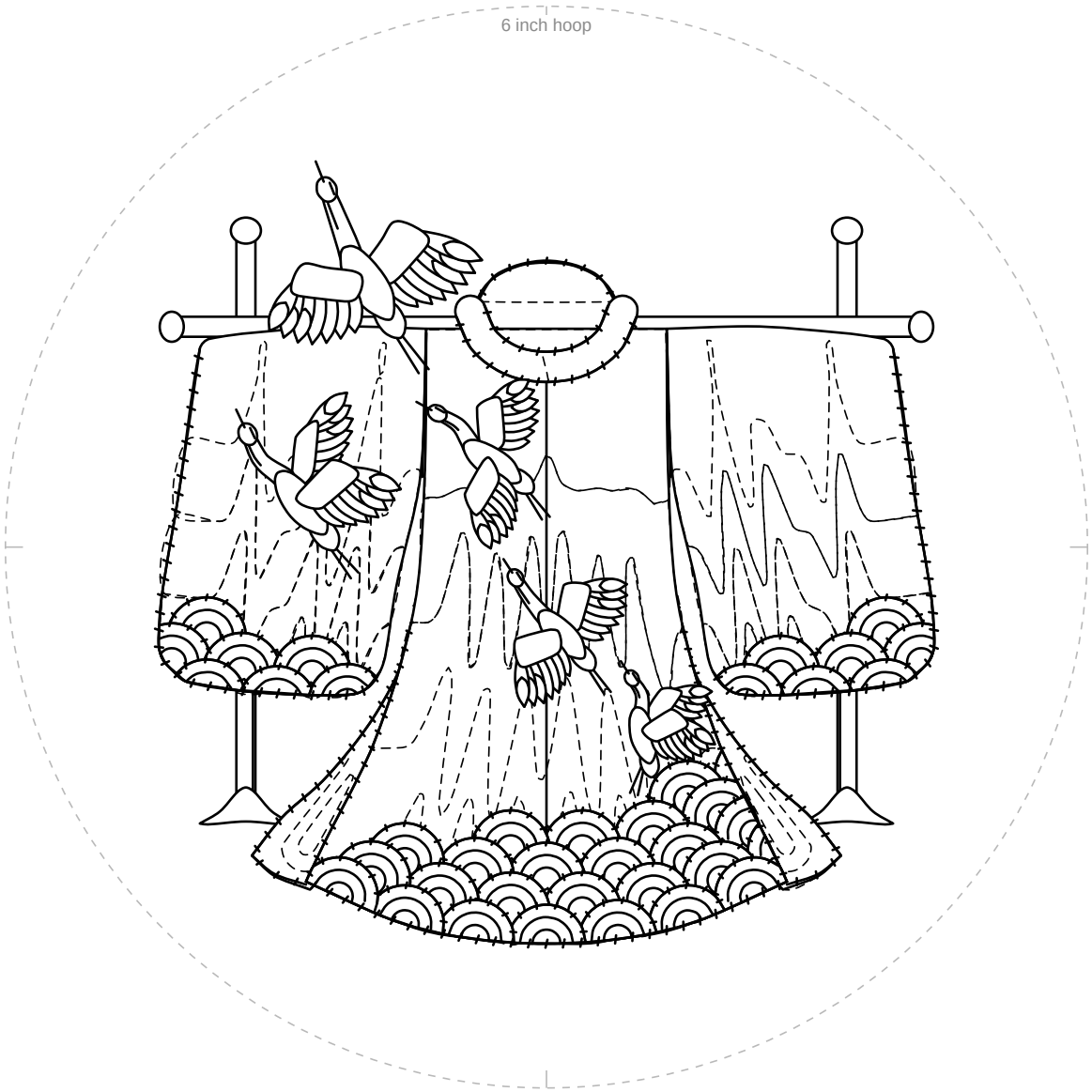
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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