Wreath of Chinese butterflies

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.

Stitches

- **Stem stitch**, 1 to 3 strands
  Vine, ruyi scrolls, wing edges, antennae, wing veins, trellis wings, wing cells, legs, scale edges
- **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
  Leaves
- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Ruyi scrolls, blossom hearts, small wings, bodies, wing borders, wing spots, wing cells, rose scales, eye spots
- **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
  Plum blossoms, peonies, hind wings, fore wings
- **French knot**, 1 to 2 strands, two wraps
  Blossom hearts, peony hearts, wing spots, antennae, bodies
- **Split stitch**, 1 strand
  Peony edges
- **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
  Small wings, body bands
- **Trellis stitch**, 1 strand
  Trellis wings
- **Back stitch**, 1 strand
  Scale edges

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

Floss

- **DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise**
  Vine, leaves (darker)
- **DMC 562 Medium Jade**
  Wing borders (lightest), leaves (lighter)
- **DMC 782 Dark Topaz**
  Fore wings and wing borders (light), ruyi scrolls (middle)
- **DMC 321 Red**
  Trellis wings and wing borders (middle), ruyi scrolls (dark)
- **DMC 3706 Medium Melon**
  Hind wings and ruyi scrolls (light), rose scales (middle)
- **DMC 3687 Mauve** Peonies (lighter), plum blossoms
- **DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Peony edges and scale edges, fore wings (middle), wing borders (dark) and 3 more parts
- **DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Trellis wings (light), bodies (lightest), eye spots (lighter) and 3 more parts
- **DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue** Small wings (light)
- **DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue**
  Fore wings, hind wings and wing veins (dark), wing borders (darkest) and 3 more parts
- **DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue** Small wings (lightest)
- **DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue** Small wings (dark)
- **DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue**
  Wing edges and eye spots (darker), antennae, body bands and legs, bodies (darkest)
- **DMC 561 Very Dark Jade**
  Trellis wings (dark), hind wings (middle), wing veins (light)
- **DMC 3865 Winter White** Wing spots (light)
- **DMC 563 Light Jade** Bodies (light)
- **DMC 3705 Dark Melon**
  Rose scales, bodies and wing spots (dark)
- **DMC 3822 Light Straw** Wing cells (lighter)
- **DMC 761 Light Salmon** Rose scales (light)

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 2 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on**
   Go over the lines of page 3, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron.

Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

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6 inch hoop

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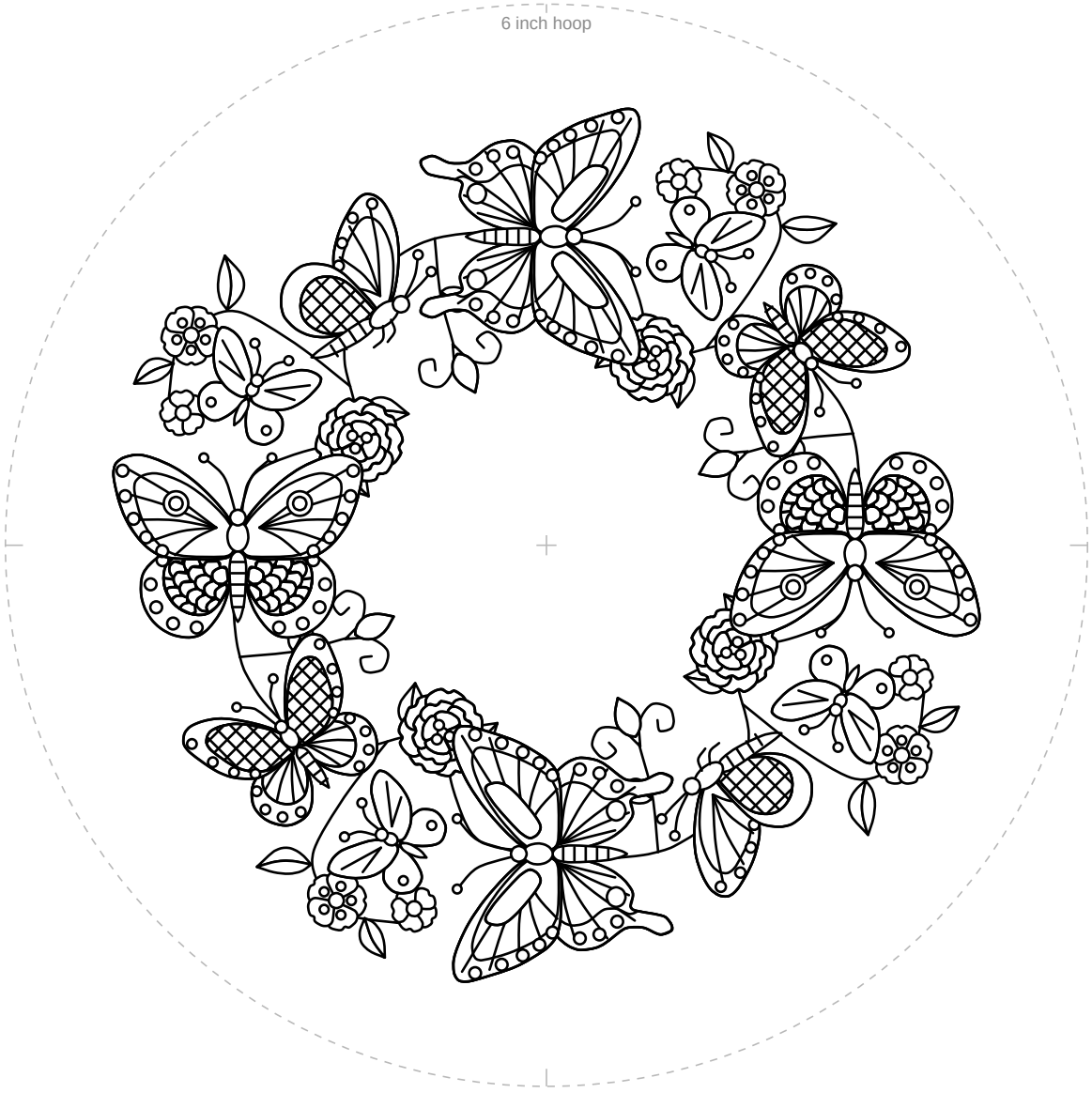

1 in
25.4 mm

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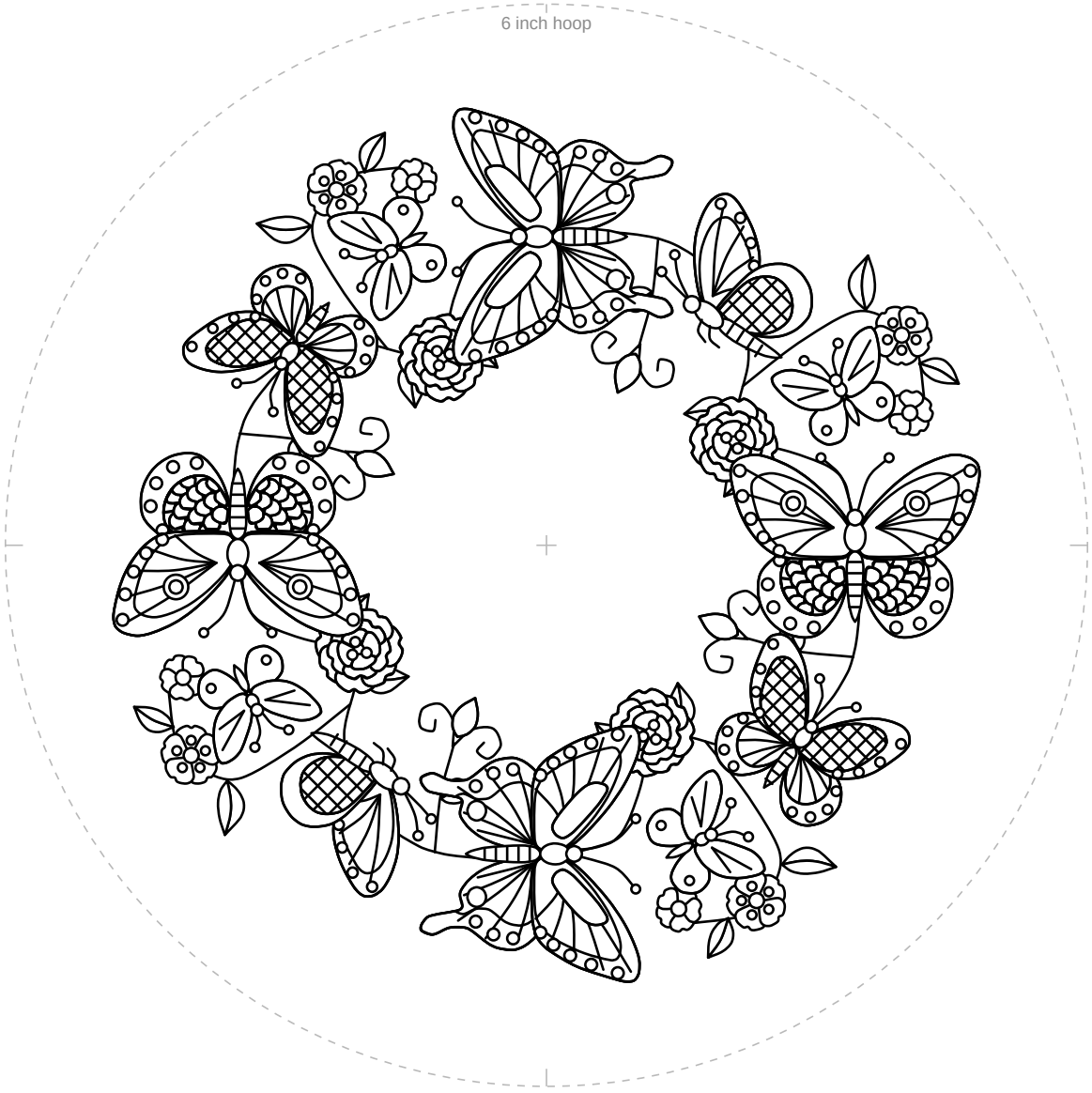
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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