Robot cat with a butterfly

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 4 in (11.2 × 10.2 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tail bob, far legs, neck rings, body panels, hind leg, paws, thigh panel, hip joint, joints, raised leg, shoulder joint, ears, head panels, and 5 more



2. **Whipped back stitch**
   2 strands
   Ground line, spring tail, seams, whiskers, antennae

3. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Spring tail



4. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Starbursts



5. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Rivets, wing windows, antennae, starbursts



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

- **1 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Thigh panel (lighter), body panels and head panels (middle), paws and 7 more parts
- **2 DMC 921 Copper**
  Body panels and head panels (dark), raised leg (darker) and 6 more parts
- **3 DMC 712 Cream**
  Body panels and head panels (light), hind leg and raised leg (lighter) and 8 more parts
- **4 DMC 351 Coral**
  Butterfly wings and wing windows (darker), tail bob and nose
- **5 DMC 400 Dark Mahogany**
  Far legs, ears (dark)
- **6 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Seams and butterfly body, eye (darker)
- **7 DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue**
  Eye (lighter)
- **8 DMC 353 Peach**
  Butterfly wings (lighter)

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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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.

Each small ring is one French knot.

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

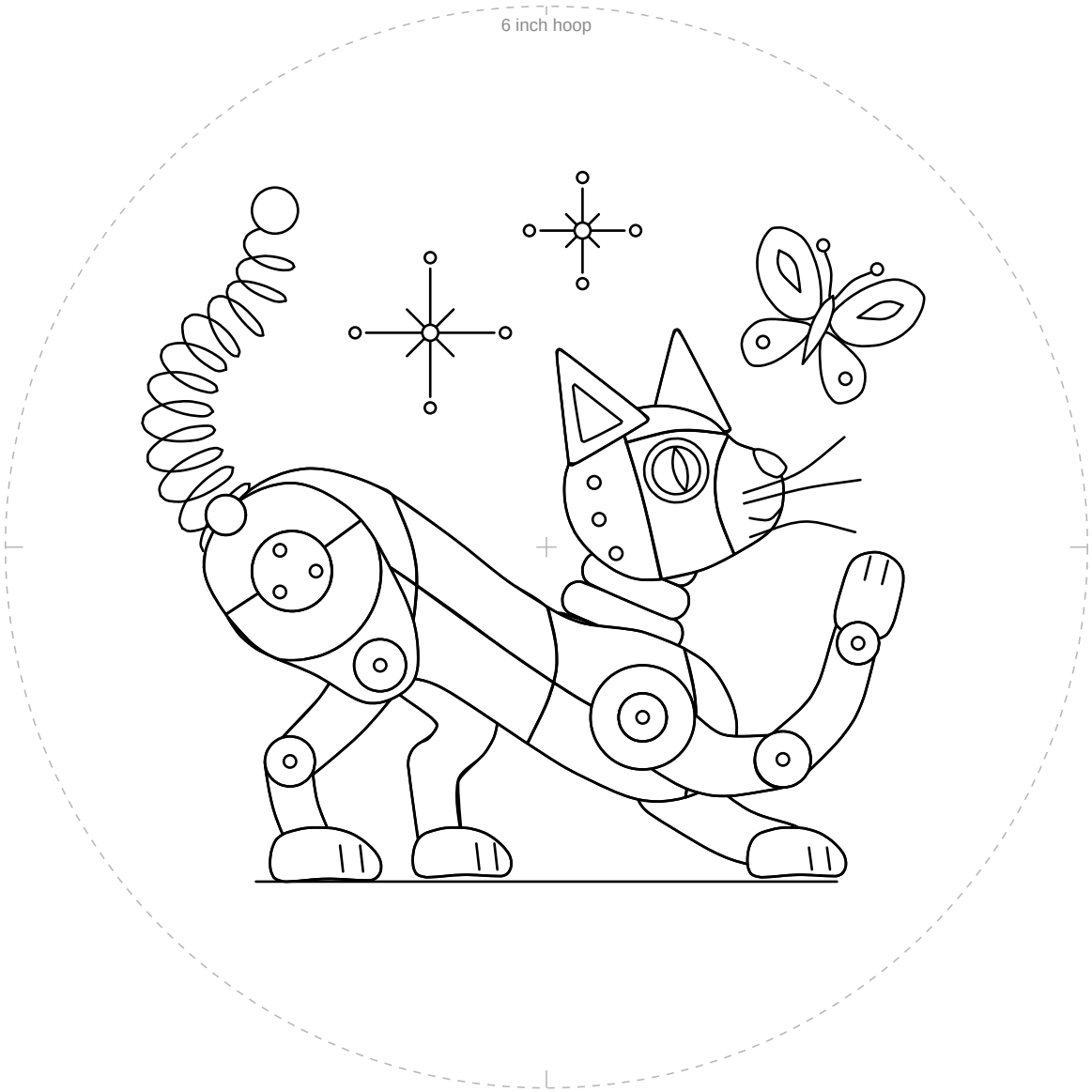
French knot. 2 strands: rivets, wing windows, antennae; 1 or 2 strands: starbursts.

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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

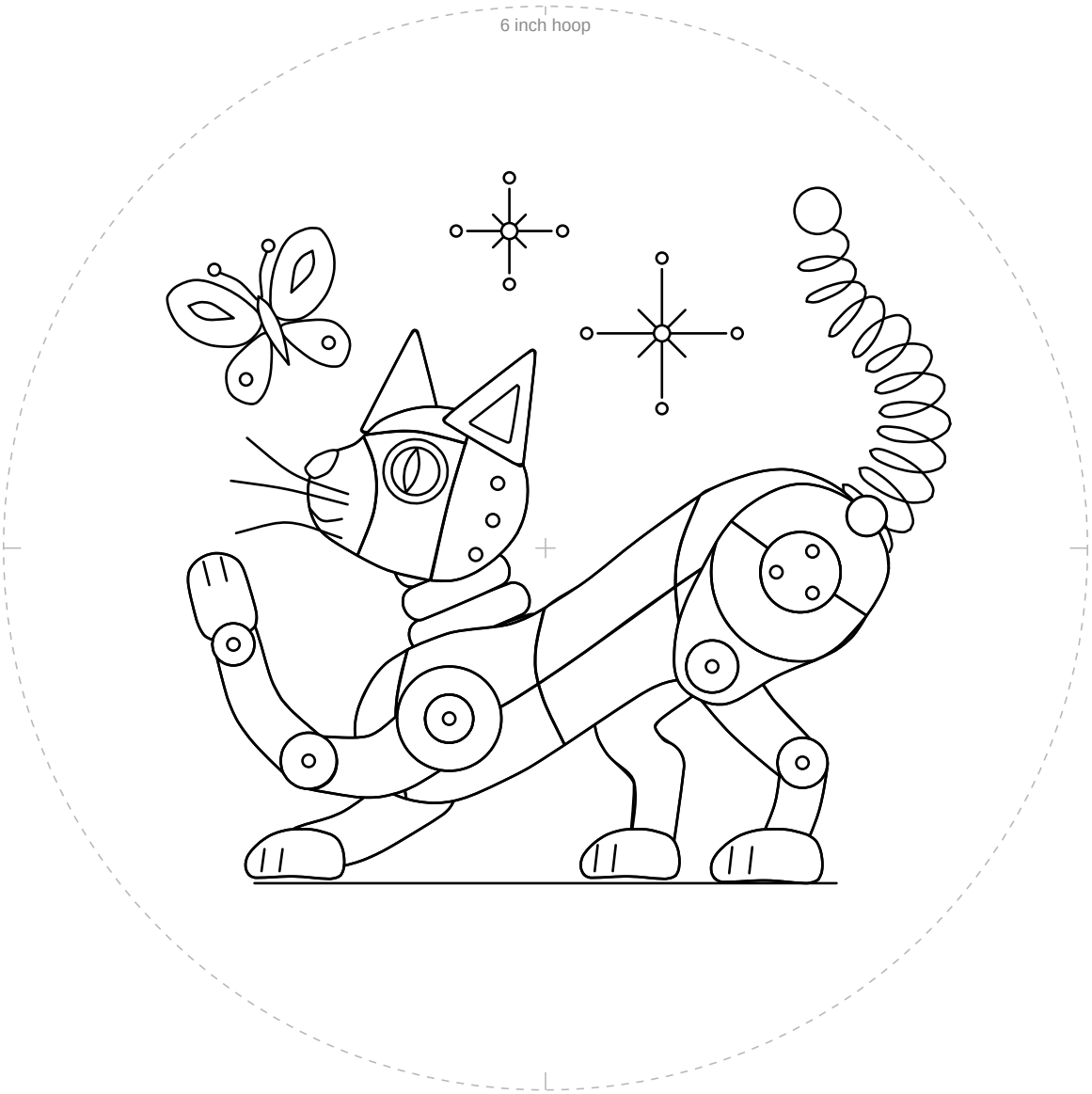
Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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