Scorpio zodiac sign

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.5 in (11.7 × 11.4 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

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

24 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. **Satin stitch**
   colors 1, 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13
   2 strands: ring, sepals, rose centers, eye rings
   1 strand: legs



2. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 3, 4, 5
   Leaves



3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22
   Rose petals, rosebuds, claws, sting bulb, tail, back plates, head shield



4. **Whipped back stitch**
   4 strands, color 2
   Edges of the ring

5. **Stem stitch**, colors 3, 18
   3 strands: rose stems
   2 strands: Antares setting

6. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 8, 9, 13
   Petal edges, plate edges

7. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand, color 24
   Eye highlights



8. **Couching**
   2 strands, colors 17, 18
   Star line



9. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 23
   Claw arms, pincers, sting, jaws, eyes, Antares



10. **French knot**
    2 strands, two wraps, colors 10, 18
    Leg joints, stars



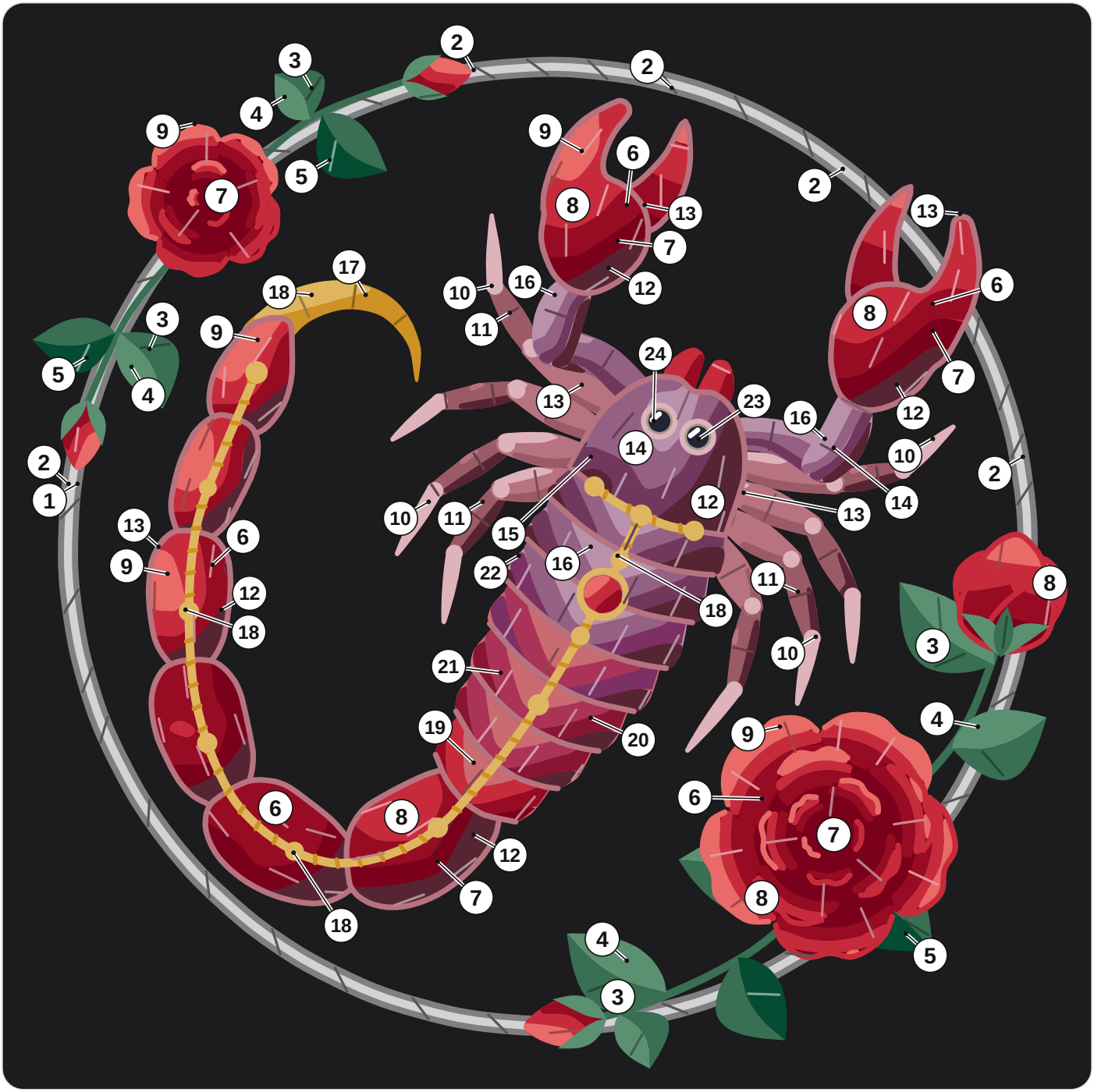
Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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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 414 Dark Steel Gray	9	DMC 351 Coral	17	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
2	DMC 415 Pearl Gray	10	DMC 778 Very Light Antique Mauve	18	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
3	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	11	DMC 3726 Dark Antique Mauve	19	DMC 3687 Mauve
4	DMC 502 Blue Green	12	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	20	DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve
5	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	13	DMC 316 Medium Antique Mauve	21	DMC 3803 Dark Mauve
6	DMC 816 Garnet	14	DMC 3835 Medium Grape	22	DMC 34 Dark Fuchsia
7	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	15	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	23	DMC 310 Black
8	DMC 321 Red	16	DMC 3836 Light Grape	24	DMC B5200 Snow White

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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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