Sea otter mother and pup

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.7 in (11.9 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands: far water, near swells
   1 strand: sun, hind legs, hind flippers, mother body, pup body, pup fluff, pup foot, pup ears, pup head, forearm, ears, mother head, muzzle



2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Clouds, kelp, pup muzzle, pup nose, eyes, nose, kelp floats



3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Flipper lines, flipper lights, forearm lines, kelp edge

4. **Back stitch**
   1 or 2 strands: pup face
   1 strand: mouth

5. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: kelp stem, border ring
   2 strands: foam lines
   1 strand: brows, kelp ribs

6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Eye highlights, nose highlight, whiskers



7. **French knot**
   1 to 2 strands, two wraps
   Foam knots



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

Buy: 18 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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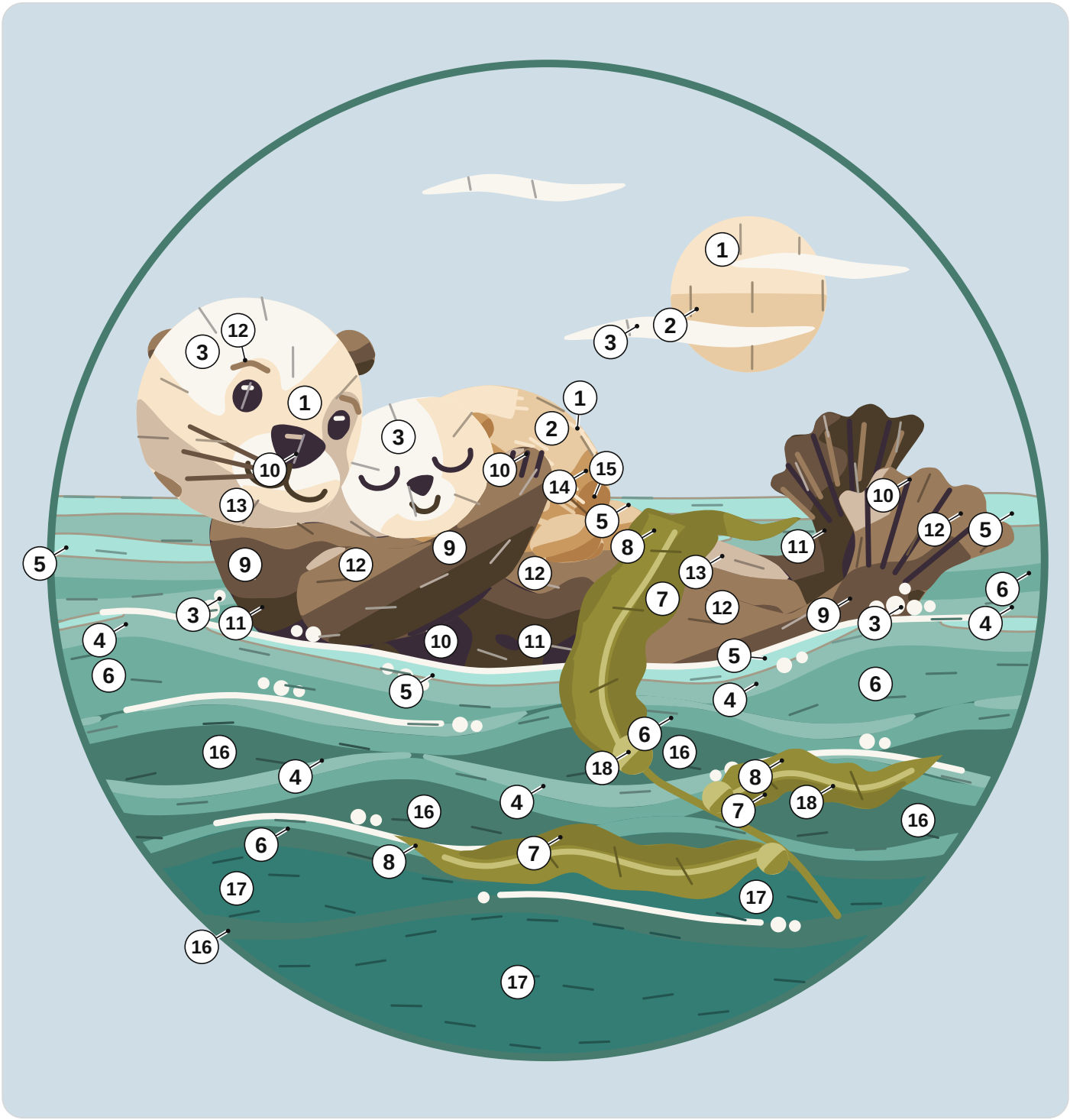
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	7	DMC 730 Very Dark Olive Green	13	DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown
2	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	8	DMC 732 Olive Green	14	DMC 436 Tan
3	DMC 3865 Winter White	9	DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown	15	DMC 435 Very Light Brown
4	DMC 993 Very Light Aquamarine	10	DMC 3371 Black Brown	16	DMC 991 Dark Aquamarine
5	DMC 964 Light Seagreen	11	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	17	DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green
6	DMC 992 Light Aquamarine	12	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown	18	DMC 734 Light Olive Green

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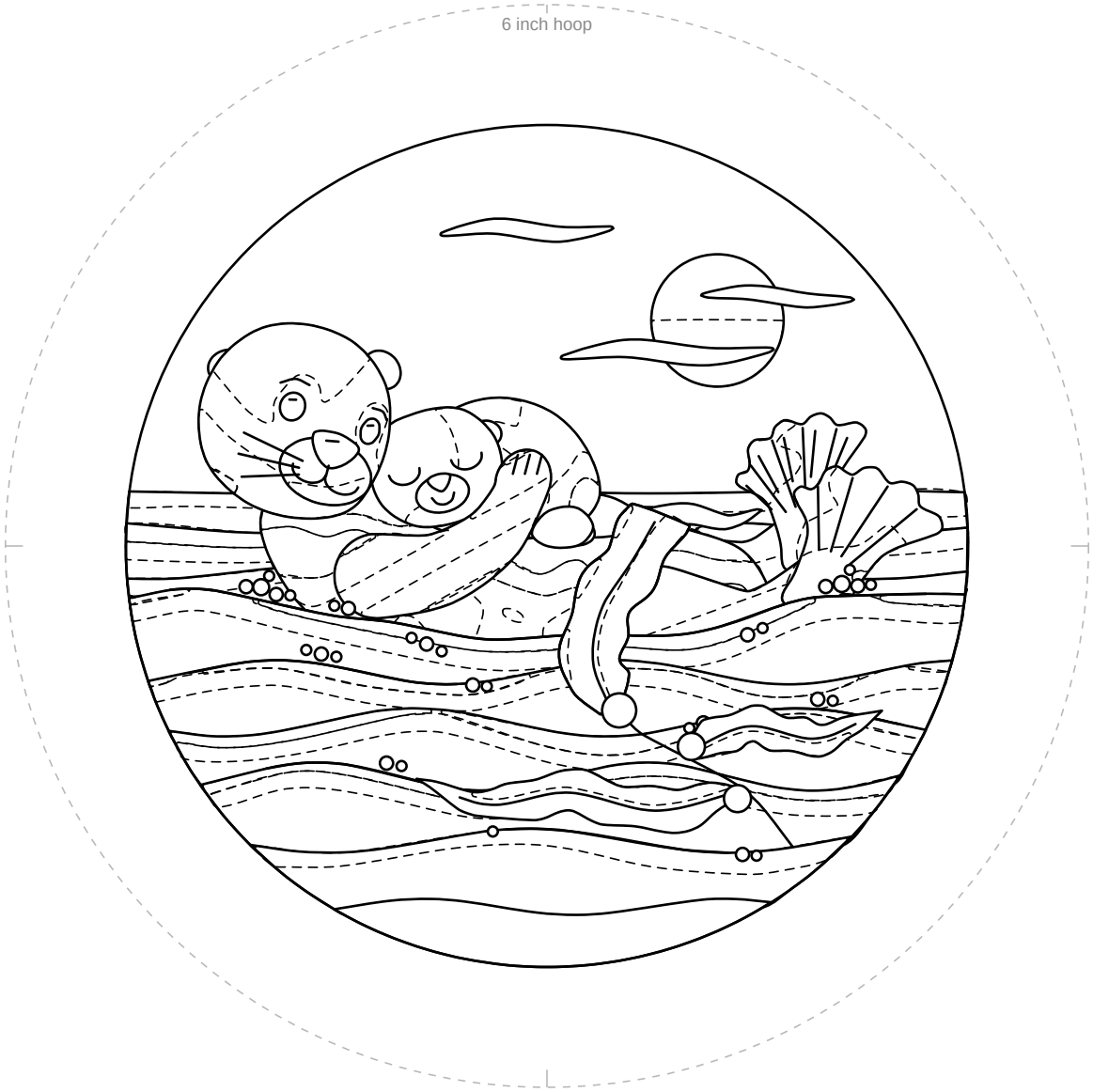
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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.



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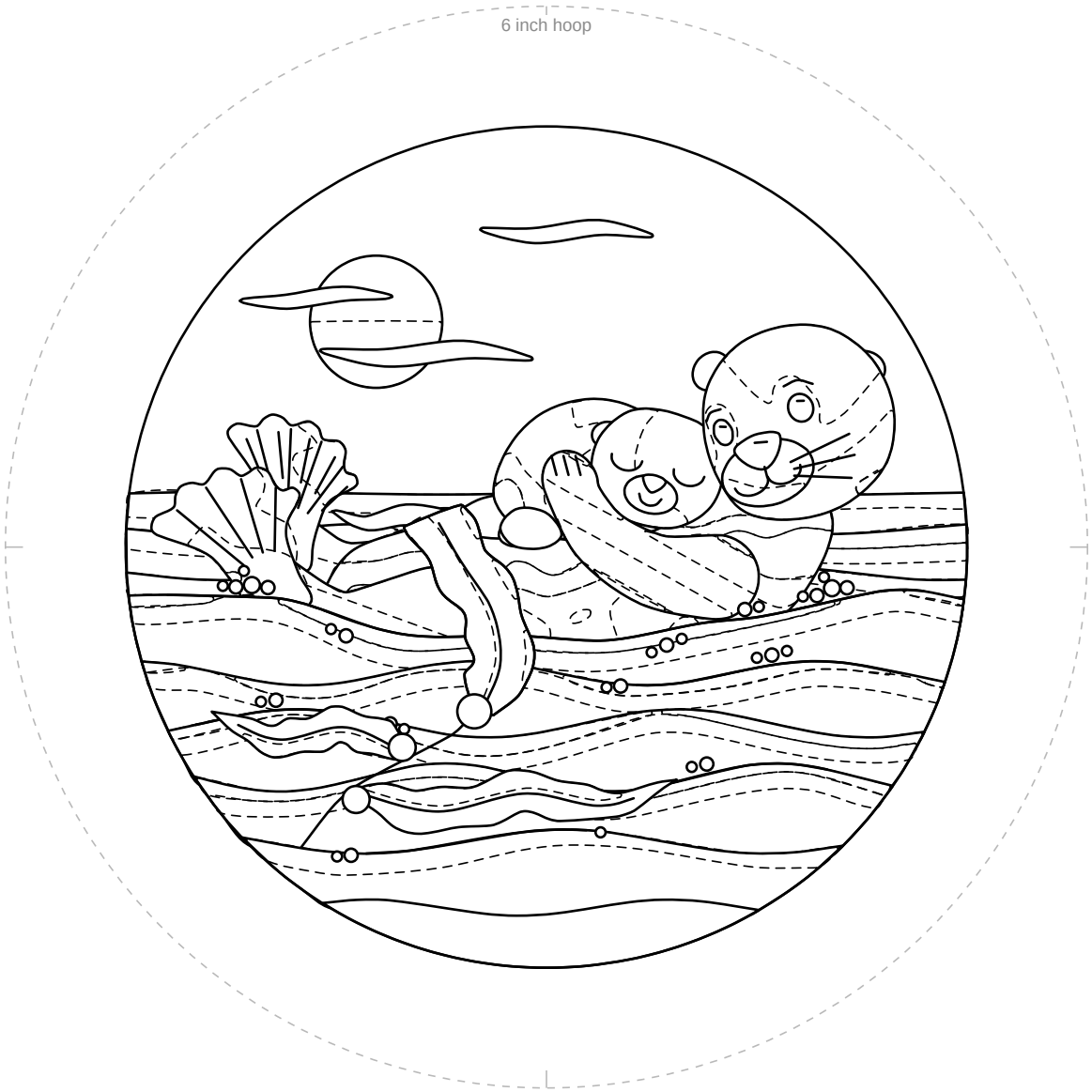
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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