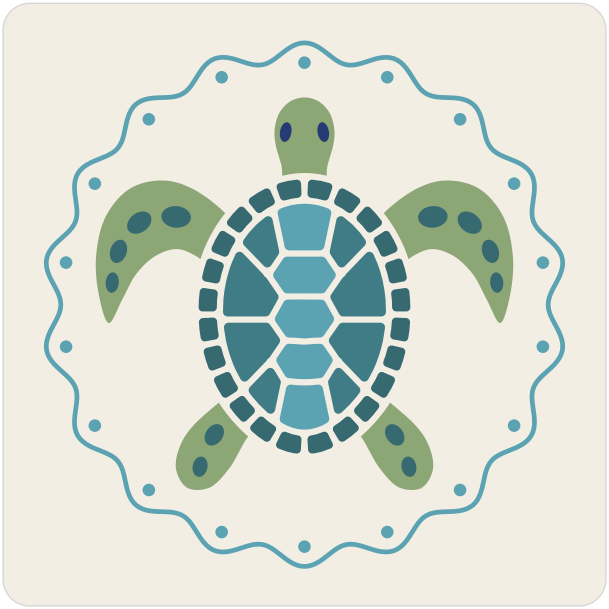
Sea turtle from above

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.7 in (11.7 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

5 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

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.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 or 2 strands, colors 2, 4
   Front flippers, hind flippers, head and neck, side plates



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 3, 5
   Scales of the flippers, middle plates, rim plates, eyes



Stitch in this order, continued

3. **Stem stitch**
   2 or 3 strands, color 1
   Wavy ring

4. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, color 1
   Knots inside the crests



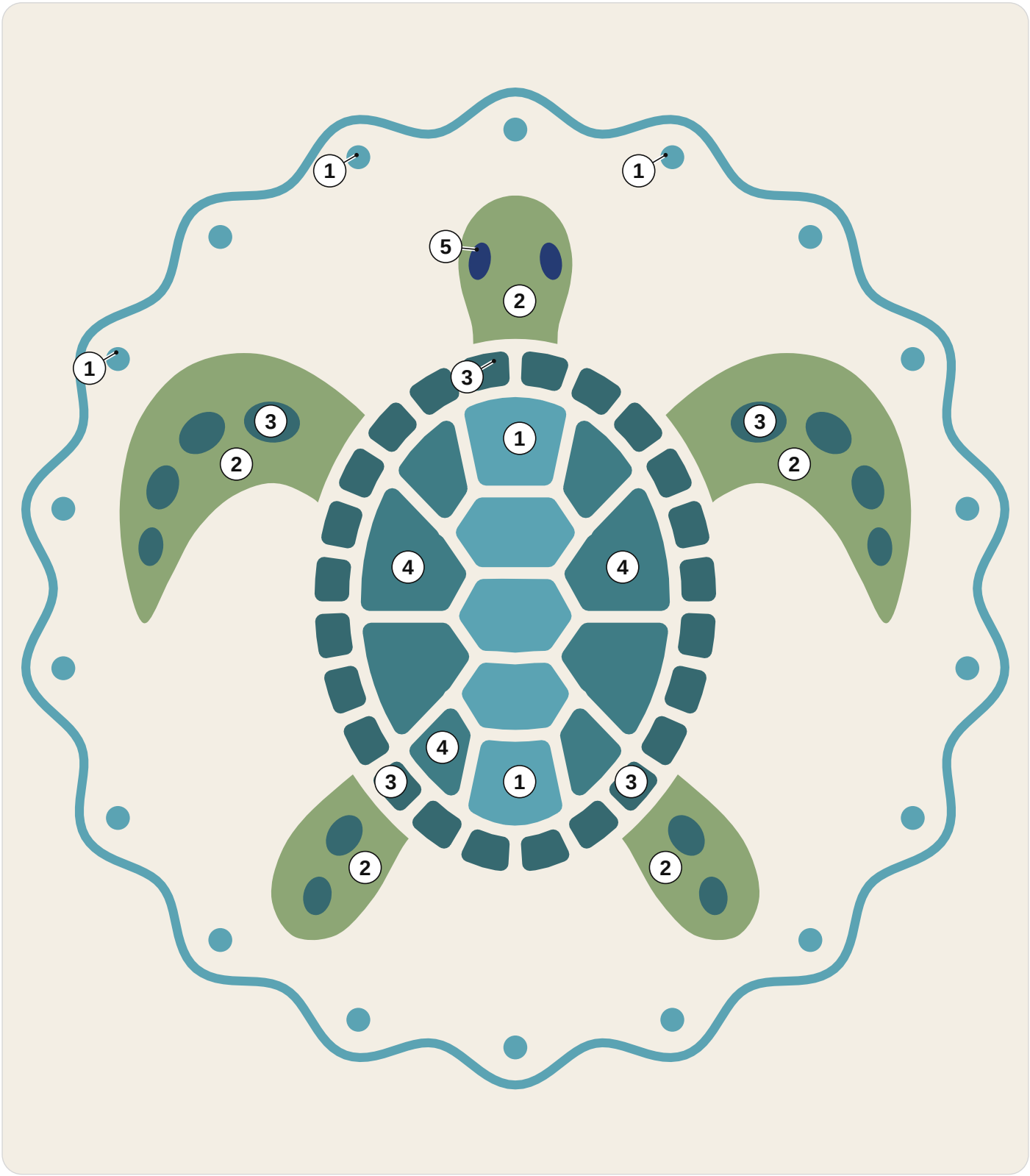
Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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A number is a color of the list.



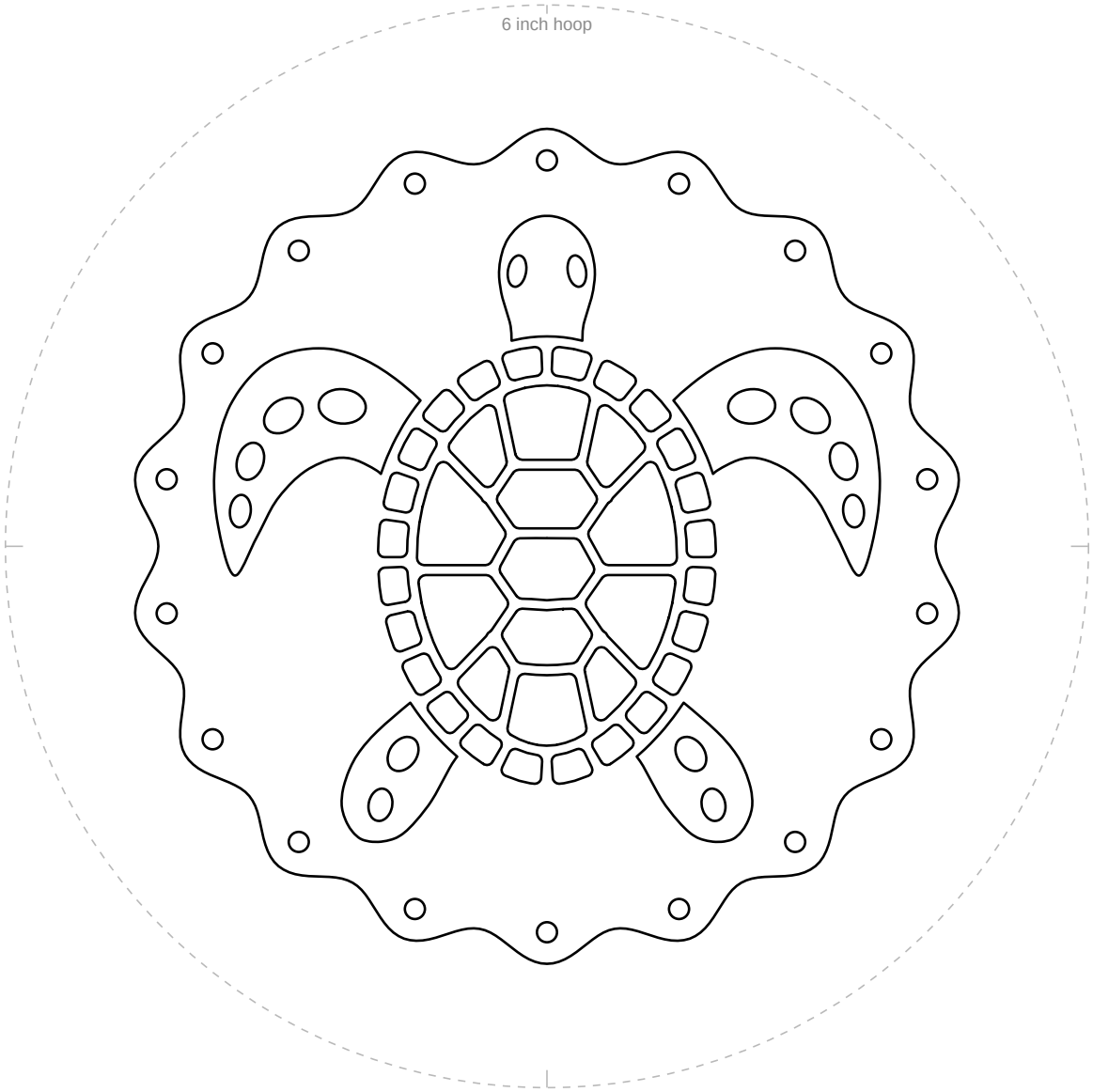
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2 DMC 989 Forest Green
3 DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise
4 DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise
5 DMC 336 Navy Blue

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6 inch hoop

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.



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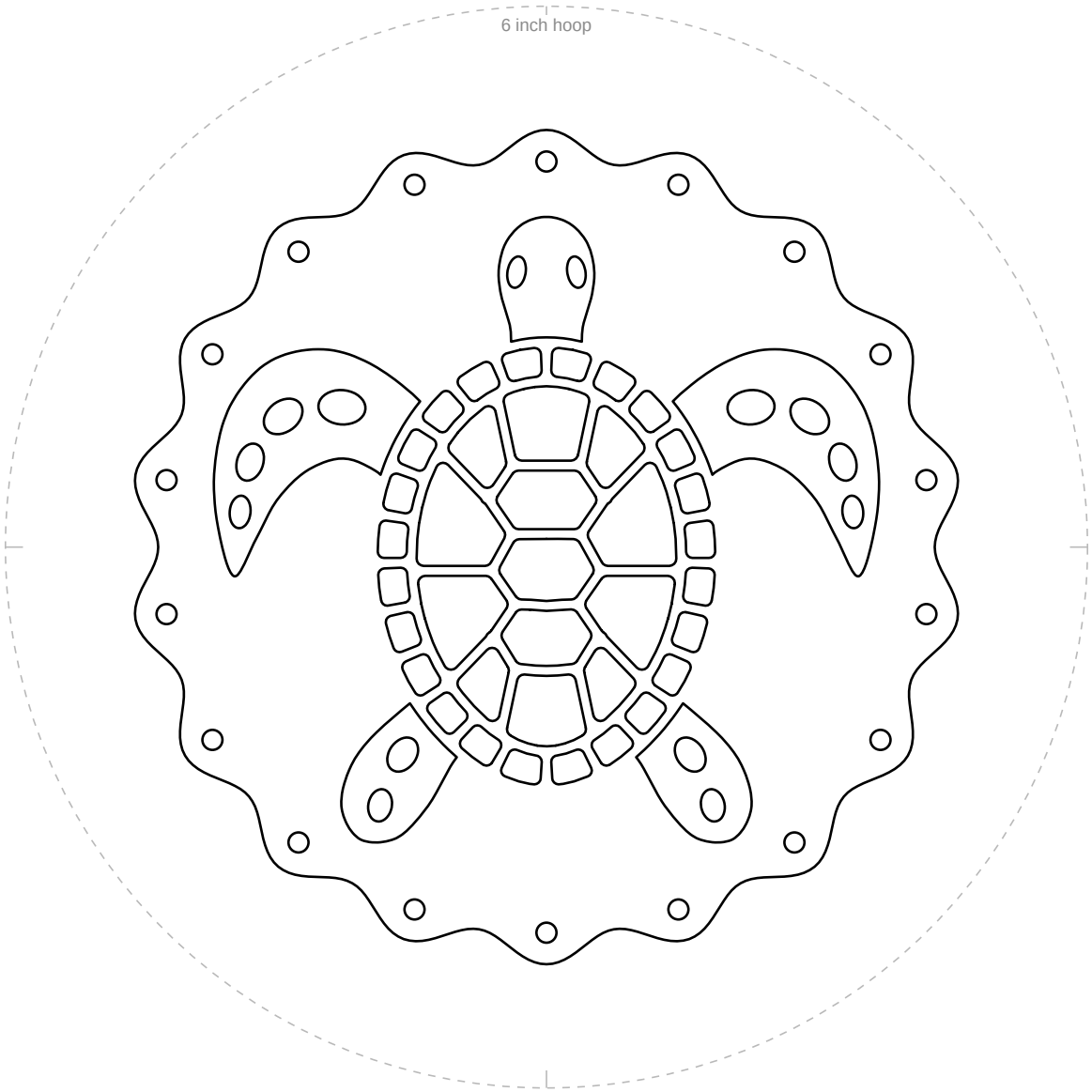
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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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