Sea turtle with a knot rim

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



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

15 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. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands, color 5
   Sea fan

2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
   Coral, rocks, flippers, head, back plates, side plates



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15
   Sea grass, flipper scales, eye rim, eye, head scales, rim plates, fish fins, fish



4. **Split stitch**, colors 2, 10, 15
   2 strands: flipper edge, head edge, mouth
   1 strand: plate edge

5. **Back stitch**, 2 strands, color 10
   Bubbles

6. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 5, 10, 14, 15
   2 strands: sea fan tips, knot rim, fish eyes
   1 strand: eye highlight



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

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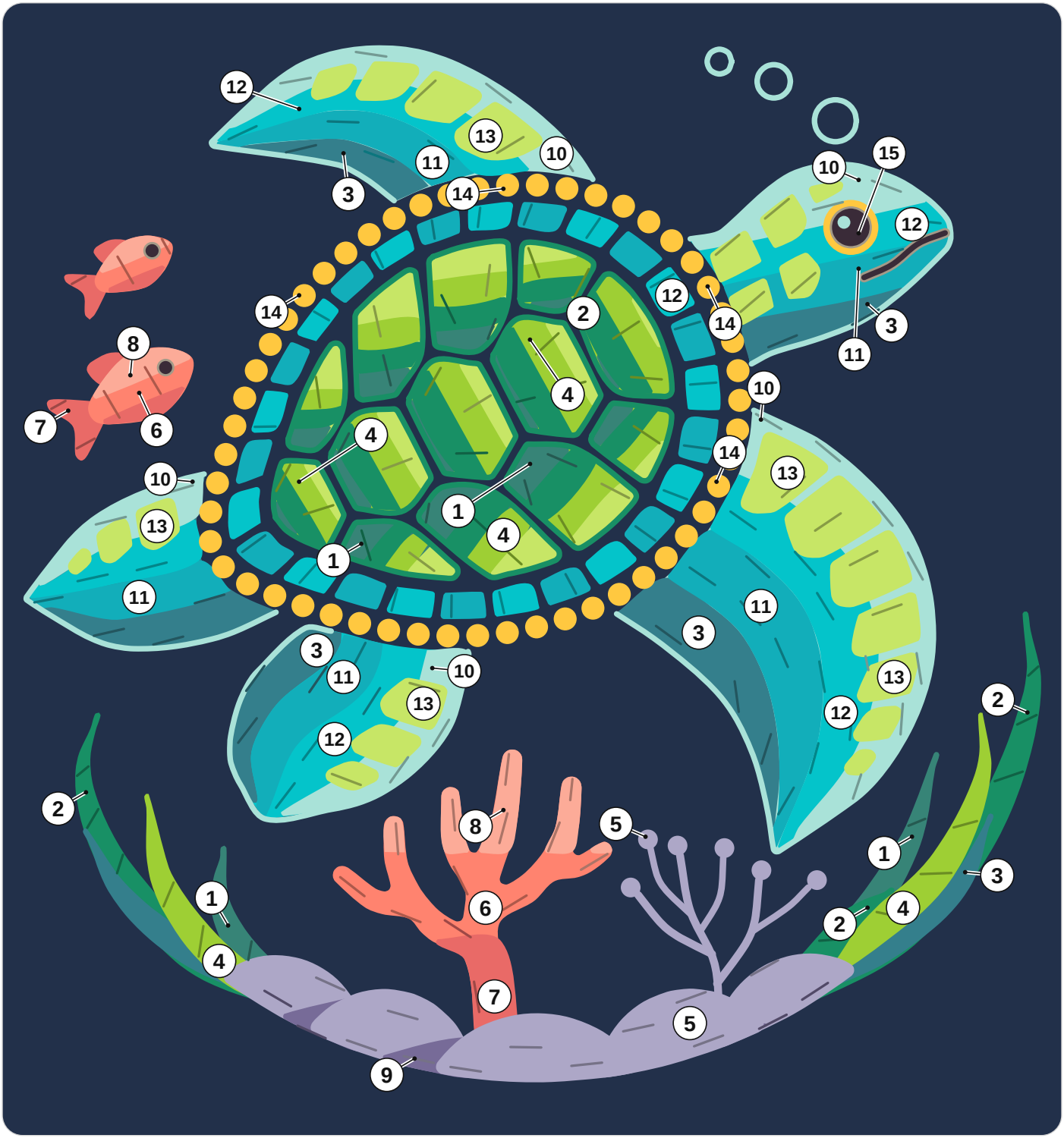
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 3850 Dark Bright Green	6	DMC 3340 Medium Apricot	11	DMC 3844 Dark Bright Turquoise
2	DMC 911 Medium Emerald Green	7	DMC 351 Coral	12	DMC 3845 Medium Bright Turquoise
3	DMC 3765 Very Dark Peacock Blue	8	DMC 3341 Apricot	13	DMC 907 Light Parrot Green
4	DMC 704 Bright Chartreuse	9	DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet	14	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz
5	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet	10	DMC 964 Light Seagreen	15	DMC 3371 Black Brown

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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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