Simple repeating fish in textures

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.9 × 4.6 in (12.4 × 11.7 cm).



Which color goes where.

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 2 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on**
   Go over the lines of page 3, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron.

Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

Work it in this order

1. Stitch the filled parts first, what lies behind before what lies in front of it.
2. Then stitch the lines: stems, veins and outlines over the edges of the filled parts.

Floss

- **DMC 3765 Very Dark Peacock Blue**
  Outlines (dark), heads and tails (darkest), scales, checks (darker) and 4 more parts
- **DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue**
  Heads, tails, back fins and belly fins (lightest), mouths (lighter)
- **DMC BLANC White**
  Eyes and eye lights
- **DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Pupils, mouths (darker)
- **DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Heads (dark), outlines (middle), chevrons and zigzags (darker) and 3 more parts
- **DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Heads, tails, back fins and belly fins (light), checks (lighter)
- **DMC 782 Dark Topaz**
  Outlines (light), stripes, net and chevrons (lighter), daisy scales and 2 more parts

Stitches

- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Back fins, belly fins, tails, heads, eyes, pupils, stripes, checks
- **Split stitch**, 3 strands
  Scales, outlines, long lines
- **Back stitch**, 2 to 3 strands
  Mouths, chevrons, zigzags, net
- **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
  Eye lights
- **Lazy daisy stitch**, 3 strands
  Daisy scales

The thread
Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers: a knot shows as a bump. A line may start with a small knot on the back or one of the knotless starts. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

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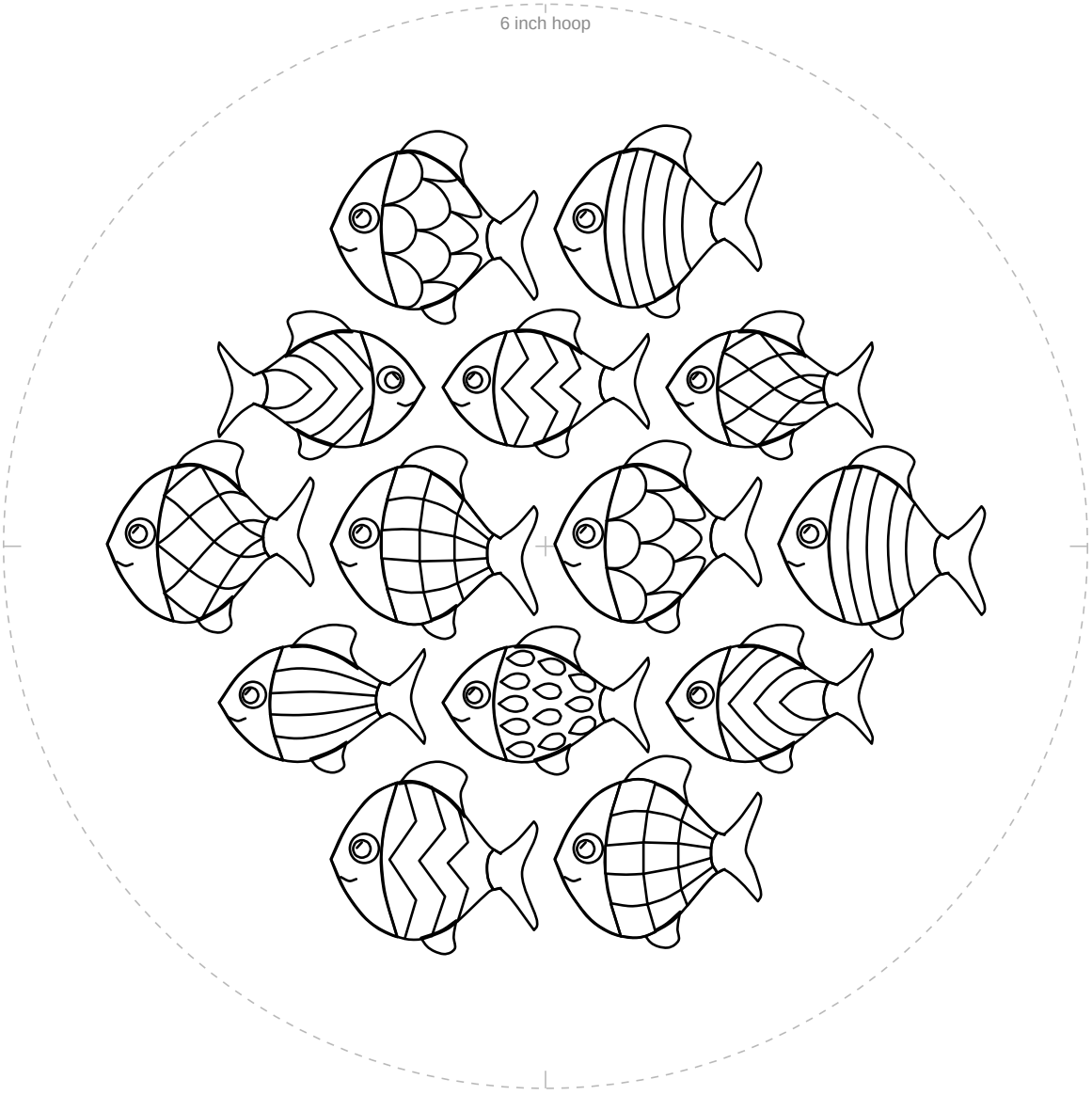

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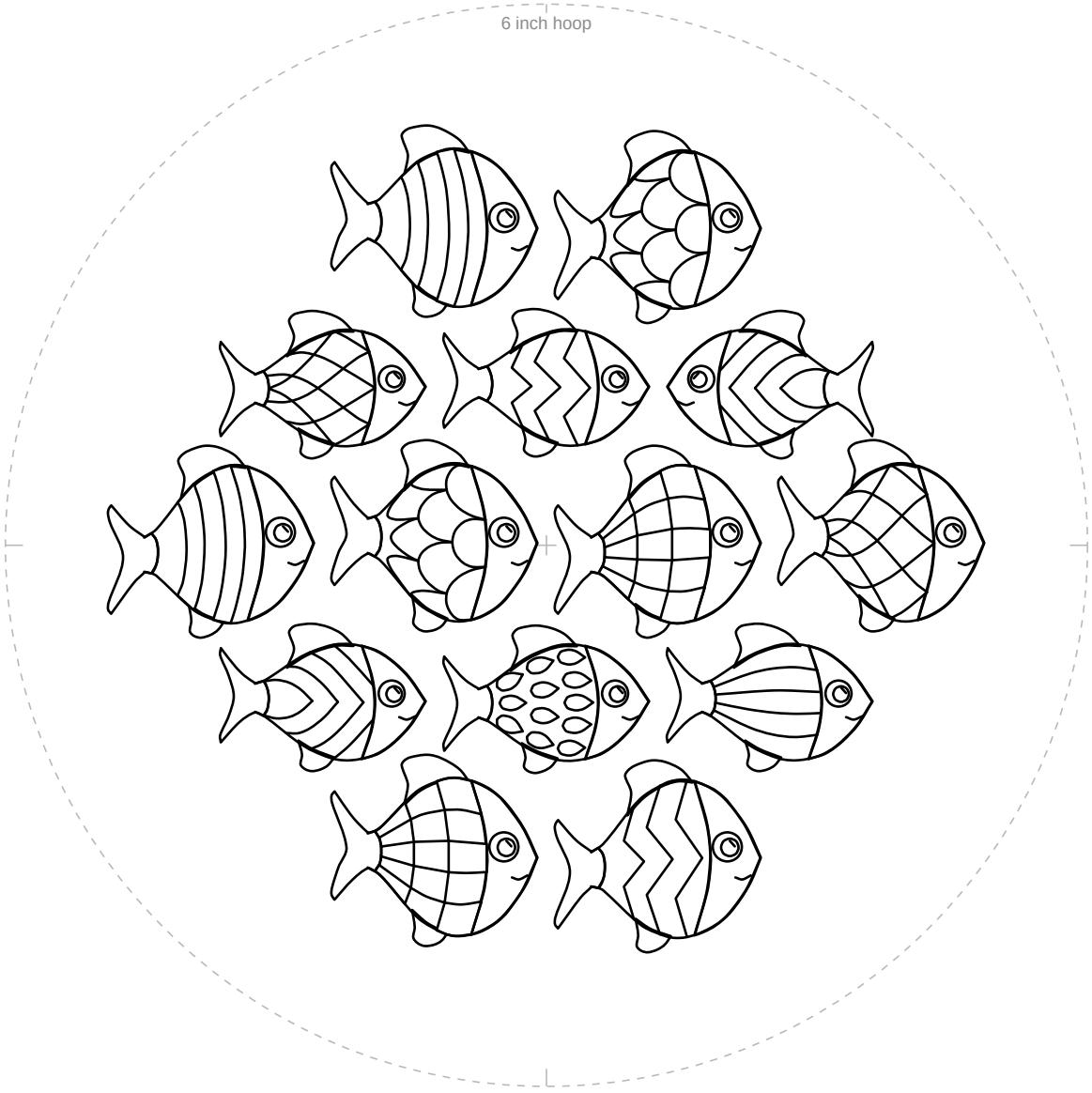
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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