Starfish and five shells

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



Colors by number: page 2.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Starfish arms, shell ears, shell hinge



2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Shell ribs



3. **Chain stitch**, 2 or 3 strands
   Ring



4. **Stem stitch**, 2 or 3 strands
   Rim of the shell

5. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Starfish knots



6. **Woven wheel stitch**, 2 strands
   Starfish middle

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

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: 5 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 7, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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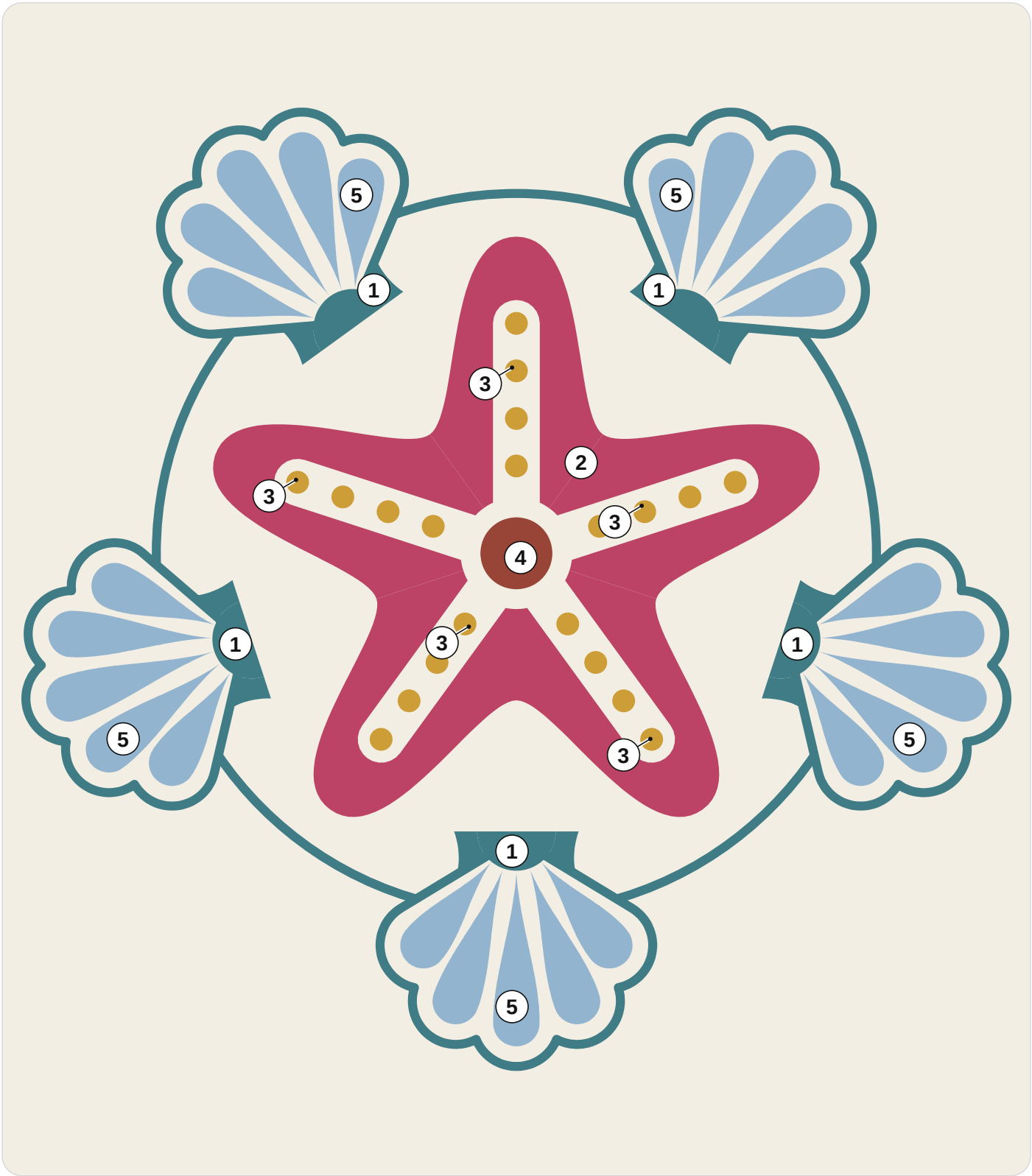
A number is a color of the list.



1 DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise
2 DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose
3 DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw
4 DMC 355 Dark Terra Cotta
5 DMC 3755 Baby Blue

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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.



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25.4 mm

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



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