Surfing alien on a curling wave

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.8 in (12.2 × 12.2 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.

17 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 strand, colors 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17
   Arms, legs, trunks, body, head



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 17
   Sun, wave, board, antennae, eyes, eye highlight, cheeks, grin



3. **Chain stitch**, colors 1, 8
   2 strands: wave lines (color 8), wake
   3 strands: badge ring (color 1)



4. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 3, 7, 8, 9
   3 strands: wave lines (color 7), badge ring (color 3), trunks bands
   2 strands: board edge

5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 13, 15
   Outline, trunks edge, grin edge

6. **Lazy daisy stitch**
   2 strands, color 8
   Loops of the trunks flower



7. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, color 3
   Antennae



8. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 3, 8, 13
   2 strands: foam, spray, knots of the trunks flower
   1 strand: knots of the eye highlight, nostrils



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

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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 920 Medium Copper	7	DMC 3811 Very Light Turquoise	13	DMC 934 Black Avocado Green
2	DMC 3853 Dark Autumn Gold	8	DMC BLANC White	14	DMC 350 Medium Coral
3	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	9	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	15	DMC 498 Dark Red
4	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	10	DMC 470 Light Avocado Green	16	DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green
5	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise	11	DMC 469 Avocado Green	17	DMC 351 Coral
6	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	12	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green		

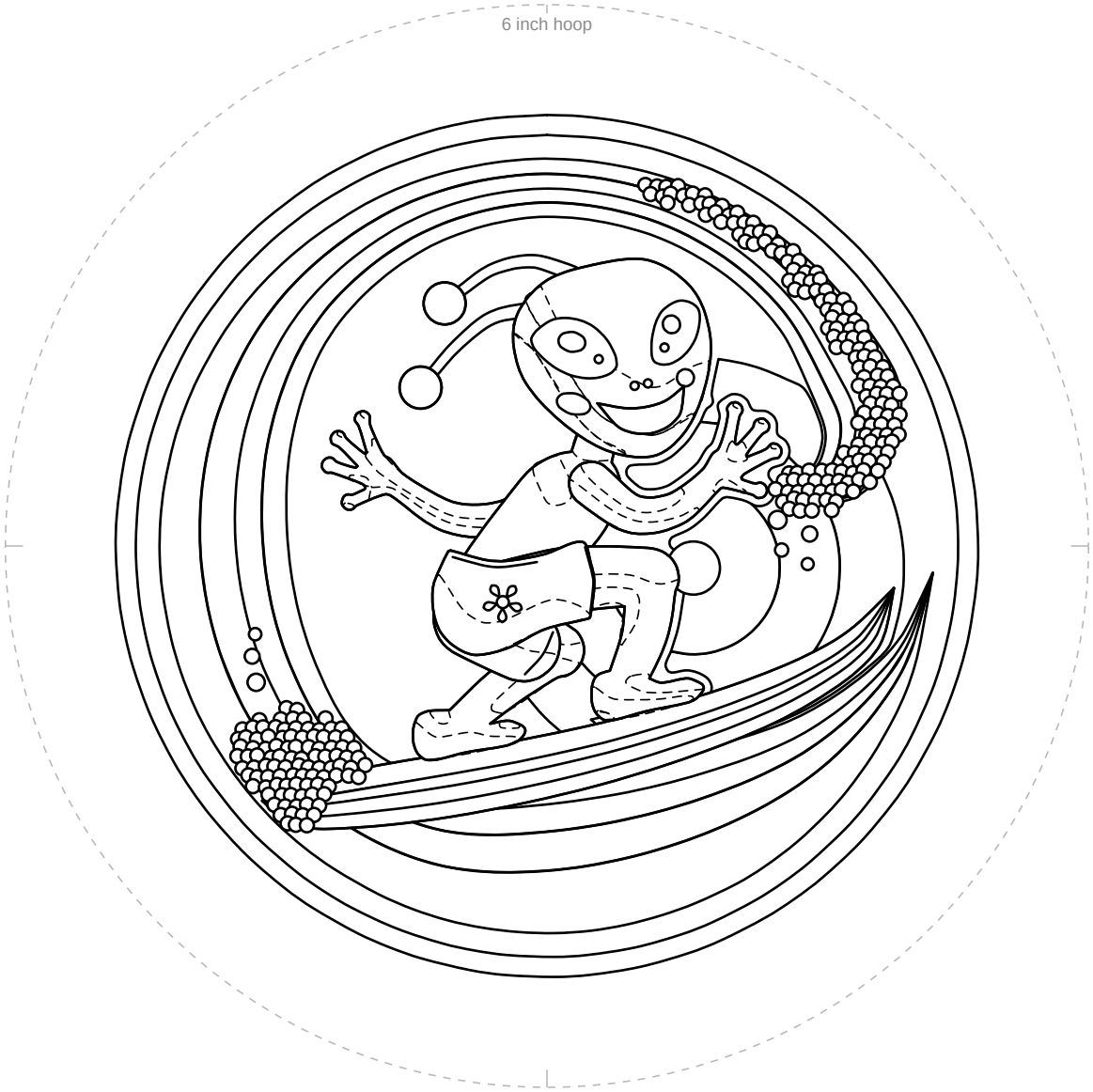
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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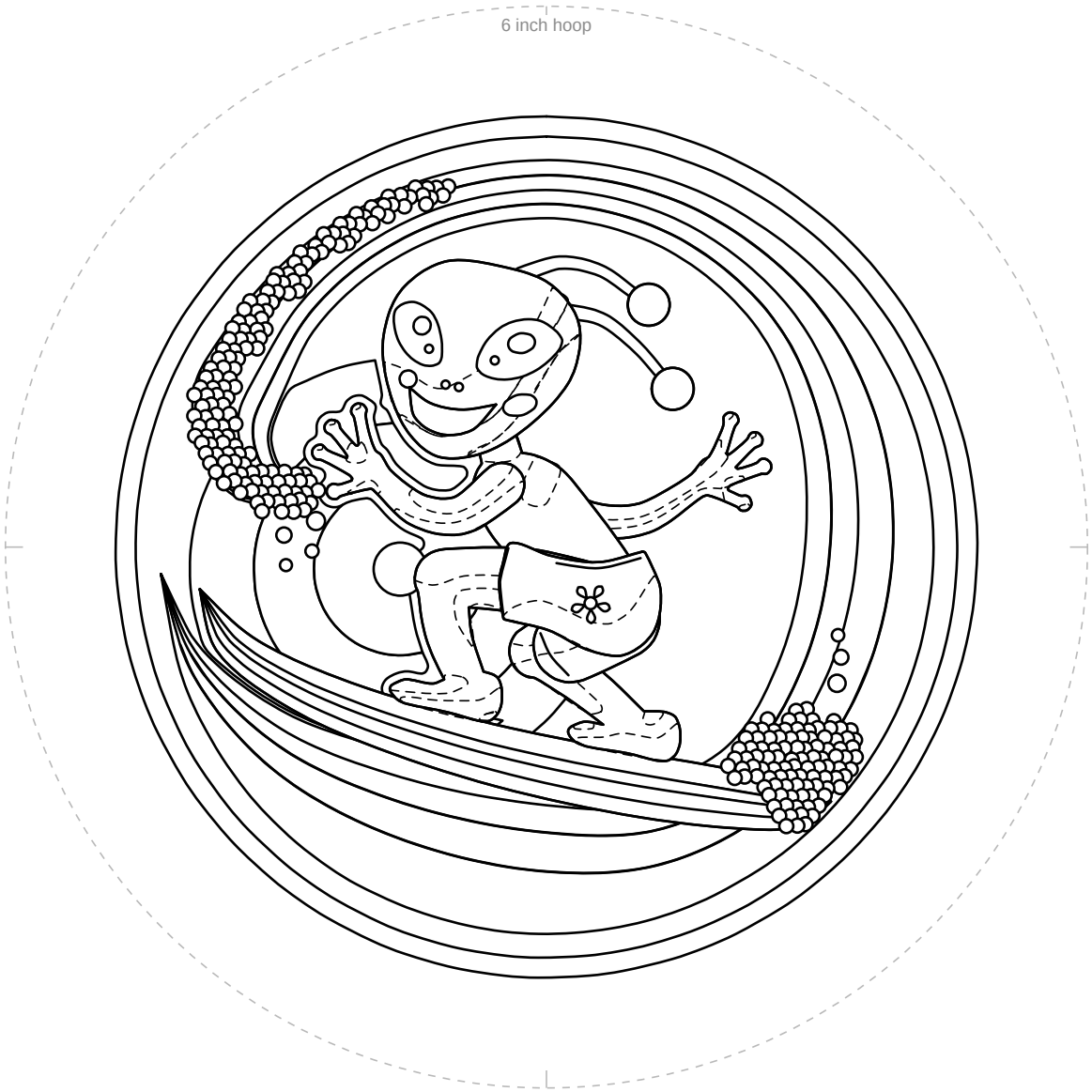
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