Tarot card back, moon and stars

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 2.7 × 4.2 in (6.9 × 10.7 cm).



Which color goes where. Each number is a stitch of the list.
Fabric: wine red cotton or linen.

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 2 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 2 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 2 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 2 is the pattern at actual size (page 3 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

Floss

- **DMC BLANC White**
  Scalloped edge, crescents, sprig leaves and moth wings, star (lighter) and 8 more parts
- **DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Moth hind wings, moon phases and edge knots, ring lines (darker), sequins (light)
- **DMC 415 Pearl Gray**
  Net ring, frame line and star rays, sequins and beads (middle)
- **DMC 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Star (darker), wing bands and body bands, beads and sequins (dark)

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines, loops and knots.

1. **Buttonhole stitch**, 2 strands
   Scalloped edge, sequins
2. **Trellis stitch**, 1 strand
   Net ring
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Star, moon phases, moth hind wings, moth wings, wing bands, sequins
4. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Crescents, moth body
5. **Fern stitch**, 1 strand
   Antennae
6. **Whipped back stitch**
   2 or 3 strands: ring lines
   2 strands: frame line
7. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Star rays, little stars, body bands
8. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Sprig stems
9. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Sprig leaves
10. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: moth head
    1 or 2 strands: beads, sequin beads
    1 strand: edge knots

In a 6 inch hoop the shortest lazy daisy loops are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

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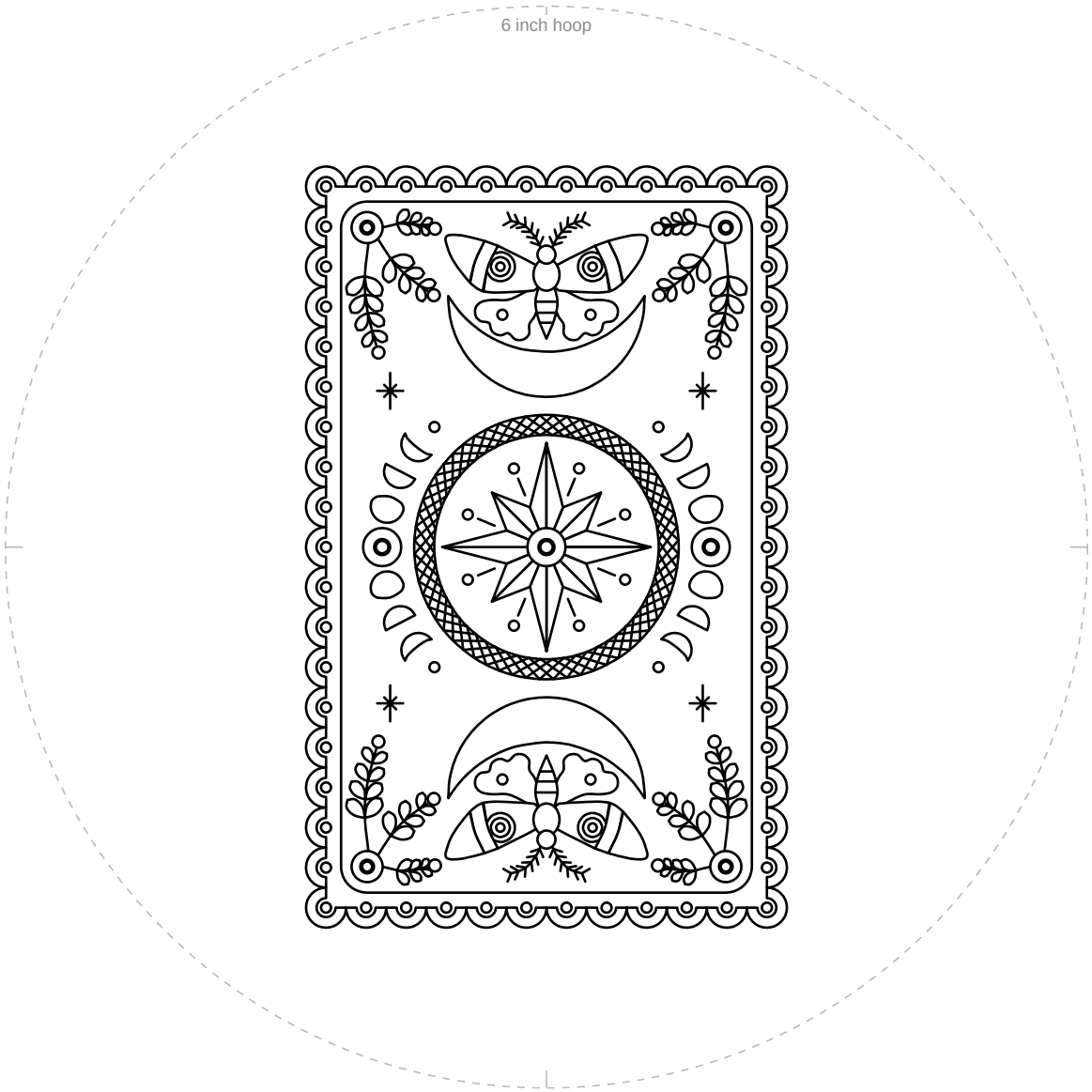
6 inch hoop

Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
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Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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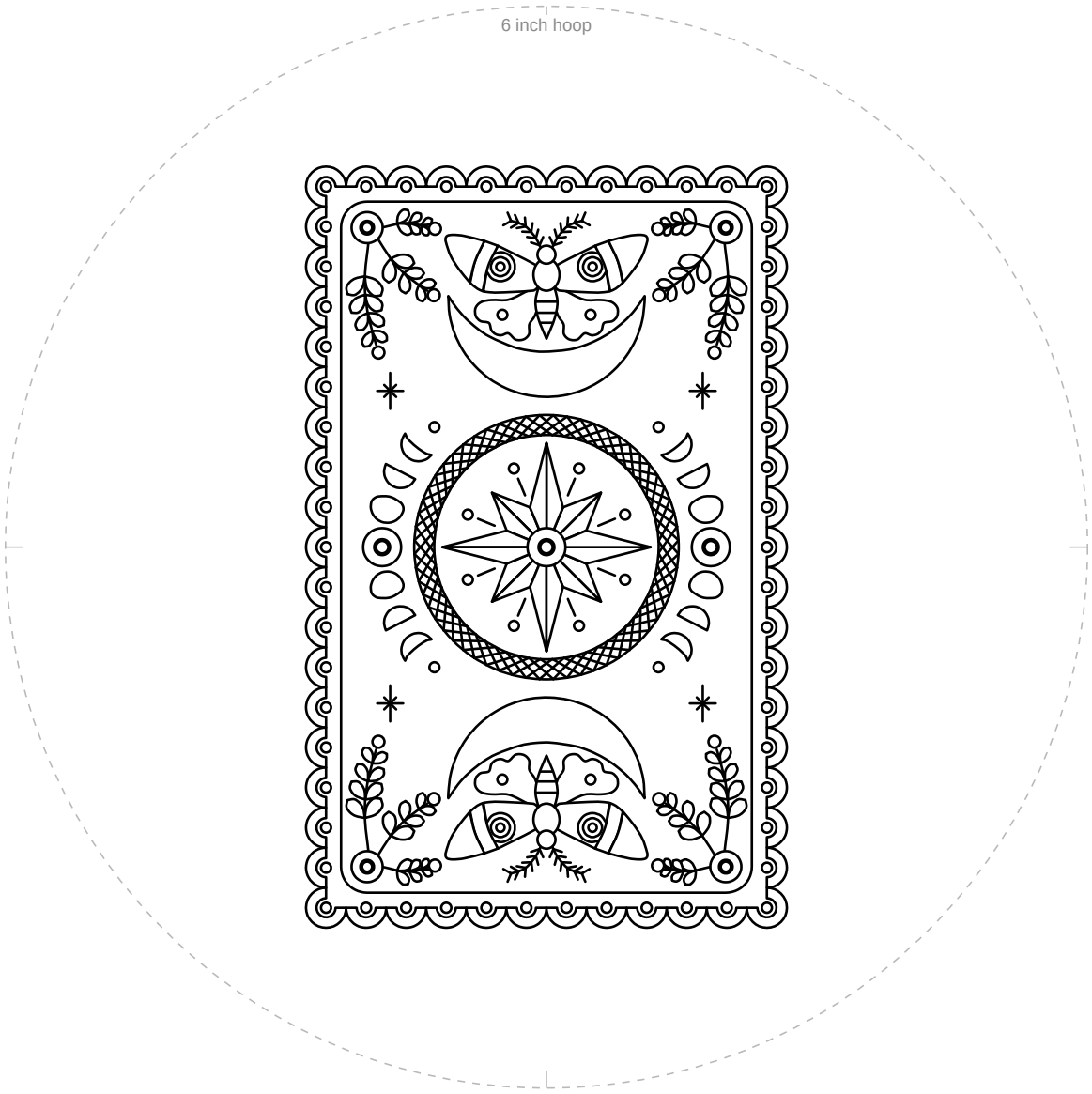
6 inch hoop

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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