Texas sugar skull with bluebonnets

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 4.6 in (11.2 × 11.7 cm).



Which color goes where.

Stitches

- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Cactus pads, cactus buds, bluebonnet stems, bluebonnets, cactus blooms, bloom cups, eye scallops, eye petals, eye stars, brow petals, and 5 more
- **French knot**, 1 to 2 strands, two wraps
  Pad spines, cactus buds, bluebonnet tips, bluebonnet spots, bloom hearts, cheek knots
- **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
  Skull outline, cheek scrolls, jaw scrolls
- **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
  Skull inner line
- **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
  Leaves
- **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Nose

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots 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.

Floss

- **DMC 3364 Pine Green**
  Cactus pads (darker)
- **DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green**
  Cactus pads (lighter)
- **DMC 712 Cream**
  Teeth, skull outline, skull inner line, pad spines, bluebonnet spots and bluebonnet tips
- **DMC 718 Plum**
  Cactus blooms and cactus buds (darker)
- **DMC 3608 Very Light Plum**
  Cactus blooms and cactus buds (lighter), temple petals, chin flower (middle)
- **DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Leaves, bloom cups and bluebonnet stems
- **DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue**
  Bluebonnets (dark)
- **DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue**
  Bluebonnets (middle)
- **DMC 3840 Light Lavender Blue**
  Bluebonnets (light)
- **DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Bloom hearts, brow star, eye stars and cheek knots
- **DMC 351 Coral**
  Eye scallops, nose and jaw leaves, chin flower (dark)
- **DMC 3846 Light Bright Turquoise**
  Eye petals, cheek scrolls, jaw scrolls and brow petals, chin flower (light)

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.

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25.4 mm

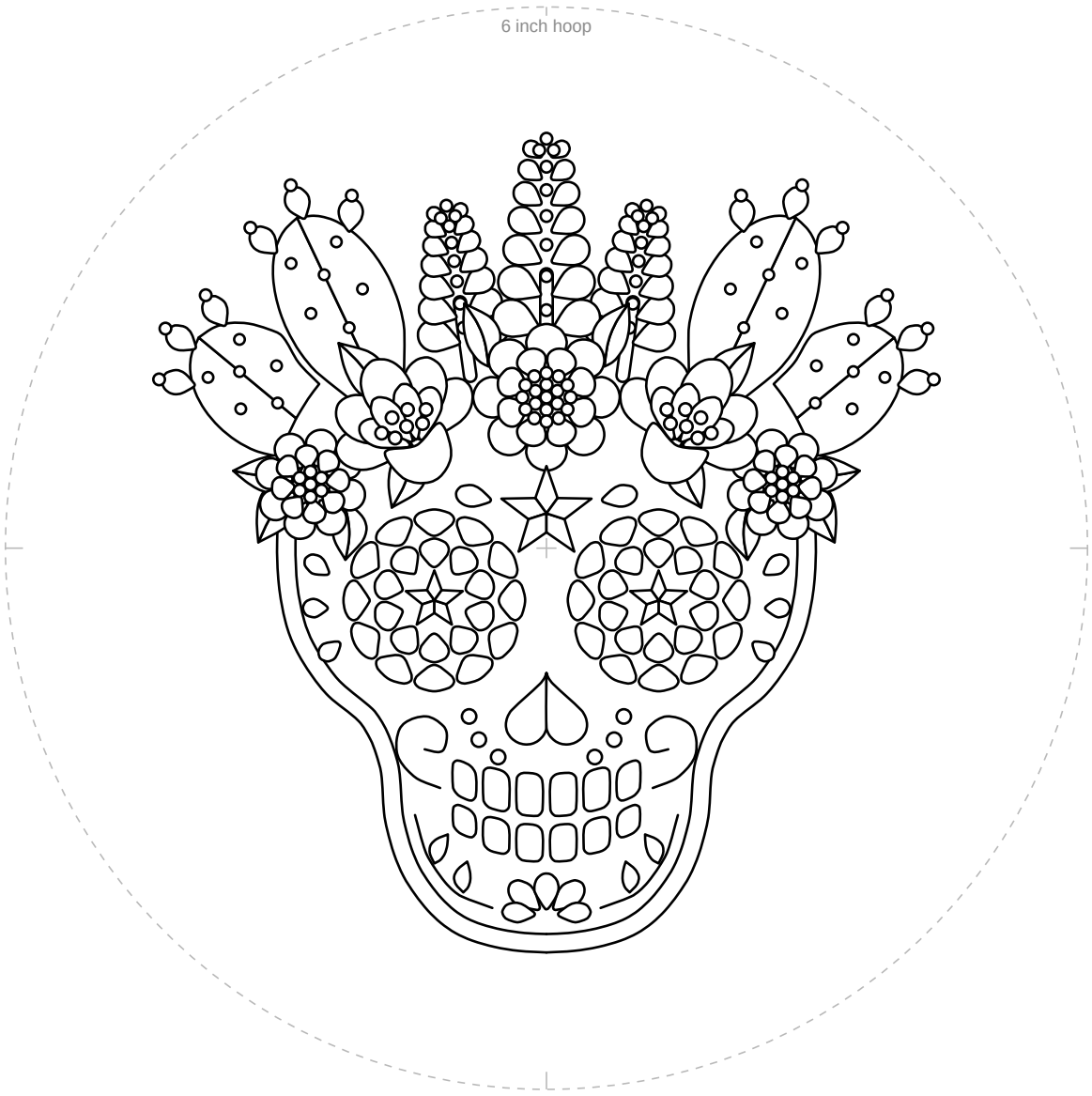
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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