Three fish in a wheel

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



A number is a row of the list.

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.

4 skeins of DMC 800 and 2 of DMC 797; one of each other 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 2 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 2 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 3, 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.

Floss

DMC 800 Pale Delft Blue
Heads and backs (lightest), waves and eye highlights, tails, back fins, side fins and belly fins (light), eyes (lighter)

DMC 797 Royal Blue
Backs and heads (darkest), fish outlines, wave edges, gill covers, barbels and mouths, scales, border and eyes (darker)

DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue
Backs and heads (light), border (lighter), back fins, tails, side fins and belly fins (middle)

DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue
Backs, back fins, heads, belly fins, tails and side fins (dark), scales (lighter), tail rays and fin rays

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands
   Tails, back fins, belly fins, backs, heads, side fins



2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Waves, eyes



3. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: wave edges, border, fish outlines, mouths
   3 strands: gill covers
   1 strand: edges of the eyes, barbels

4. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Tail rays, fin rays, scales

5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Eye highlights



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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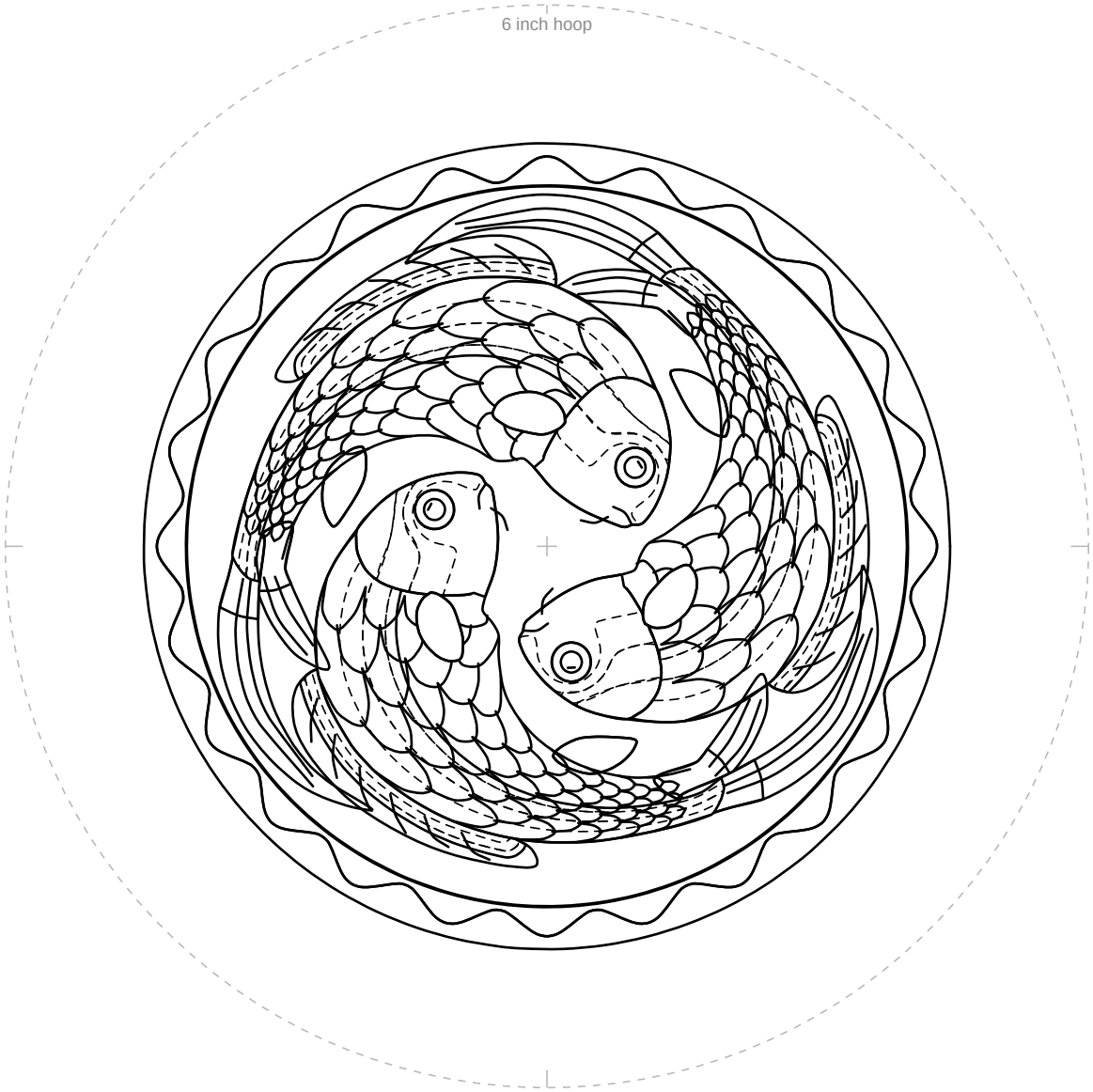
6 inch hoop

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 broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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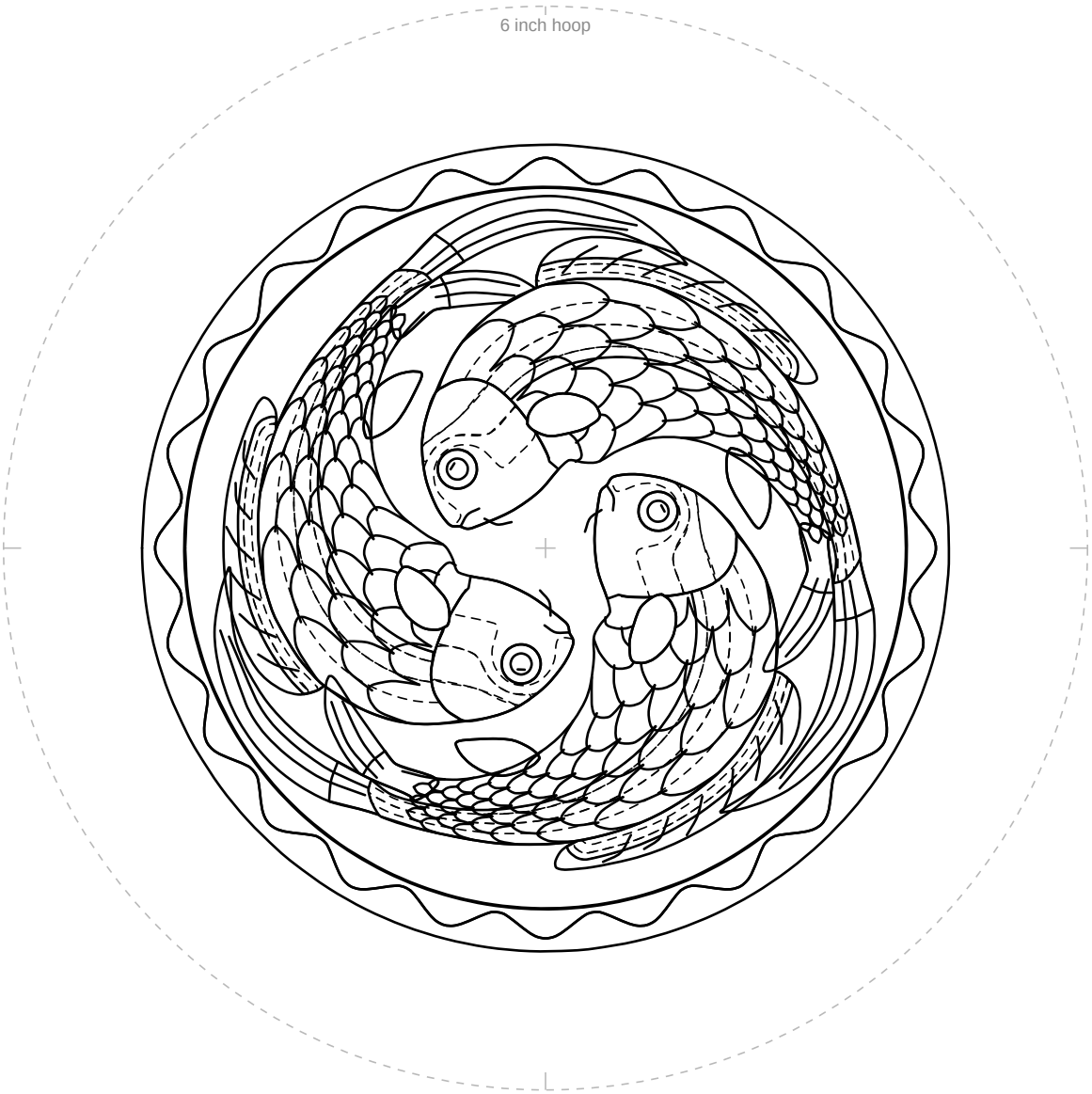
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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