Three skeins of floss

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.2 × 4.1 in (10.7 × 10.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: indigo cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of indigo cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

19 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the loose end

2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Peacock loops, peacock strands, marigold loops, marigold strands, loose end, magenta loops, magenta strands



Stitch in this order, continued

3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Gold bands, needle



4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Needle eye

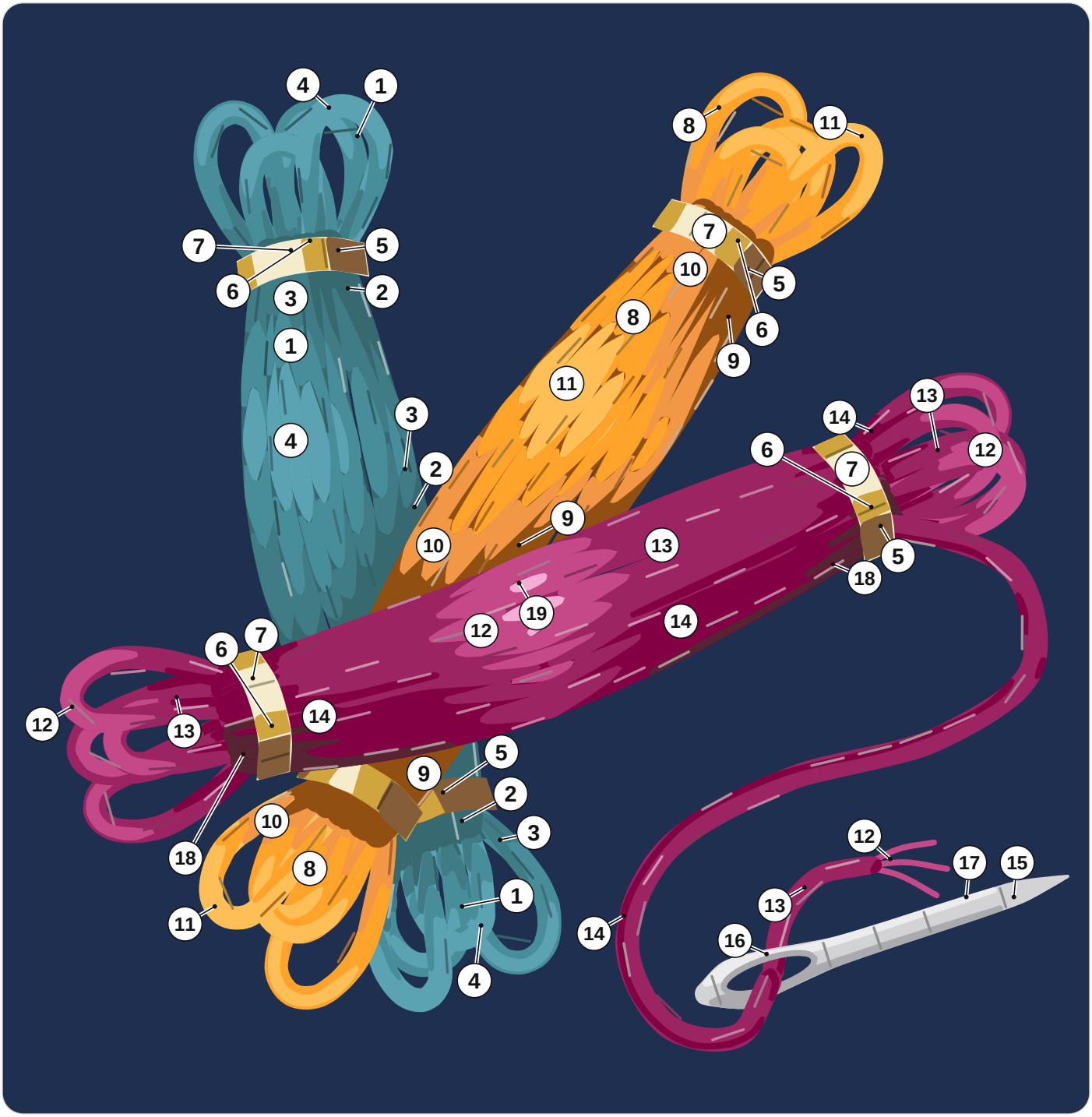
Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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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 3810 Dark Turquoise	**8**	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine	**15**	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
2	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	**9**	DMC 975 Dark Golden Brown	**16**	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
3	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise	**10**	DMC 3853 Dark Autumn Gold	**17**	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
4	DMC 597 Turquoise	**11**	DMC 742 Light Tangerine	**18**	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape
5	DMC 869 Very Dark Hazelnut Brown	**12**	DMC 3607 Light Plum	**19**	DMC 3609 Ultra Light Plum
6	DMC 729 Medium Old Gold	**13**	DMC 718 Plum		
7	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold	**14**	DMC 915 Dark Plum		

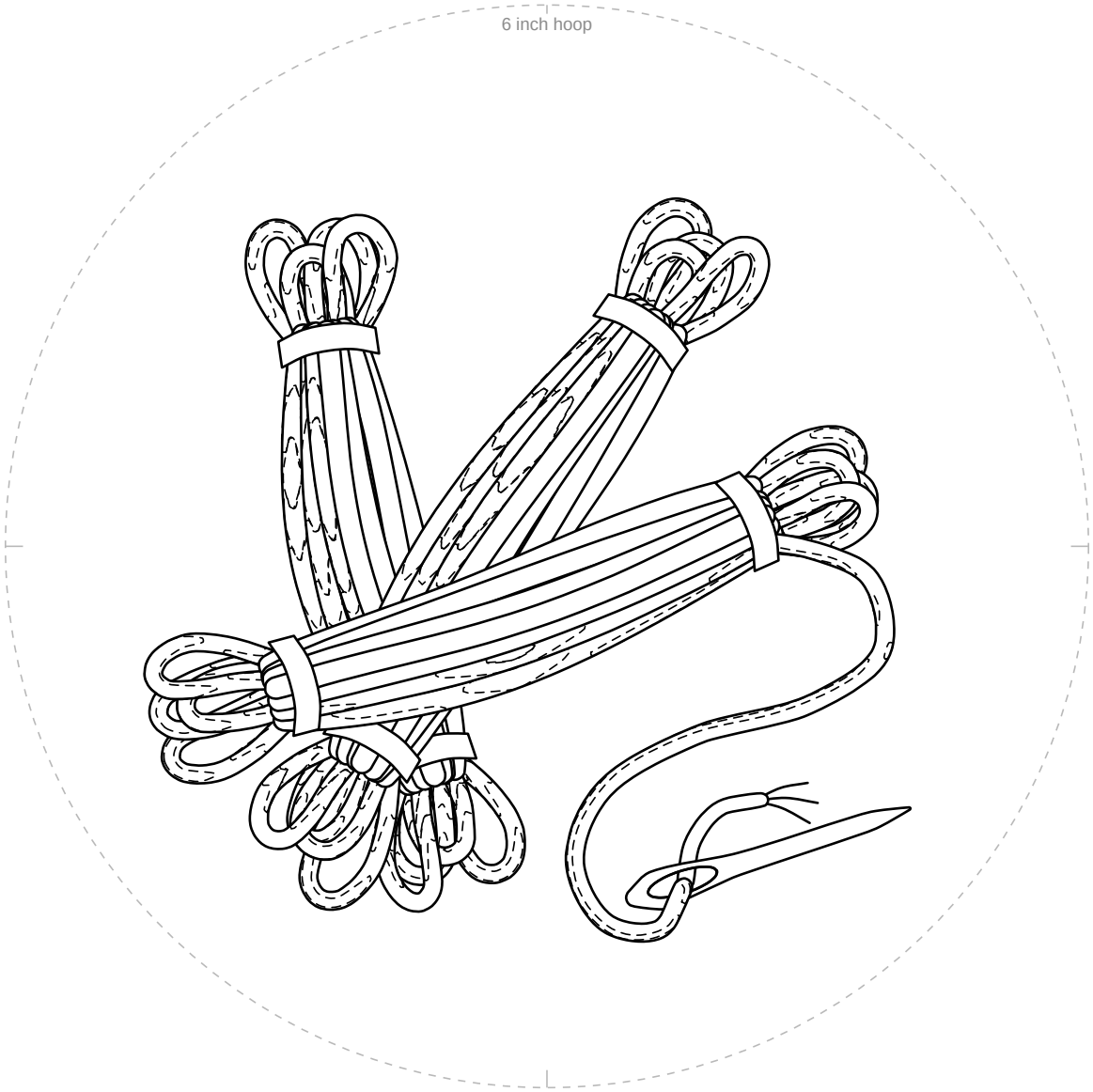
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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