Three small butterflies in flight

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



Which color goes where.

Floss

- **DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Butterflies, wing petals, flight paths and feelers (middle), bow
- **DMC 3844 Dark Bright Turquoise**
  Butterflies, flight paths, wing petals and feelers (light), eyes
- **DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet**
  Butterflies, wing petals, flight paths and feelers (dark)

Stitches

- **Back stitch**, 2 to 3 strands
  Butterflies, feelers, bow
- **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
  Wing petals
- **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
  Feelers, eyes
- **Running stitch**, 3 strands
  Flight paths

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.

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.

Work it in this order

1. Stitch the filled parts first, what lies behind before what lies in front of it.
2. Then stitch the lines: stems, veins and outlines over the edges of the filled parts.
3. Keep the knots for the end, so that the hoop and your hand do not flatten them.

The thread
Start each thread with a small knot on the back or one of the knotless starts, and end it by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

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6 inch hoop

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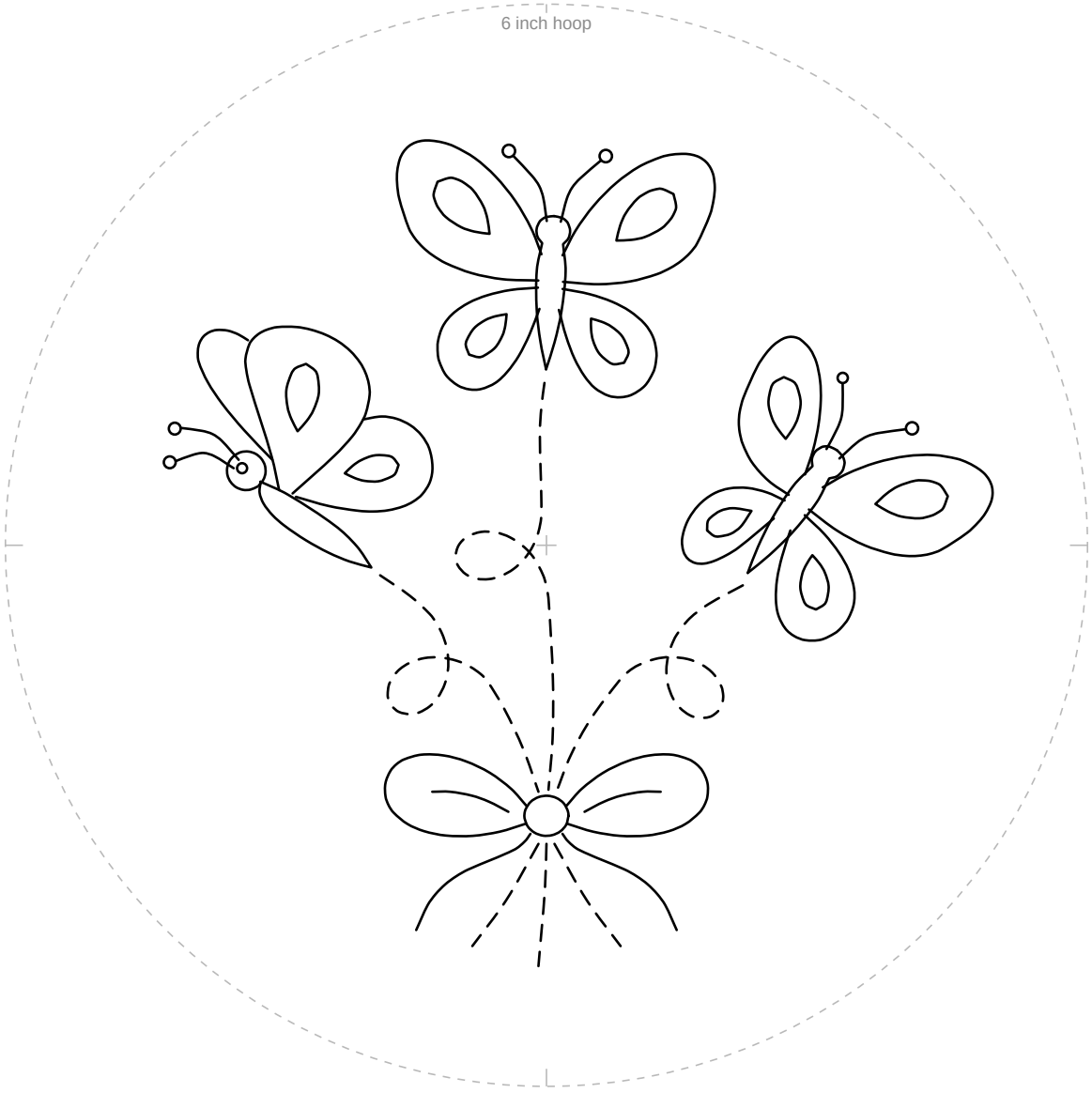

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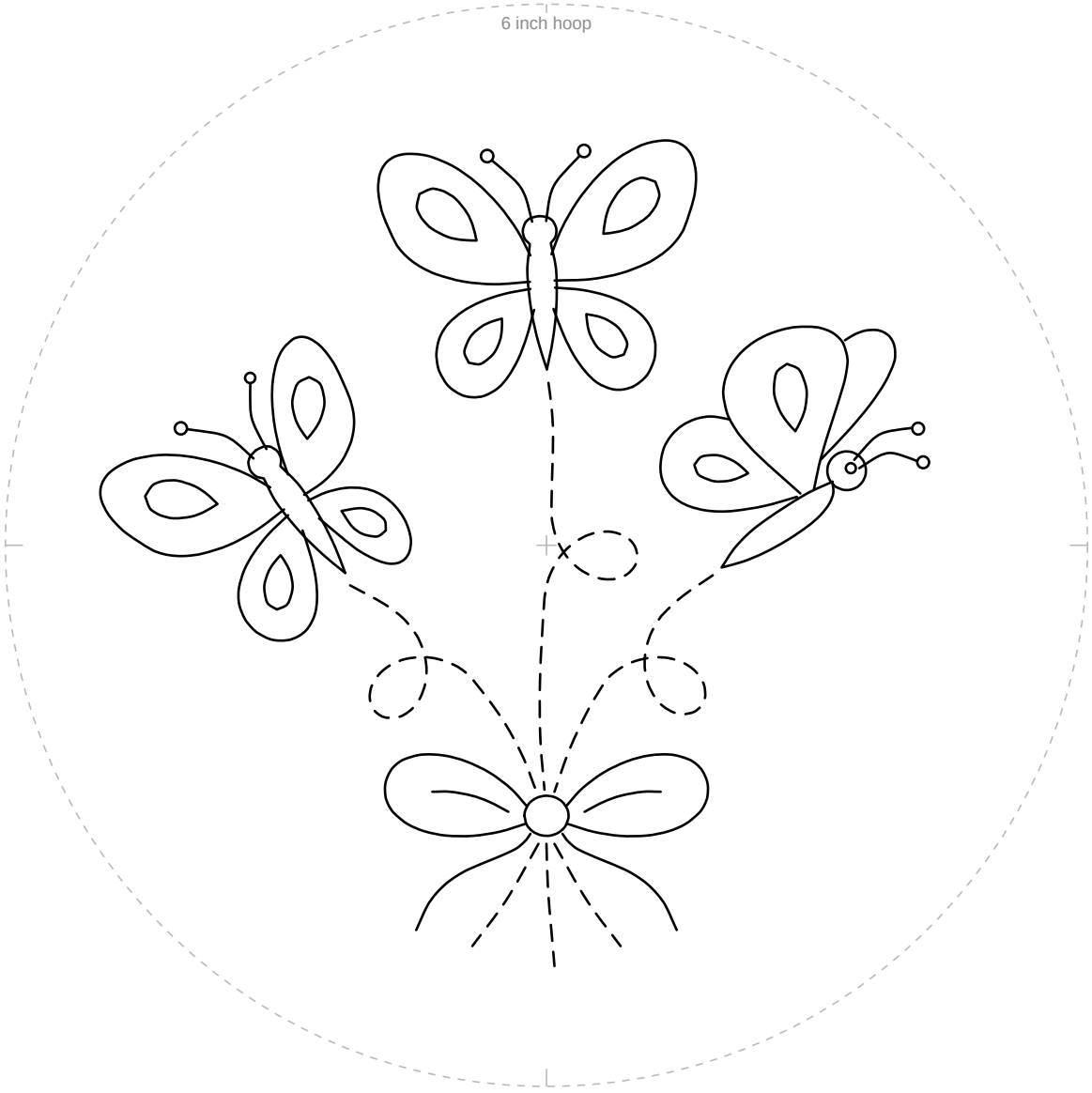
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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