To the moon with a moth and moon phases

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 4.7 in (11.4 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Full moon, seas of the moon, moons, hellebores, hind wings, fore wings, and 3 more
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Dark of the moons, little stars, berries, sepals, wing bands, and 6 more
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, buds
4. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Moon edges, petal edges, words
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Moon rims, stems, leaves, berry stalks, wing edges, antennae
6. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaves, small words
7. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Stamens, antennae
8. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Star dust, berry lights, anthers, flower hearts, eyes

Floss

- 1 **DMC 3865 Winter White** Moons and full moon (lighter), moon edges
- 2 **DMC 3024 Very Light Brown Gray** Full moon and moons (darker)
- 3 **DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray** Moon rims and seas of the moon
- 4 **DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue** Dark of the moons
- 5 **DMC 3822 Light Straw** Wing edges and small words and 4 more parts
- 6 **DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray** Leaves (darker), stems
- 7 **DMC 3053 Green Gray** Leaves (lighter), flower hearts
- 8 **DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray** Berry stalks and sepals
- 9 **DMC 815 Medium Garnet** Berries
- 10 **DMC 3726 Dark Antique Mauve** Hellebores (middle), berry lights
- 11 **DMC 315 Medium Dark Antique Mauve**
  Petal edges, hellebores (dark), buds (darker)
- 12 **DMC 3727 Light Antique Mauve** Hellebores (light), buds (lighter)
- 13 **DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Wing eyes (lighter), stamens and eyes, antennae (darker)
- 14 **DMC 921 Copper** Fore wings (shade 5 of 9) and 2 more parts
- 15 **DMC 918 Dark Red Copper**
  Fore wings (shade 3 of 9) and 2 more parts
- 16 **DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany**
  Fore wings (shade 6 of 9), abdomen (light) and 1 more part
- 17 **DMC 154 Very Dark Grape**
  Wing eyes (darker), wing bands (dark) and 3 more parts
- 18 **DMC 712 Cream** Words, hind wings (lightest) and 4 more parts
- 19 **DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown**
  Fore wings (shade 7 of 9), thorax (dark) and 1 more part
- 20 **DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown**
  Hind wings and thorax (light), fore wings (shade 8 of 9)
- 21 **DMC 3834 Dark Grape** Fore wings (shade 2 of 9) and 4 more parts
- 22 **DMC 782 Dark Topaz** Wing margins (lighter)
- 23 **DMC 3835 Medium Grape** Fore wings (shade 4 of 9)

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 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 3 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 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 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.

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6 inch hoop

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

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

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



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5	DMC 3822 Light Straw	13	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	21	DMC 3834 Dark Grape
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7	DMC 3053 Green Gray	15	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper	23	DMC 3835 Medium Grape
8	DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray	16	DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany		

How many strands

Split stitch. 2 strands: words; 1 strand: moon edges, petal edges.
Stem stitch. 3 strands: stems; 2 strands: antennae; 1 strand: moon rims, leaves, berry stalks, wing edges.
Back stitch. 4 strands: small words; 1 strand: leaves.
French knot. 2 strands: flower hearts; 1 or 2 strands: star dust; 1 strand: berry lights, anthers, eyes.

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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
25.4 mm

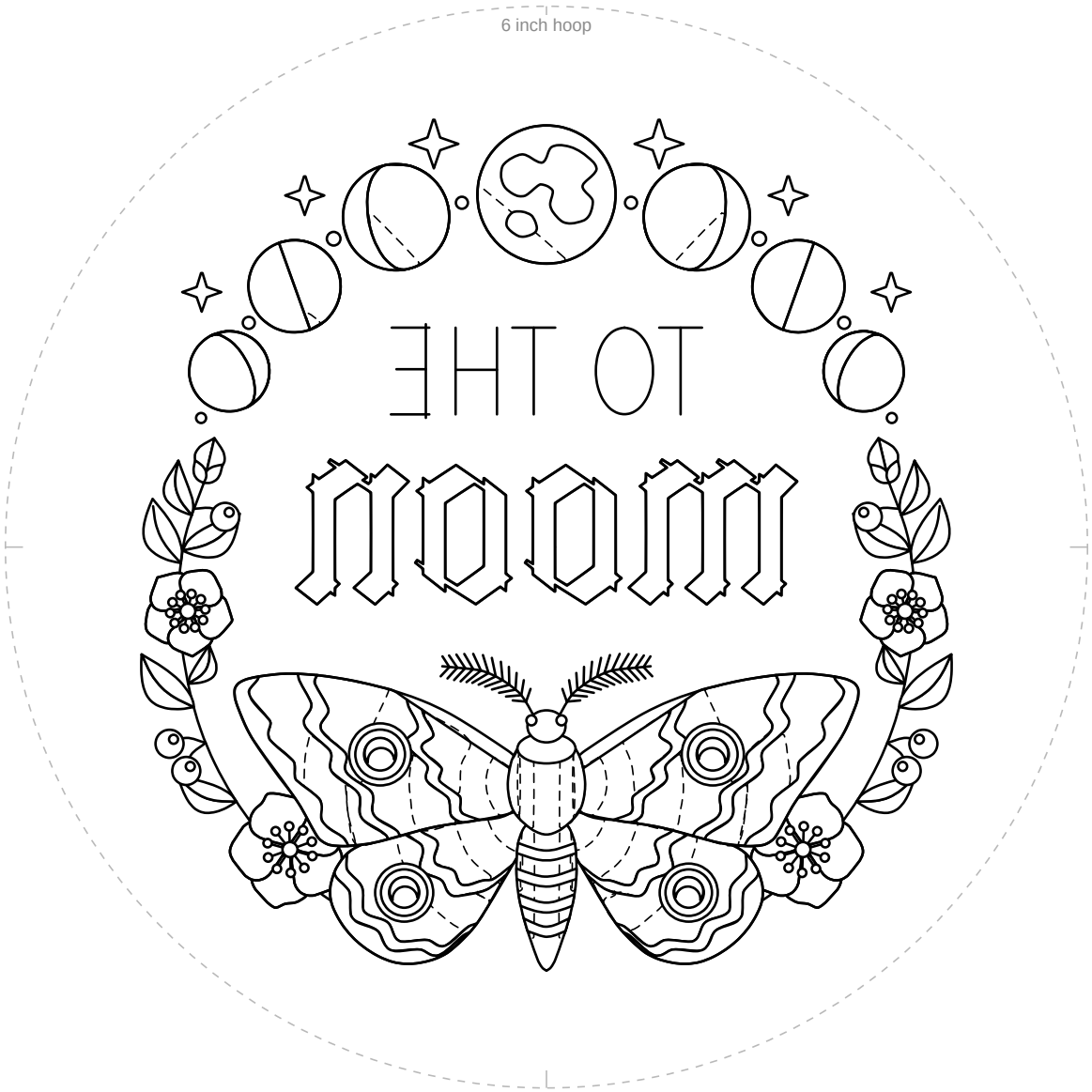
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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