Two sea otters swimming in a circle

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 cm)



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

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Hind feet, fur, thighs, forelegs, heads
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ears, noses, eyes
3. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: ring
   2 strands: wave edge
4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Toe lines (colors 9 and 12), mouths
5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Toe lines (color 10), ear linings, whiskers
6. **Running stitch**, 1 strand
   Ripples
7. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Sea star, muzzles
8. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Bubbles, star beads, eye highlights

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

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.

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.

Buy: 13 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of indigo cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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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 3841 Pale Baby Blue	**6**	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	**11**	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
2	DMC 334 Medium Baby Blue	**7**	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	**12**	DMC 3371 Black Brown
3	DMC 498 Dark Red	**8**	DMC 433 Medium Brown	**13**	DMC 712 Cream
4	DMC 349 Dark Coral	**9**	DMC 435 Very Light Brown		
5	DMC 353 Peach	**10**	DMC 437 Light Tan		

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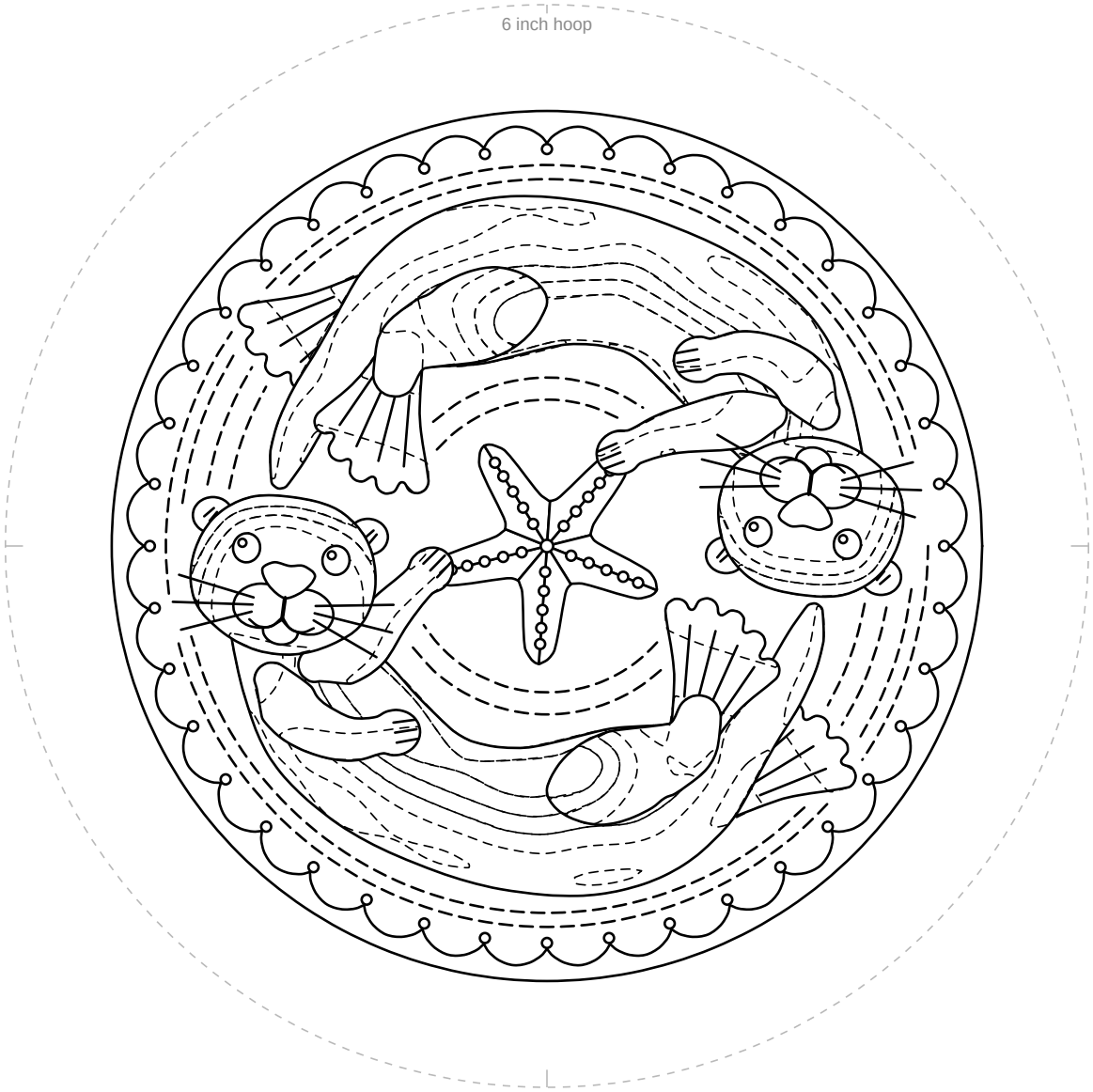
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a dashed line is running stitch; a finer one 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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