Underwater sea turtle, Japanese style

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 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
   Sun, shell
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Fish, fish heads, fish tails, coral, wave scales, far flipper, back flippers, near flipper, tail, shell rim, head, beak, eye ring, eye, and 2 more
3. **Stem stitch**, 4 strands
   Border
4. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Border

Floss

- **1 DMC 351 Coral** Sun (lighter), fish
- **2 DMC 349 Dark Coral**
  Coral, fish tails and fish heads, sun (darker)
- **3 DMC 310 Black** Eye and fish eyes
- **4 DMC 3756 Ultra Very Light Baby Blue**
  Border (lighter), wave scales (lightest), bubbles and eye light
- **5 DMC 3761 Light Sky Blue** Wave scales (light)
- **6 DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue**
  Border (darker), wave scales (dark)
- **7 DMC 3760 Medium Wedgwood**
  Wave scales (darkest)
- **8 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Far flipper and eyelid, back flippers (dark)
- **9 DMC 470 Light Avocado Green**
  Near flipper and head (darker), back flippers (middle), tail
- **10 DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green**
  Near flipper and head (lighter), back flippers (light)
- **11 DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold**
  Shell rim and beak
- **12 DMC 3855 Light Autumn Gold**
  Shell (lightest)
- **13 DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany**
  Shell (darkest)
- **14 DMC 918 Dark Red Copper** Shell (dark)
- **15 DMC 3853 Dark Autumn Gold** Shell (light)
- **16 DMC 3822 Light Straw** Eye ring

Stitches, continued

5. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Fish eyes, eye light

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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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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4	DMC 3756 Ultra Very Light Baby Blue	**10**	DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green	**16**	DMC 3822 Light Straw
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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

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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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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