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Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 1.9 × 4.6 in (4.8 × 11.7 cm).



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

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3608 Very Light Plum**
  Aurora curtain, lake reflection and stars (dark), cabin roof
- **2 DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise**
  Aurora curtain and lake reflection (darkest)
- **3 DMC 993 Very Light Aquamarine**
  Aurora curtain and lake reflection (light)
- **4 DMC 3819 Light Moss Green**
  Aurora curtain and lake reflection (lightest)
- **5 DMC 746 Off White**
  Frame line, snow caps and aurora hem, stars (light)
- **6 DMC 3755 Baby Blue**
  Peaks (lighter)
- **7 DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue**
  Peaks (darker)
- **8 DMC 733 Medium Olive Green**
  Shore
- **9 DMC 3826 Golden Brown**
  Cabin front and spruce trunks
- **10 DMC 320 Medium Pistachio Green**
  Spruces (lighter)
- **11 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green**
  Spruces (darker)
- **12 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Frame and cabin window, stars (middle)

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Aurora curtain, peaks, snow caps, shore, spruce trunks, spruces, cabin front, cabin window, cabin roof, lake reflection, frame
2. **Whipped back stitch**, 2 strands
   Aurora hem
3. **Straight stitch**, 2 to 3 strands
   Stars
4. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Frame line
5. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Stars

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How to read it

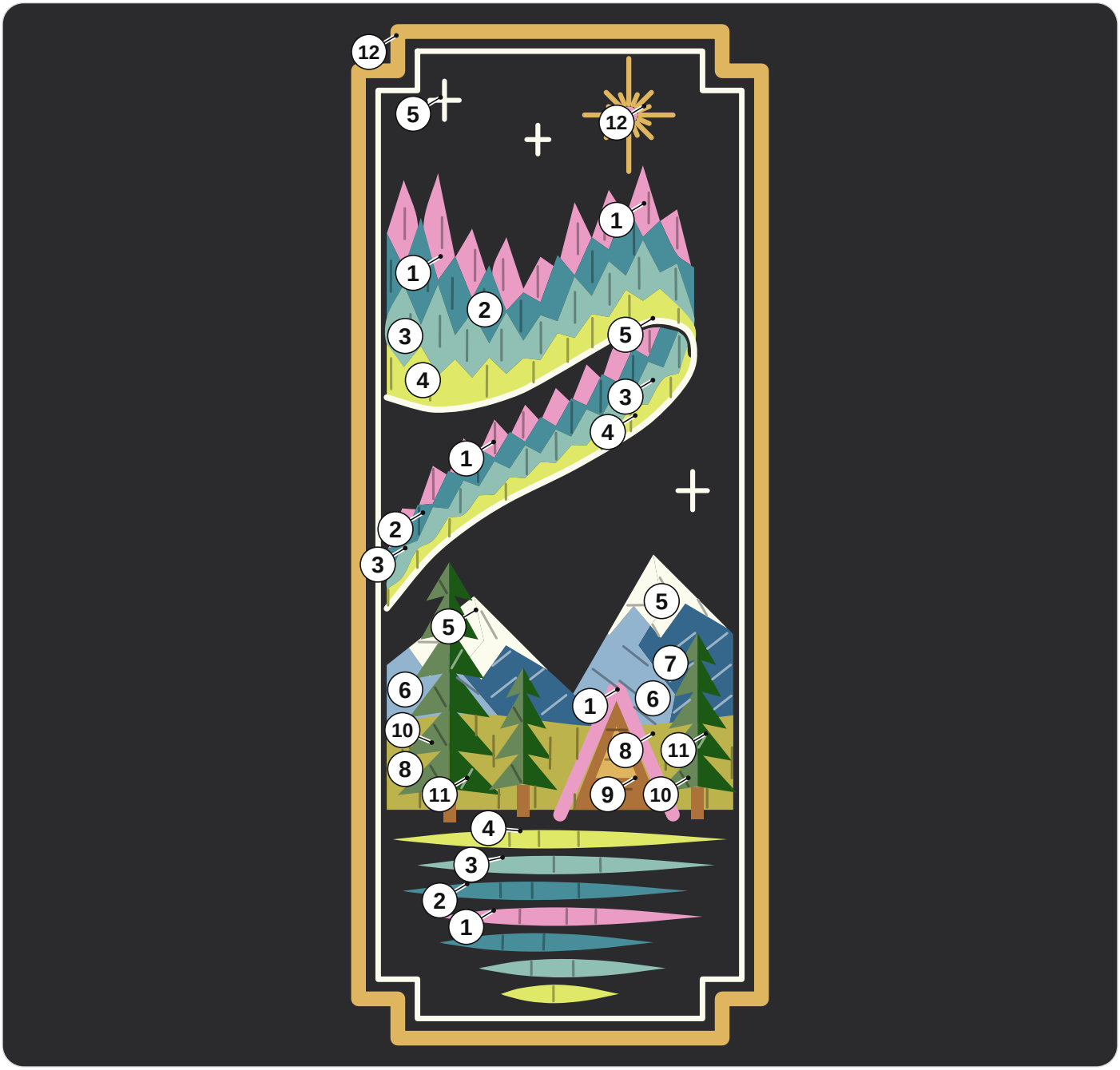
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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 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.



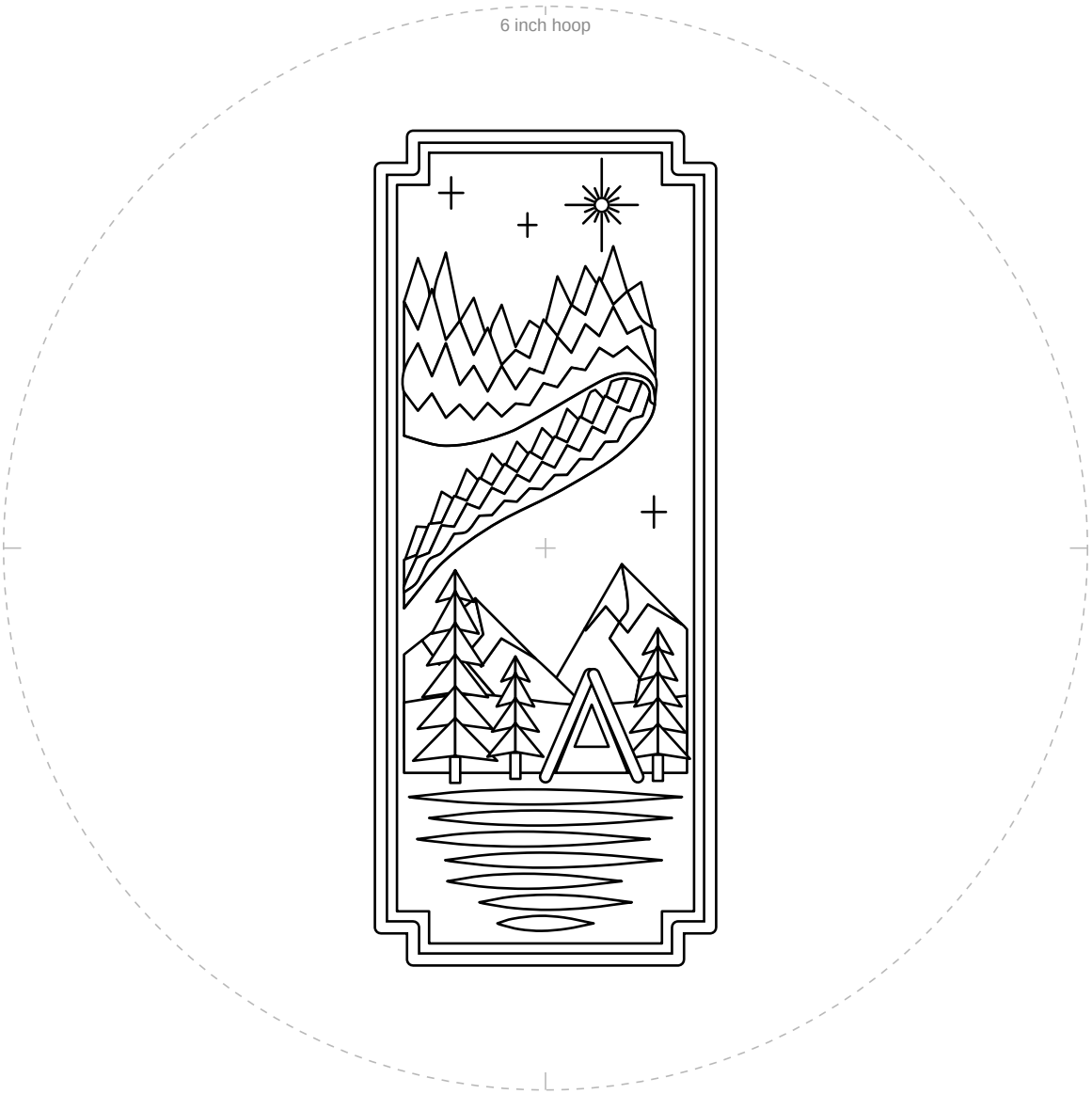
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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

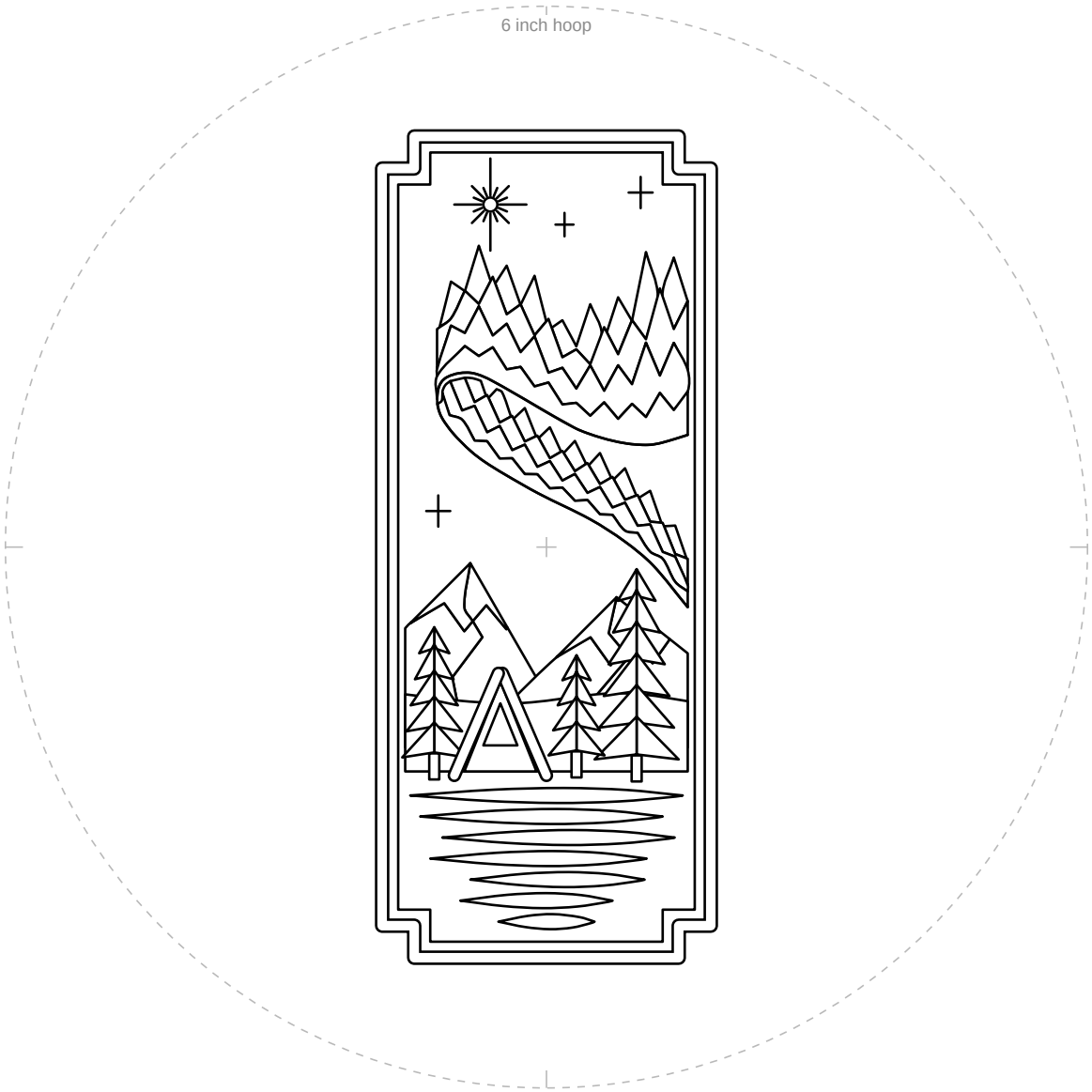
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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