Vintage turkey platter in blue

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.1 in (12.4 × 10.4 cm)



Colors.

Floss

- **DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue**
  Tail small wing feathers, small wing feathers and wattle (darkest), leaf outlines, platter rim, well line, tail outline, acorn outlines, bird outline, wing bars, berries, wing outline, rim sprigs, beard, legs, head outline and eye, tail feathers, body, thighs and sprig leaves (dark), tail bands, leaf veins, wing feathers, bill and head folds (darker)
- **DMC 797 Royal Blue**
  Body, tail feathers, sprig leaves and thighs (middle), rim fans, rim line, fence rails, fence posts, snood, barn, caruncles and far birds, acorn cups, grass and ground (darker), tail small wing feathers, small wing feathers and wattle (dark), leaf veins and head folds (lighter)
- **DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue**
  Body, small wing feathers, tail small wing feathers, tail feathers, sprig leaves, wattle and thighs (light), oak leaves, acorns, trees and head (darker), well beading, horizon, barn roof and barn door, tail bands, ground and grass (lighter)
- **DMC 800 Pale Delft Blue**
  Oak leaves, wing feathers, acorn cups, head, acorns, bill and trees (lighter), small wing feathers, tail small wing feathers and wattle (lightest), breast feathers, feather shafts and eye highlight

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

2 skeins of DMC 823; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 2 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 2 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 3, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Rim line
2. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: rim sprigs
   1 strand: lines of the trees
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Sprig leaves, trees
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Tail feathers, tail small wing feathers, thighs, body, small wing feathers, head, wattle
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries, oak leaves, acorns, acorn cups, barn roof, barn door, tail bands, wing feathers, wing bars, bill, snood, eye
6. **Trellis stitch**, 1 strand
   Edges of the acorn cups
7. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: leaf outlines, acorn outlines, edges of the bill
   1 strand: horizon, tail outline (DMC 823), lines of the tail small wing feathers, bird outline (DMC 823), breast feathers, edges of the wing feathers, head outline, edges of the wattle

Stitch in this order, continued

8. **Back stitch**
   2 strands: leaf veins (DMC 823), well line
   1 strand: barn, fence rails, fence posts, feather shafts, head folds, lines of the bill
9. **Running stitch**, 1 strand
   Well beading
10. **Straight stitch**
    1 strand: leaf veins (DMC 797), far birds, eye highlight
    2 strands: grass
11. **Stem stitch**
    3 strands: platter rim, legs
    1 strand: edges of the sprig leaves, ground, lines of the small wing feathers
    2 strands: tail outline (DMC 823), bird outline (DMC 823), wing outline, beard
12. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
    Rim fans
13. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Caruncles

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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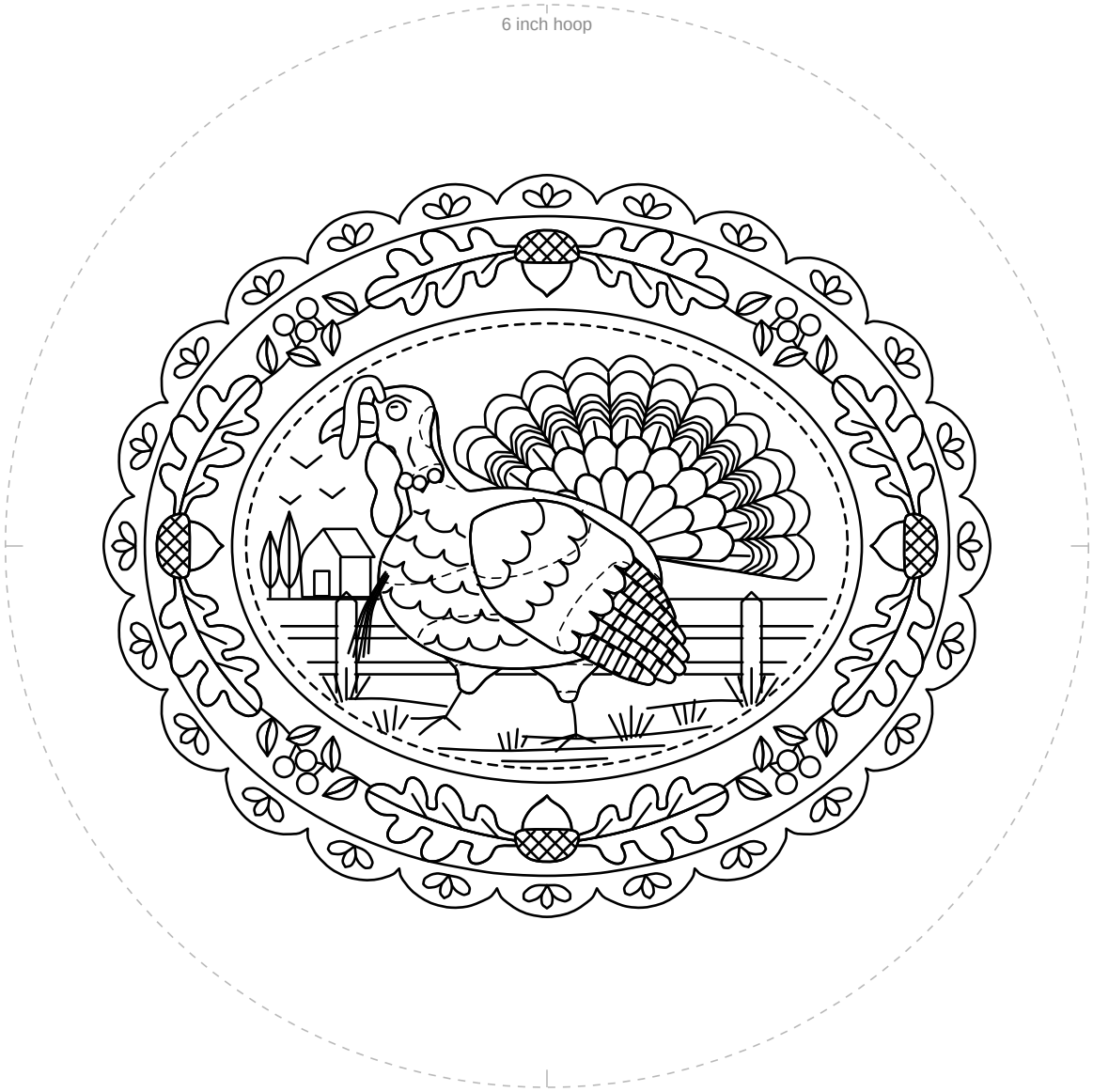
6 inch hoop

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 loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a dashed line is running stitch; a finer one inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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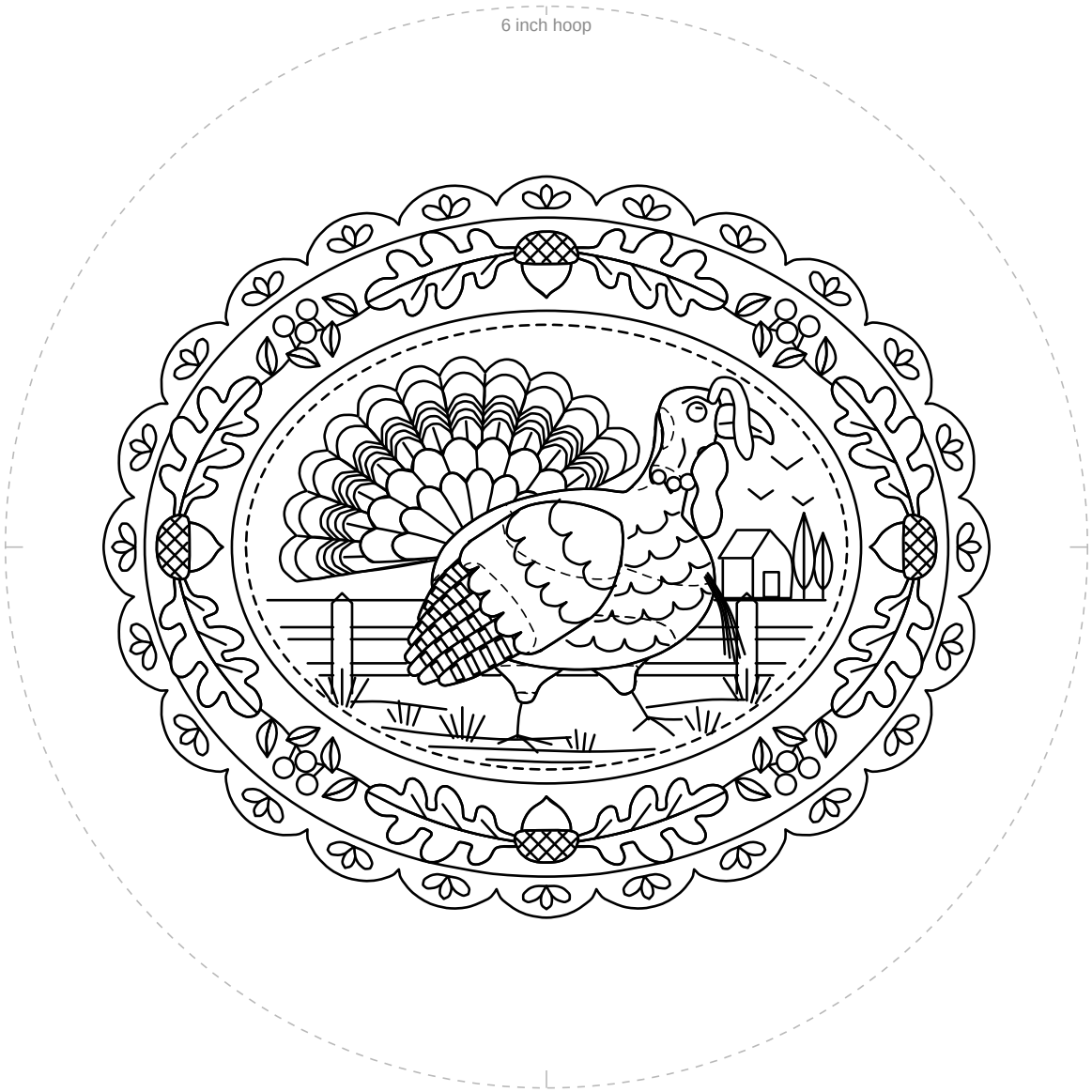
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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