Blue watercolor butterfly border

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 2.9 in (11.9 × 7.4 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Pale leaves, sepals, blossom hearts, wing spots, gold spots, bodies
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaves, buds, blossoms, hind wing margins, hind wings, forewing margins, forewings
3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Pale leaves, leaf veins, petal edges, veins
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Vine, sprigs, antennae, wing edges
5. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Sprig knots, antennae tips

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3761 Light Sky Blue**
  Hind wings (shade 8 of 9), pale leaves (lighter), leaves (lightest) and 1 more part
- **2 DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue**
  Leaves (light), pale leaves (darker)
- **3 DMC 3765 Very Dark Peacock Blue**
  Vine, leaf veins and sprigs, leaves (darkest)
- **4 DMC 826 Medium Blue**
  Forewings (shade 5 of 9), sprig knots (lighter)
- **5 DMC 825 Dark Blue**
  Forewings (shade 4 of 9), sprig knots (darker)
- **6 DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise** Leaves (dark), sepals
- **7 DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet**
  Petal edges, hind wings (shade 6 of 9), blossoms (dark), buds (middle)
- **8 DMC 796 Dark Royal Blue**
  Wing edges, veins (lighter), forewings and hind wings (shade 2 of 9), buds (darkest)
- **9 DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet**
  Hind wings (shade 4 of 9), blossoms (darkest), buds (dark)
- **10 DMC 341 Light Blue Violet**
  Blossoms and buds (light), hind wings (shade 7 of 9)
- **11 DMC 3756 Ultra Very Light Baby Blue**
  Hind wings and forewings (shade 9 of 9), blossoms and buds (lightest), wing spots
- **12 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Blossom hearts and gold spots
- **13 DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue**
  Forewing margins and hind wing margins (lighter), veins (darker) and 2 more parts
- **14 DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue**
  Hind wing margins and forewing margins (darker), bodies, antennae and antennae tips
- **15 DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue**
  Forewings and hind wings (shade 3 of 9)
- **16 DMC 3843 Electric Blue**
  Forewings (shade 6 of 9), hind wings (shade 5 of 9)
- **17 DMC 827 Very Light Blue** Forewings (shade 8 of 9)

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them 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.

Begin with no knot on the back where it is seen and washed, as on a towel, a napkin or clothes; for a piece in a hoop a small knot is fine. End each thread by whipping it around the backs of four or five stitches, with one small hitch.

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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2	DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue	**8**	DMC 796 Dark Royal Blue	**14**	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue
3	DMC 3765 Very Dark Peacock Blue	**9**	DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet	**15**	DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue
4	DMC 826 Medium Blue	**10**	DMC 341 Light Blue Violet	**16**	DMC 3843 Electric Blue
5	DMC 825 Dark Blue	**11**	DMC 3756 Ultra Very Light Baby Blue	**17**	DMC 827 Very Light Blue
6	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	**12**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw		

How many strands

Stem stitch. 2 or 4 strands: vine; 1 strand: sprigs, antennae, wing edges.

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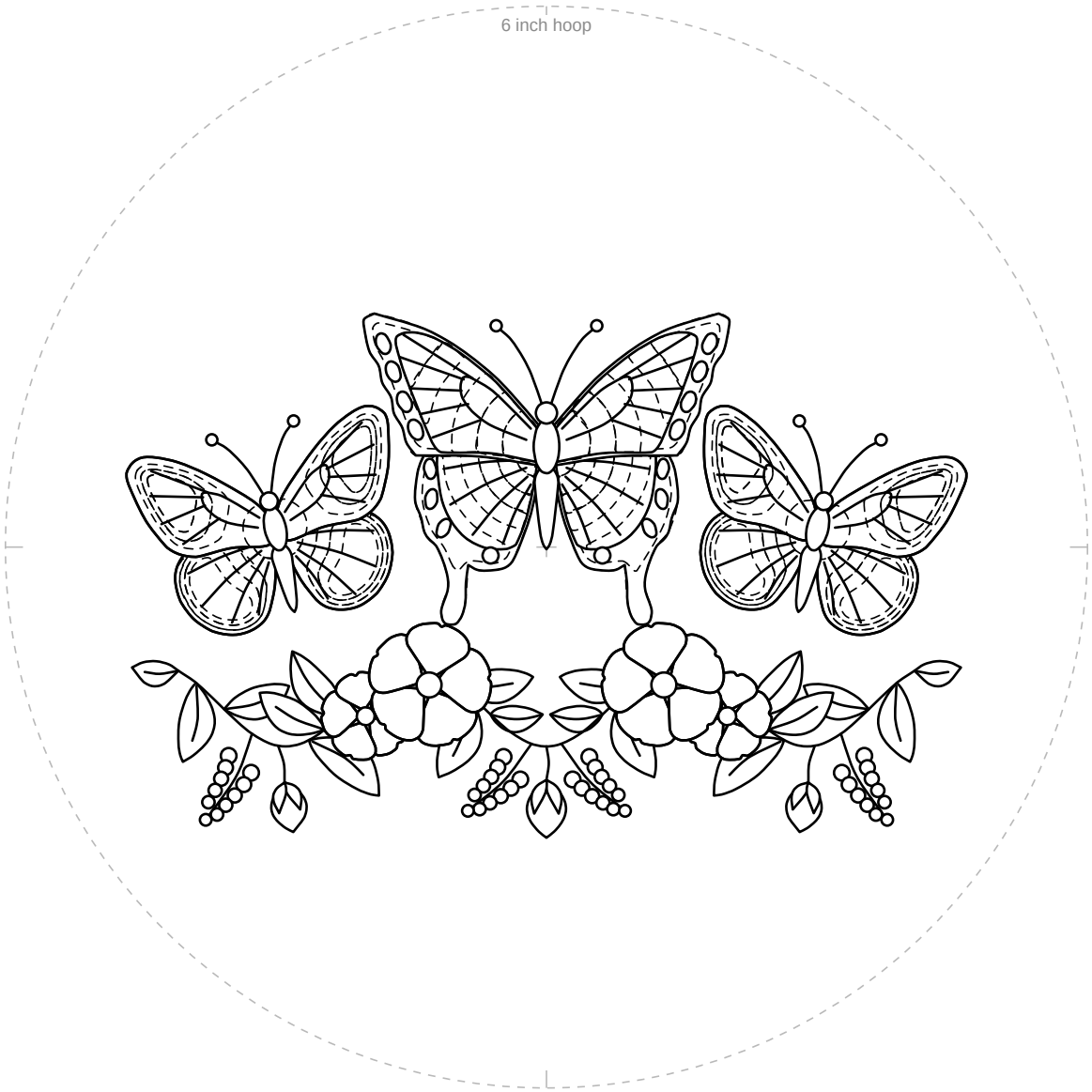
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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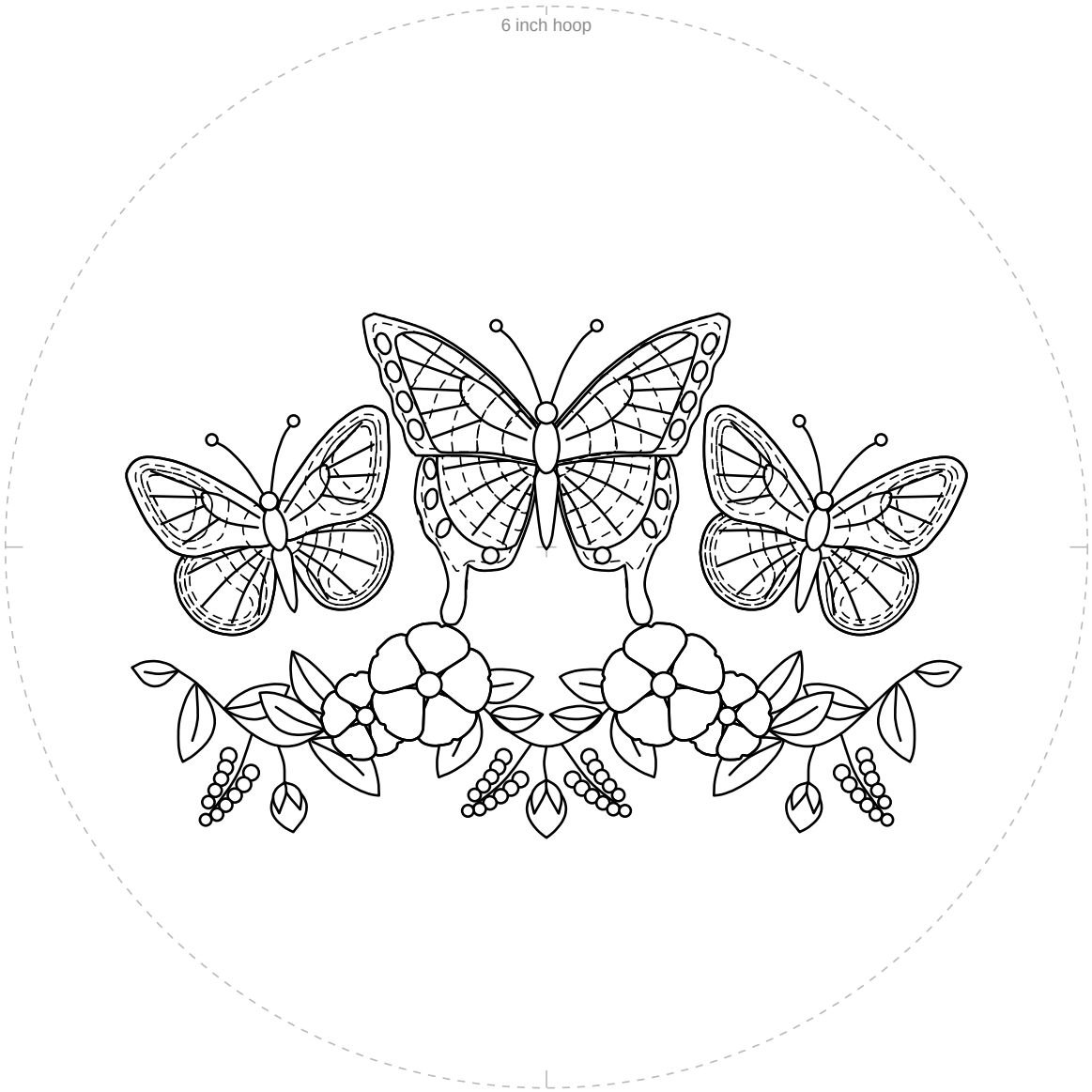
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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