Watercolor monarch with open wings

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 4.6 in (11.7 × 11.7 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. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Color wash, wing borders and veins, wing cells, thorax
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Paint drops, wing windows, antenna clubs, abdomen, head, eyes
3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Wash edges, wing edges
4. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Antennae
5. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Abdomen bands
6. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   White dots, eye lights

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 775 Very Light Baby Blue** Color wash (shade 10 of 10)
- **2 DMC 964 Light Seagreen** Color wash (shade 6 of 10)
- **3 DMC 3811 Very Light Turquoise**
  Color wash (shade 8 of 10), paint drops (lightest)
- **4 DMC 211 Light Lavender** Color wash (shade 5 of 10)
- **5 DMC 341 Light Blue Violet**
  Color wash (shade 2 of 10), wash edges (middle), paint drops (dark)
- **6 DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet**
  Color wash (shade 7 of 10), paint drops (light)
- **7 DMC 605 Very Light Cranberry**
  Color wash (shade 4 of 10), paint drops (middle light)
- **8 DMC 3609 Ultra Light Plum**
  Color wash (shade 3 of 10), wash edges (light), paint drops (middle dark)
- **9 DMC 967 Very Light Apricot** Color wash (shade 9 of 10)
- **10 DMC 554 Light Violet** Color wash (shade 1 of 10)
- **11 DMC 598 Light Turquoise**
  Wash edges (dark), paint drops (darkest)
- **12 DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue**
  Wing borders and veins (darker), wing edges and antennae and 4 more parts
- **13 DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue**
  Wing borders and veins and head (lighter), thorax and abdomen (middle), eyes (darker)
- **14 DMC 741 Medium Tangerine** Wing cells (shade 6 of 7)
- **15 DMC 3607 Light Plum** Wing cells (shade 2 of 7)
- **16 DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry** Wing cells (shade 1 of 7)
- **17 DMC 350 Medium Coral** Wing cells (shade 3 of 7)
- **18 DMC 946 Medium Burnt Orange** Wing cells (shade 4 of 7)
- **19 DMC 970 Light Pumpkin** Wing cells (shade 5 of 7)
- **20 DMC 743 Medium Yellow** Wing cells (shade 7 of 7)
- **21 DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow**
  Wing windows and abdomen bands
- **22 DMC 3865 Winter White** White dots and eye lights
- **23 DMC 336 Navy Blue** Abdomen and thorax (light), eyes (lighter)

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.

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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How many strands

French knot. 1 or 2 strands: white dots; 1 strand: eye lights.

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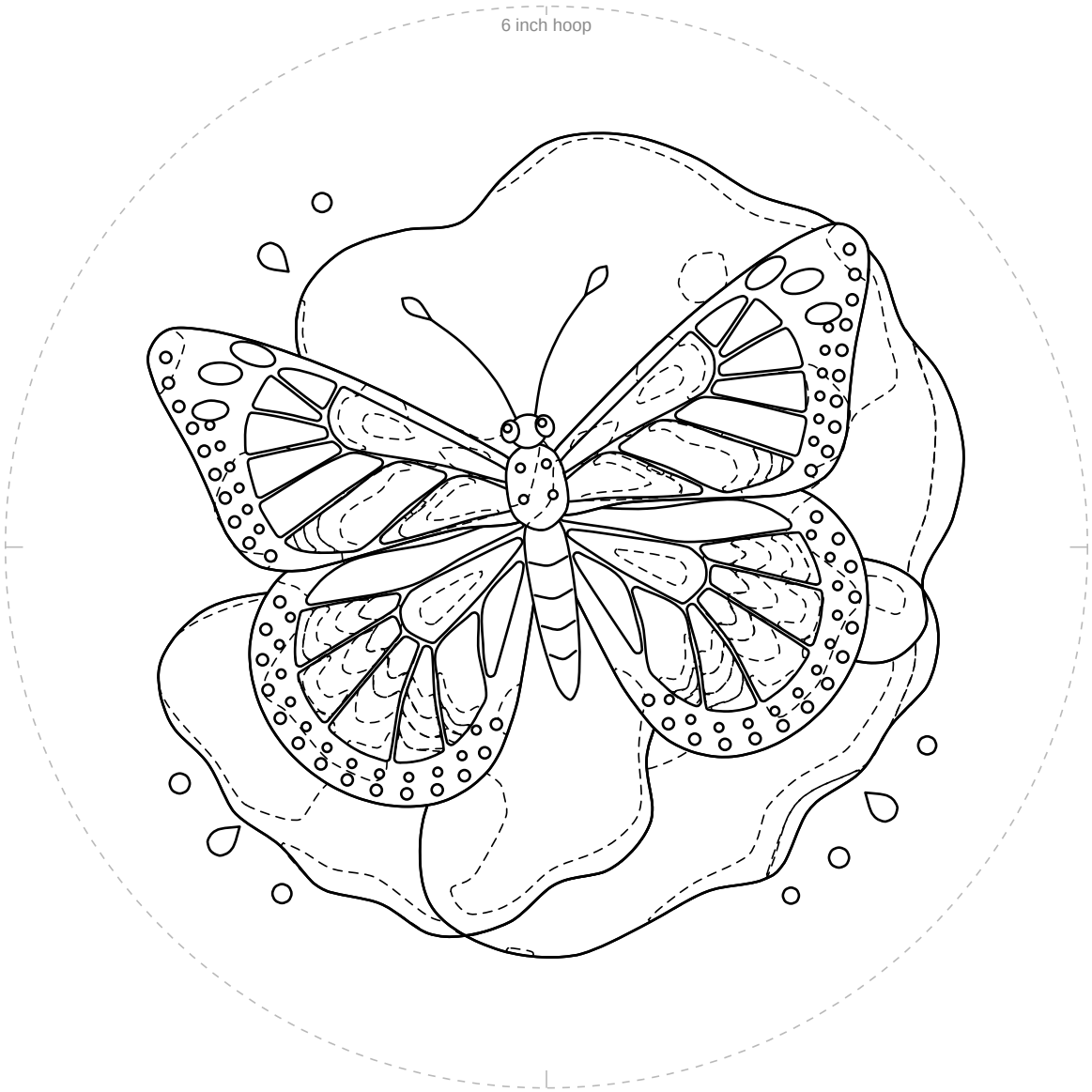
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

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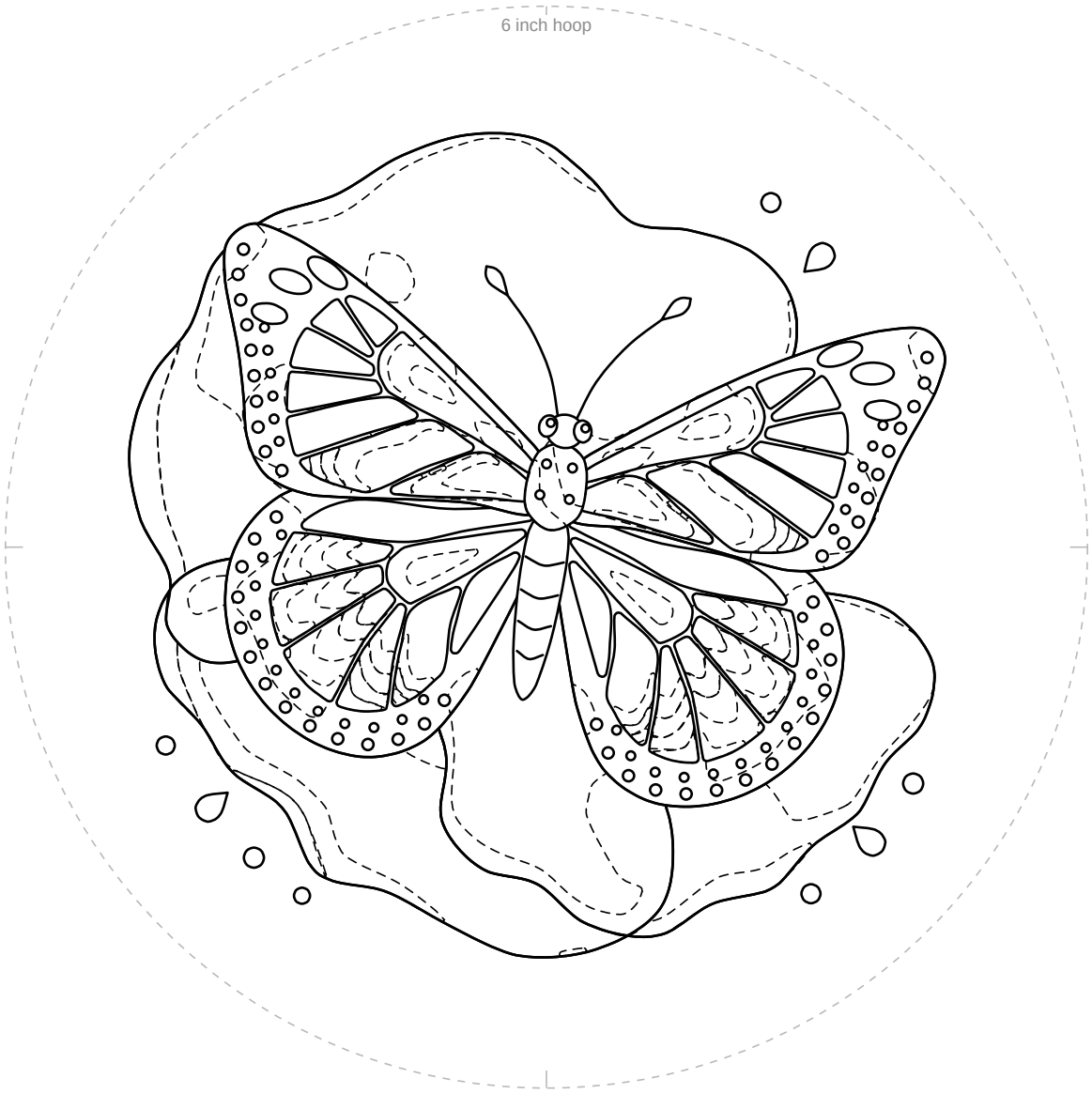
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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