Watercolor monarch butterfly

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.1 × 4 in (7.9 × 10.2 cm).



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

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice**
  Hindwing rows and forewing rows (dark)
- **2 DMC 919 Red Copper**
  Hindwing rows and forewing rows (darkest)
- **3 DMC 3854 Medium Autumn Gold**
  Hindwing rows and forewing rows (light)
- **4 DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow**
  Hindwing rows and forewing rows (lightest), border spots and 3 more parts
- **5 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Wing borders, veins, body, wing edges, antennae, legs and tongue
- **6 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green**
  Leaves, flower stalks, open leaf and flower stem
- **7 DMC 3687 Mauve**
  Milkweed florets

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Wing borders, wing tip spots, body, flower stem, antennae
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
3. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Forewing rows, hindwing rows
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Veins, wing edges, open leaf, antennae, tongue
5. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Flower stalks, open leaf, legs
6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Milkweed florets
7. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Milkweed florets
8. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Border spots, floret hearts, body spots

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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. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point. 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

Stem stitch. 3 strands: wing edges; 2 strands: veins, open leaf; 1 strand: antennae, tongue.
Back stitch. 2 strands: legs; 1 strand: flower stalks, open leaf.
French knot. 2 strands: border spots, floret hearts; 1 strand: body spots.

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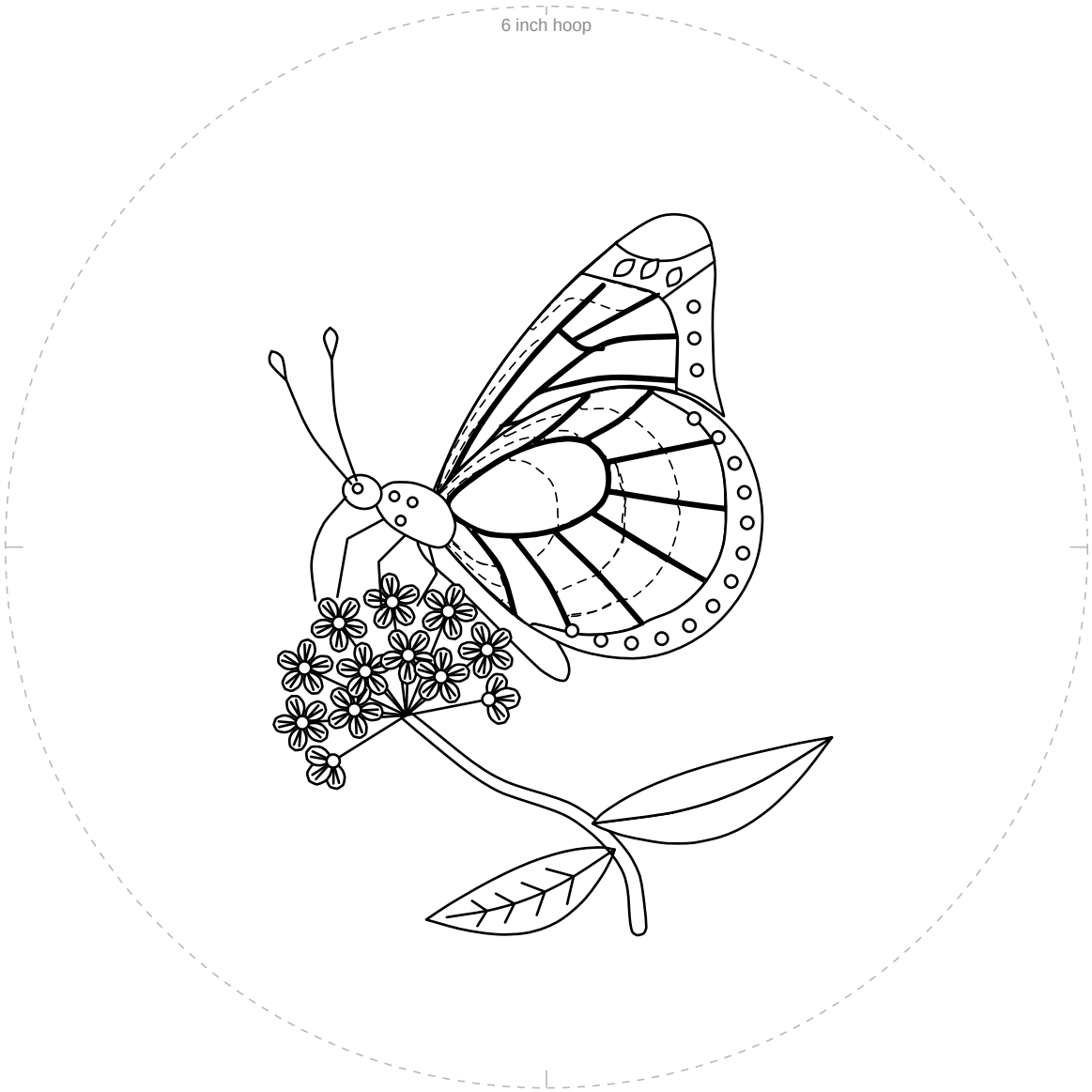
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



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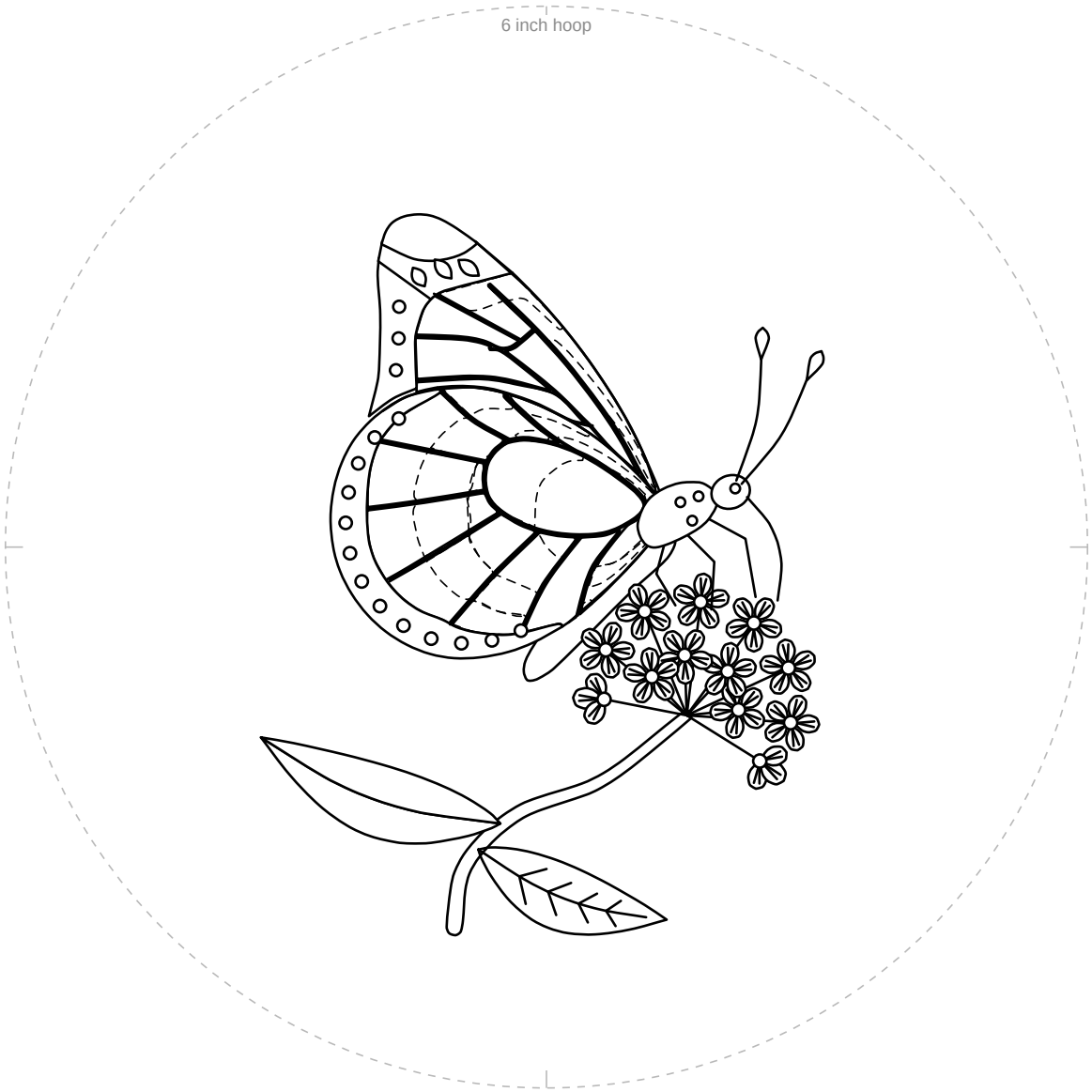
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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