Whale tail through a porthole

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 4.3 in (10.9 × 10.9 cm)



A number is a row of the list.

Floss

- **DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Frame, flukes and tail stock
- **DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw**
  Bolts
- **DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise**
  Waves

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bolts, flukes, tail stock



2. **Stem stitch**, 2 or 3 strands
   Frame

3. **Chain stitch**, 2 or 3 strands
   Waves



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

In a 6 inch hoop the widest satin stitch shape is 1/2 in (13 mm) across. Satin stitches longer than about 12 mm (just under 1/2 in) tend to work loose: divide the shape into sections, or work it in long and short stitch.

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.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

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

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

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.

Buy: one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 7, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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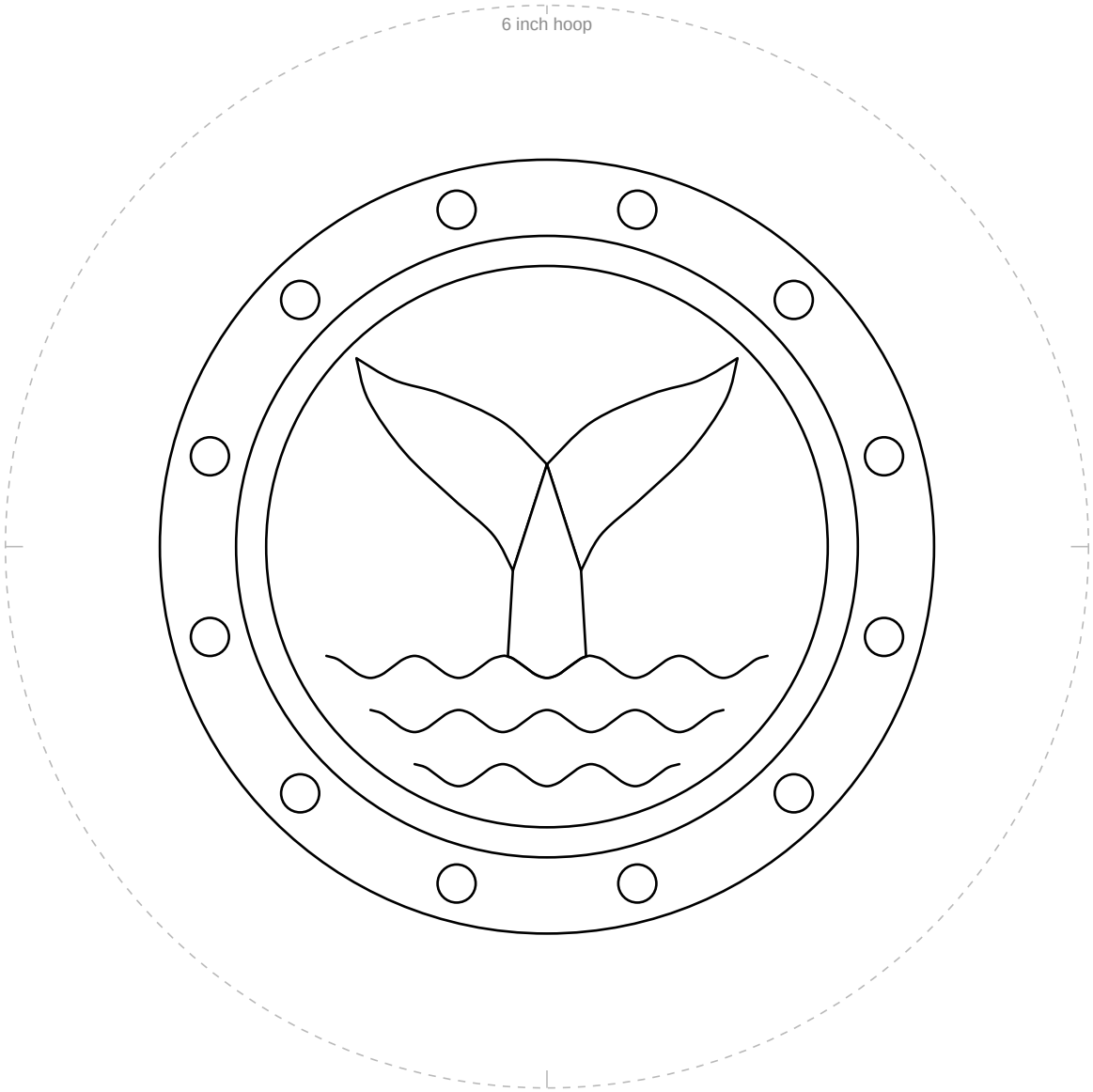
6 inch hoop

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.



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25.4 mm

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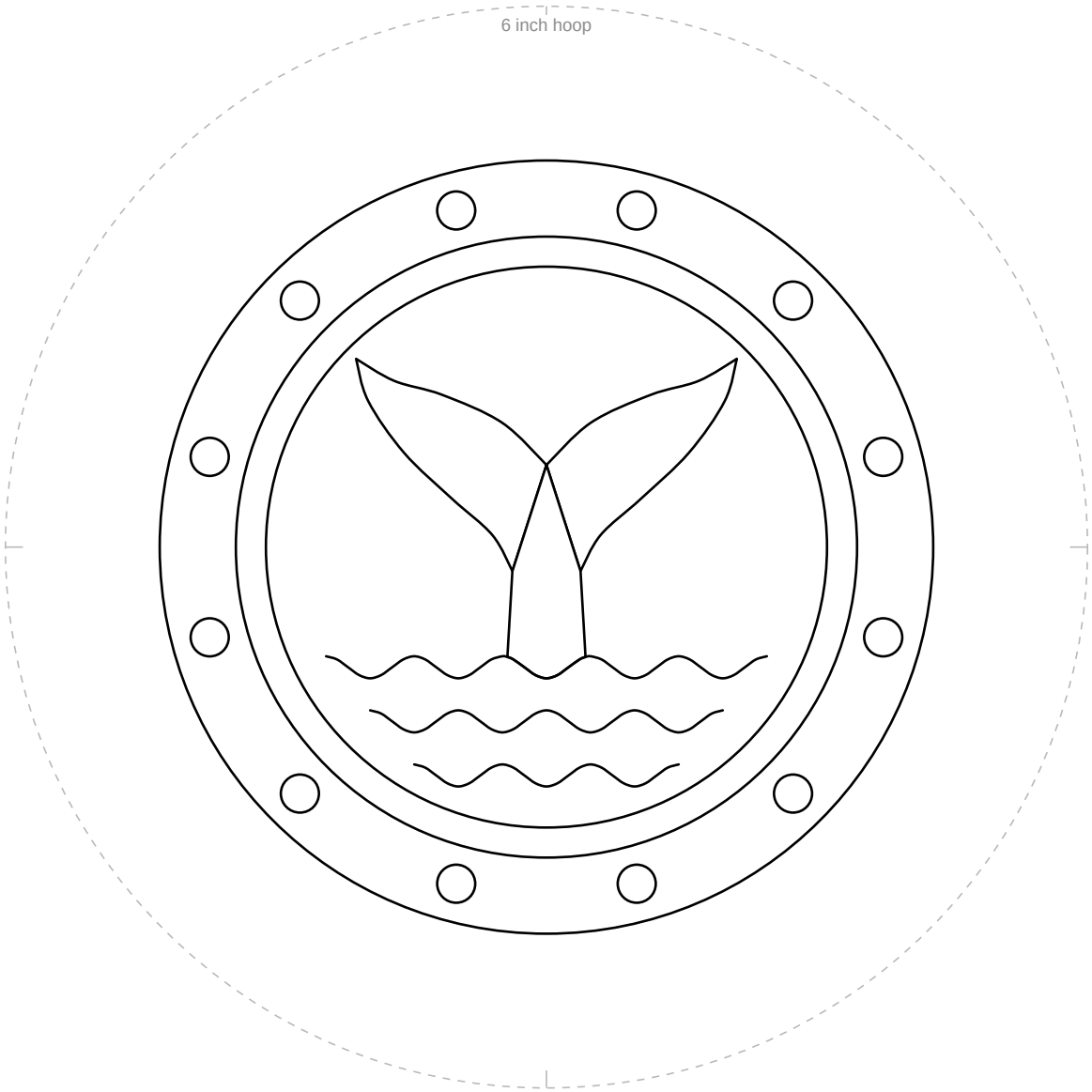
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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