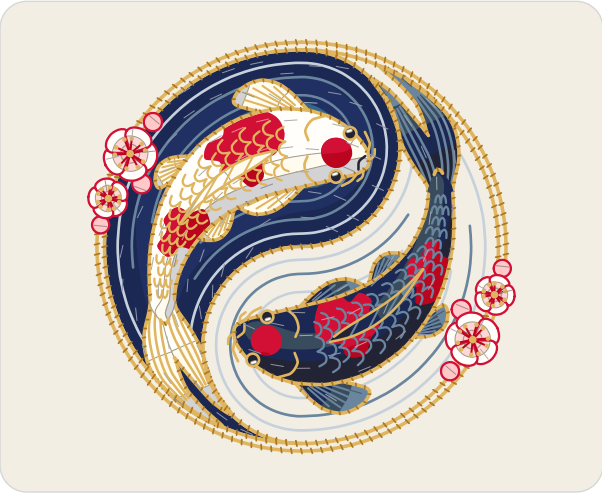
Yin yang koi fish

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 4.6 in (11.9 × 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
   Dark water, pelvic fins, pectoral fins, tail, body, vermilion patches, dorsal fin, blossoms
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Eyes, pupils, buds
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Dark water ripples, light water ripples, tail rays, dorsal fin edges, gill lines, barbels, mouth
4. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Pelvic fins, pectoral fins, dorsal fin, eye lights, stamens
5. **Couching**, strands by part on page 2
   Pelvic fins edges, pectoral fins edges, tail edges, body edge, gold curve, gold ring
6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Scales, blossom edges
7. **French knot**, 1 to 2 strands, two wraps
   Blossom hearts

Floss

- **1 DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue**
  Dark water and body (dark), tail and dorsal fin (shade 2 of 7) and 2 more parts
- **2 DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue** Dark water (middle)
- **3 DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue** Dark water (light)
- **4 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue**
  Light water ripples and dark water ripples (lighter)
- **5 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Scales and dark water ripples (darker), pectoral fins (shade 4 of 8) and 5 more parts
- **6 DMC 712 Cream**
  Pectoral fins (shade 7 of 8), body (light), tail (shade 6 of 7) and 2 more parts
- **7 DMC 415 Pearl Gray**
  Body (middle light), tail (shade 5 of 7), pectoral fins and pelvic fins (shade 6 of 8)
- **8 DMC BLANC White**
  Body (lightest), blossoms (light), tail (shade 7 of 7) and 4 more parts
- **9 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Gold ring, scales, body edge and tail edges (lighter) and 13 more parts
- **10 DMC 782 Dark Topaz**
  Gold ring, body edge, tail edges and gold curve (darker) and 2 more parts
- **11 DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red**
  Vermilion patches (darker), stamens
- **12 DMC 349 Dark Coral**
  Vermilion patches (lighter), blossom edges
- **13 DMC 310 Black**
  Body (darkest), tail (shade 1 of 7), pectoral fins (shade 1 of 8) and 4 more parts
- **14 DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue**
  Body (middle dark), pectoral fins and pelvic fins (shade 3 of 8) and 2 more parts
- **15 DMC 761 Light Salmon** Buds, blossoms (dark)
- **16 DMC 963 Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose**
  Blossoms (middle)

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

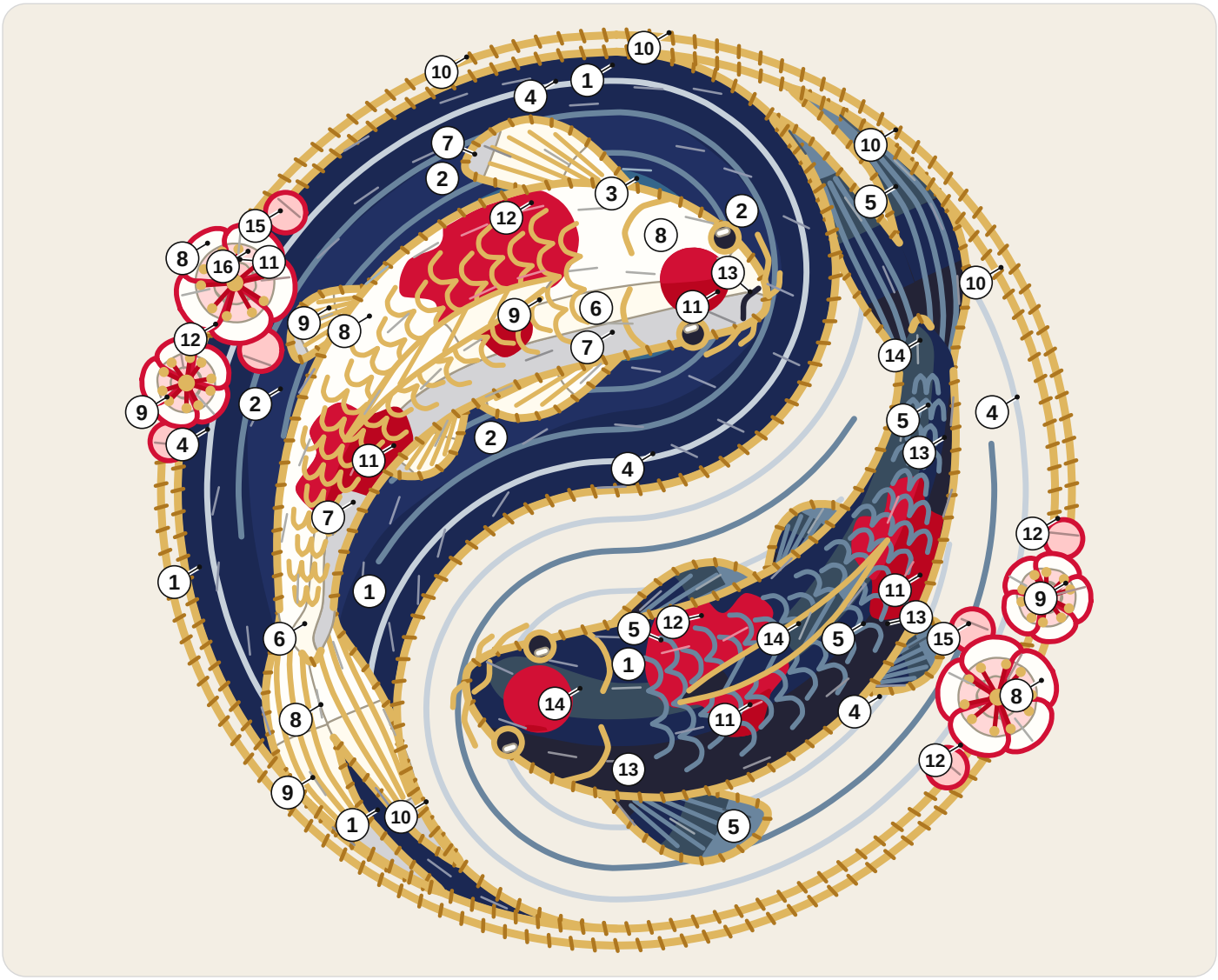
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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

Stem stitch. 2 strands: gill lines; 1 or 2 strands: dark water ripples, light water ripples, barbels; 1 strand: tail rays, dorsal fin edges, mouth. Couching. 6 strands: gold curve, gold ring; 3 strands: body edge; 2 strands: pelvic fins edges, pectoral fins edges, tail edges.

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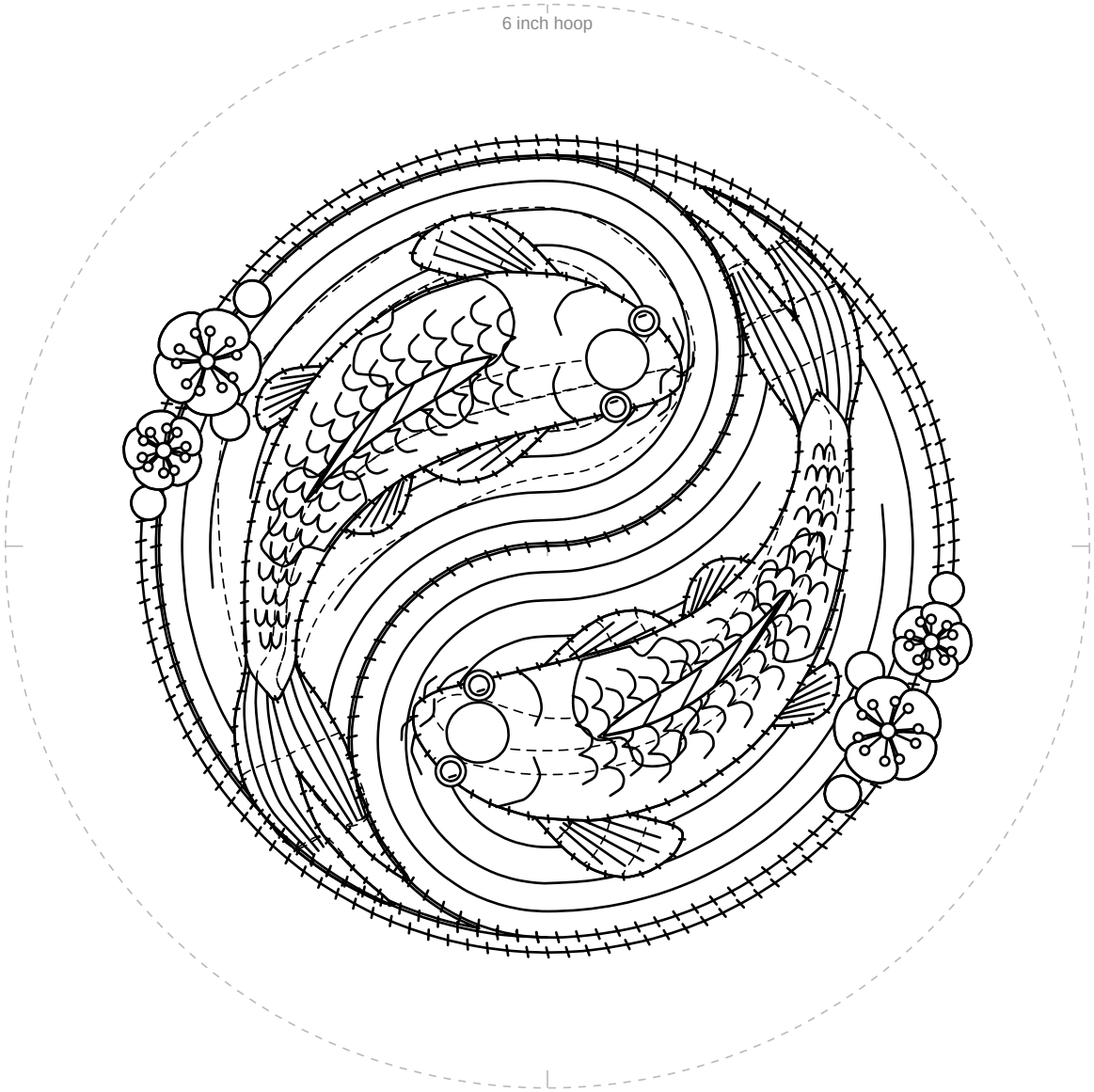
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

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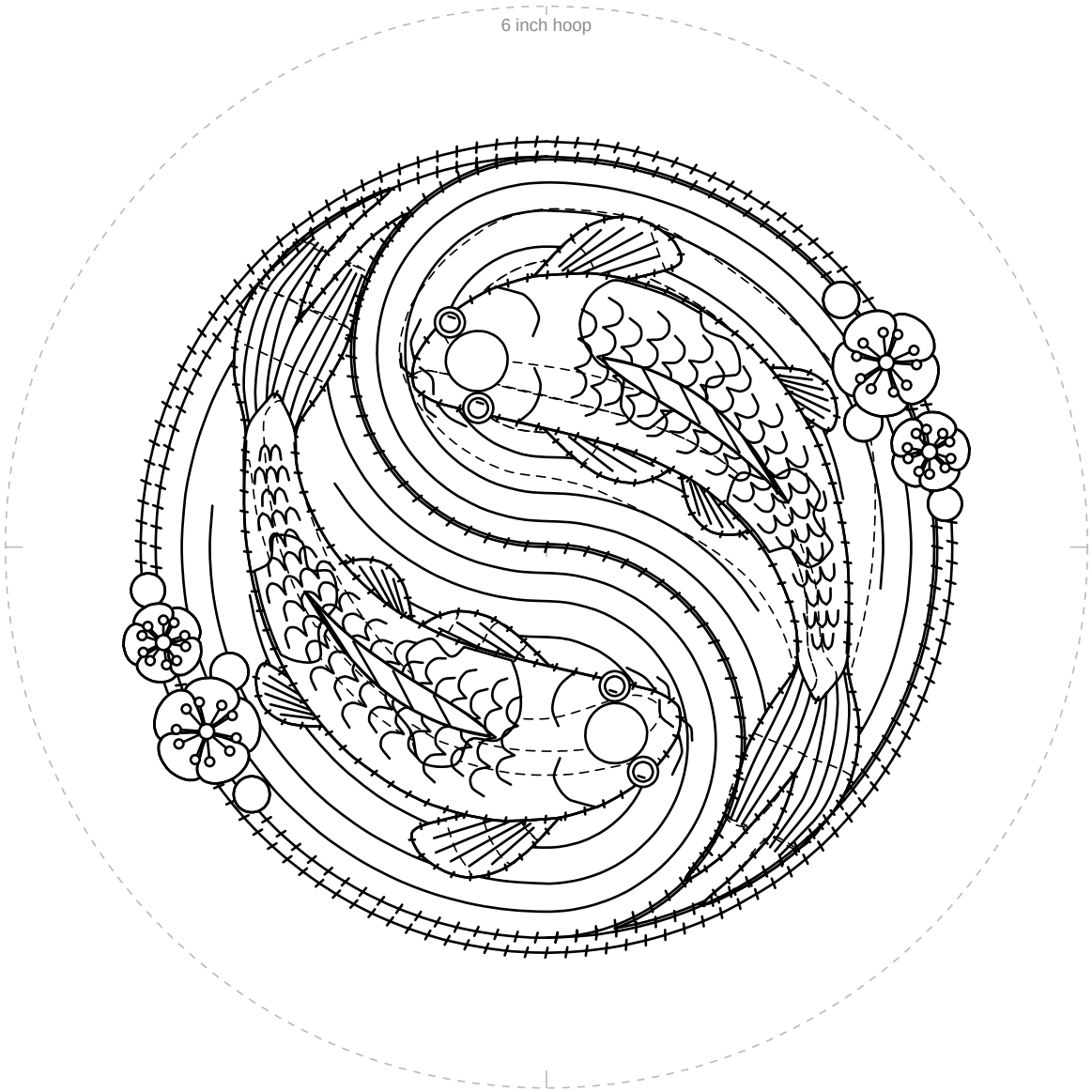
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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