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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 4.8 in (10.9 × 12.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: teal cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of teal cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

16 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 3822; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

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.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Fly stitch**, 1 strand
   Plume barbs
2. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Train
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Glass, gleam, feather fringe, neck and body, tail small wing feathers, long wing feathers, small wing feathers, shoulder scallops, head
4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Mirror foot, mirror frame, eye feathers, eye hearts, legs, thighs, crest tips, beak, cheek, eye, letters
5. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Edges of the feather fringe, eye line, eye highlight
6. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: frame edges, crest
   3 strands: feet
   1 strand: body edge (color 4)
7. **Fly stitch**, 1 strand
   Breast scales
8. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Covert edges, wing edges, body edge (color 4)

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

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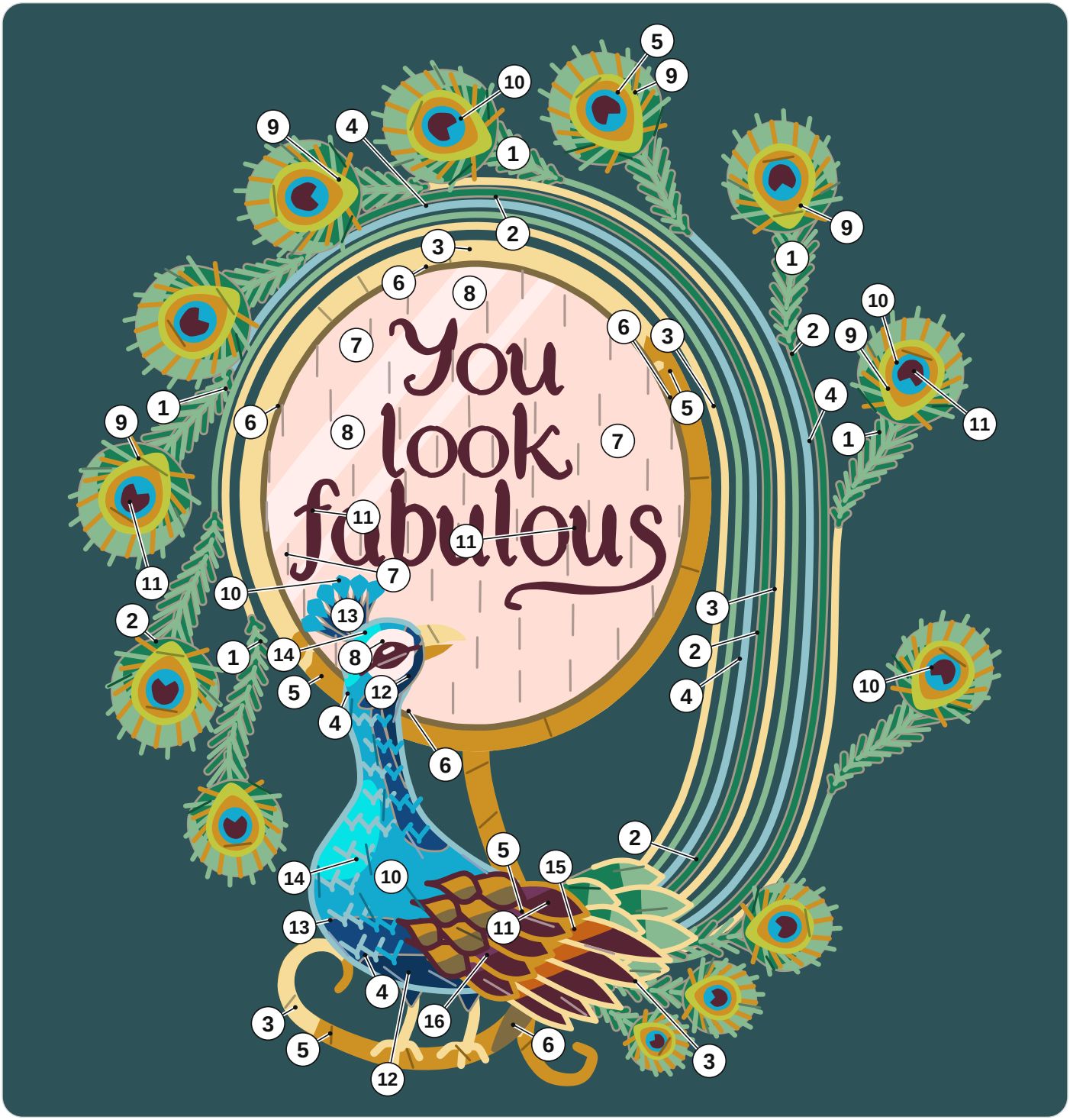
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 954 Nile Green	7	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink	13	DMC 797 Royal Blue
2	DMC 910 Dark Emerald Green	8	DMC 819 Light Baby Pink	14	DMC 3846 Light Bright Turquoise
3	DMC 3822 Light Straw	9	DMC 166 Medium Light Moss Green	15	DMC 921 Copper
4	DMC 598 Light Turquoise	10	DMC 3843 Electric Blue	16	DMC 3834 Dark Grape
5	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	11	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape		
6	DMC 829 Very Dark Golden Olive	12	DMC 820 Very Dark Royal Blue		

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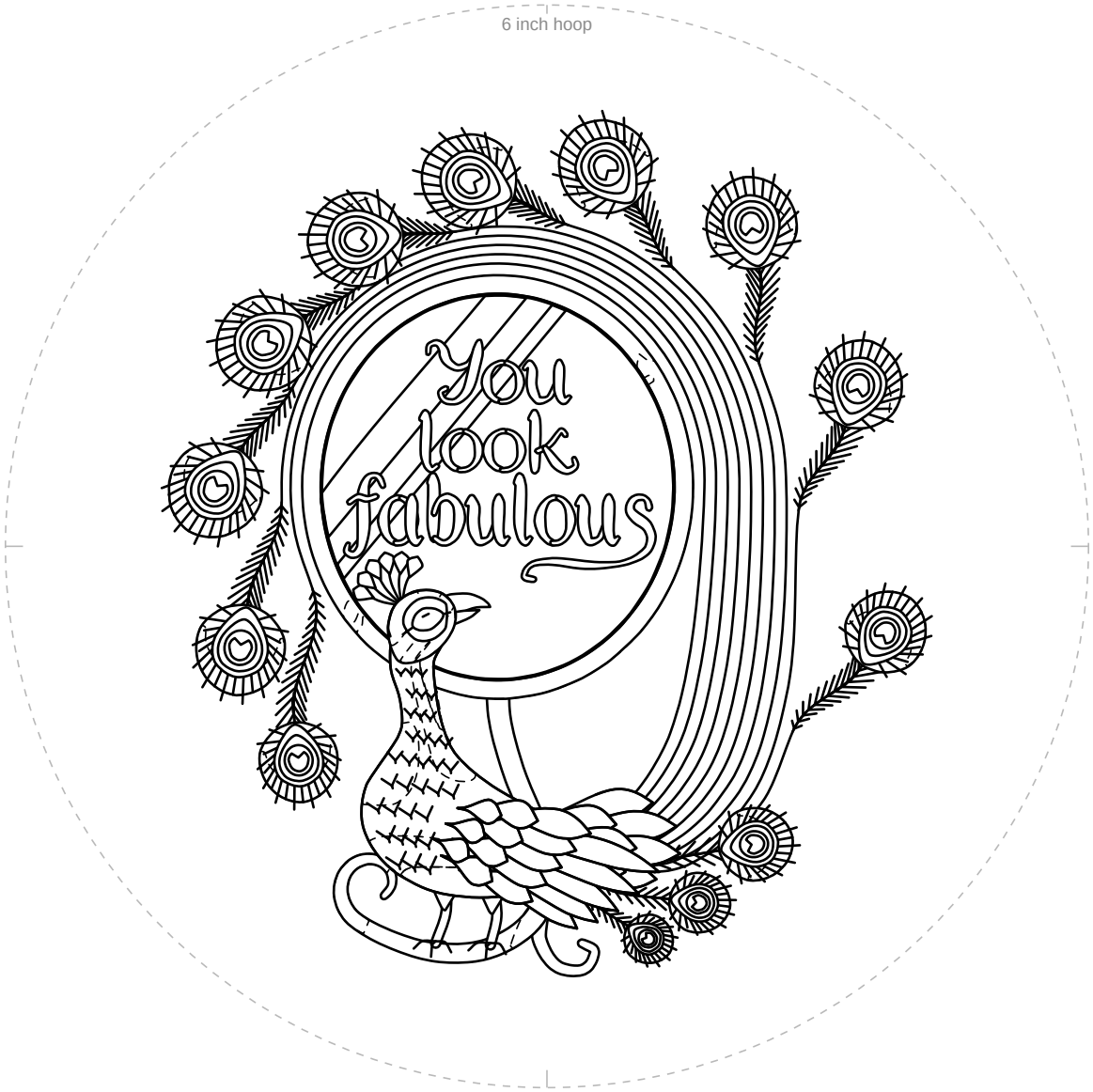
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.
On the drawing a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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