All roads lead home

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



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 3042, 2 of DMC 3363 and 2 of DMC 3362; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, 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.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 21
   2 strands: sky, far hills, middle hills, fields, lanes, gable end, bluebonnet fields
   1 strand: trees



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 5, 9, 11, 14, 17, 18, 19
   Tree trunks, walls, chimney, roof, door, window, leaves, letters, lamplight



3. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 14
   Roof edges (color 14), window frame (color 14)

4. **Straight stitch**
   colors 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23
   1 strand: window frame (color 14)
   3 strands: lines of the bluebonnet fields
   2 strands: lines of the white tips, grasses



5. **Fly stitch**, 1 strand, color 14
   Birds



6. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 8, 11, 17
   3 strands: roof edges (color 17), edge
   2 strands: smoke, stems

7. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, colors 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 20, 21, 22
   Knots of the trees, garden, garden flowers, bluebonnets, knots of the white tips



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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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 951 Light Tawny	9	DMC 522 Fern Green	17	DMC 355 Dark Terra Cotta
2	DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet	10	DMC 523 Light Fern Green	18	DMC 356 Medium Terra Cotta
3	DMC 778 Very Light Antique Mauve	11	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	19	DMC 743 Medium Yellow
4	DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta	12	DMC 934 Black Avocado Green	20	DMC 791 Very Dark Cornflower Blue
5	DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany	13	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	21	DMC 792 Dark Cornflower Blue
6	DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet	14	DMC 3371 Black Brown	22	DMC 793 Medium Cornflower Blue
7	DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet	15	DMC 3865 Winter White	23	DMC 794 Light Cornflower Blue
8	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	16	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown		

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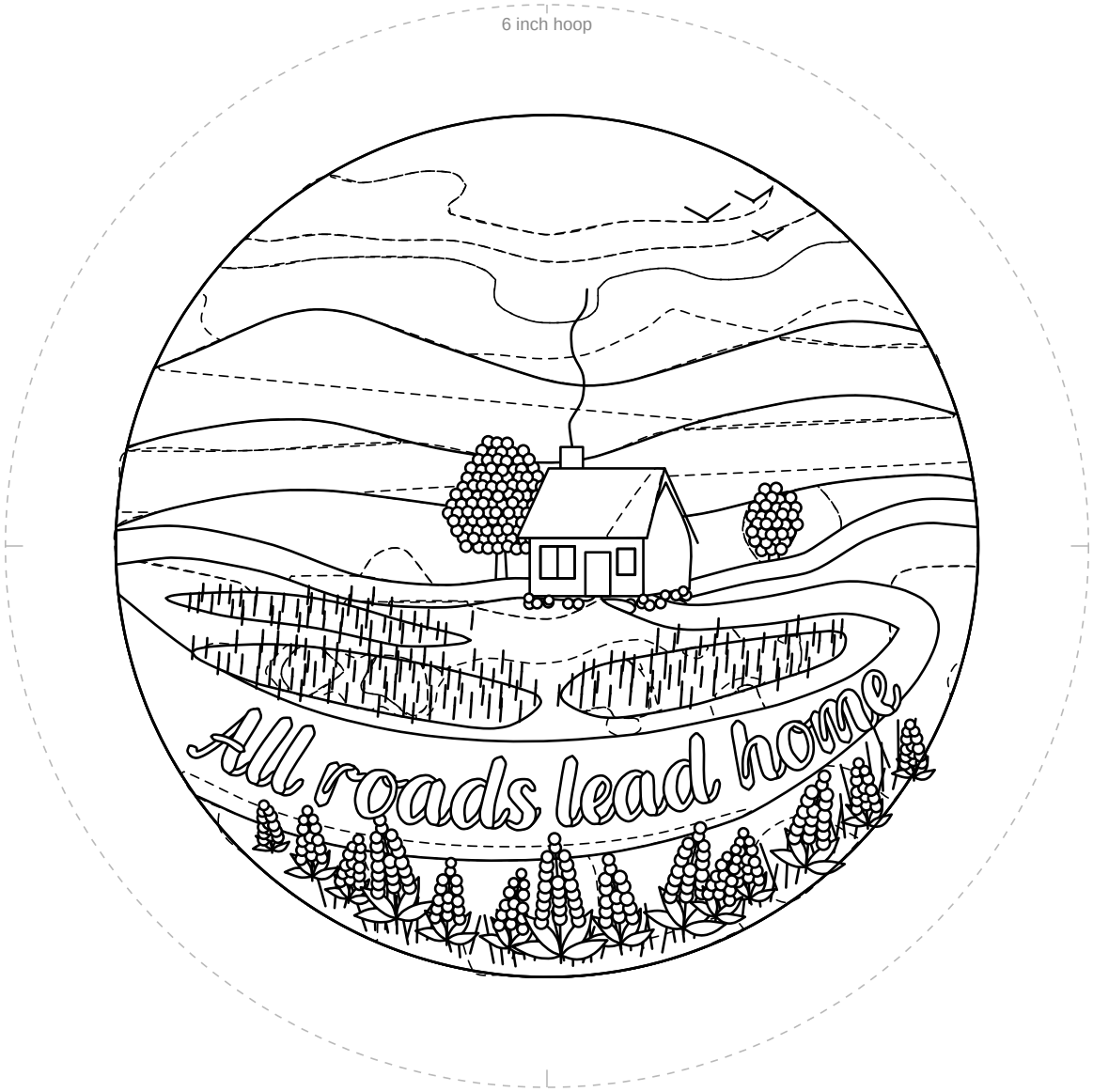
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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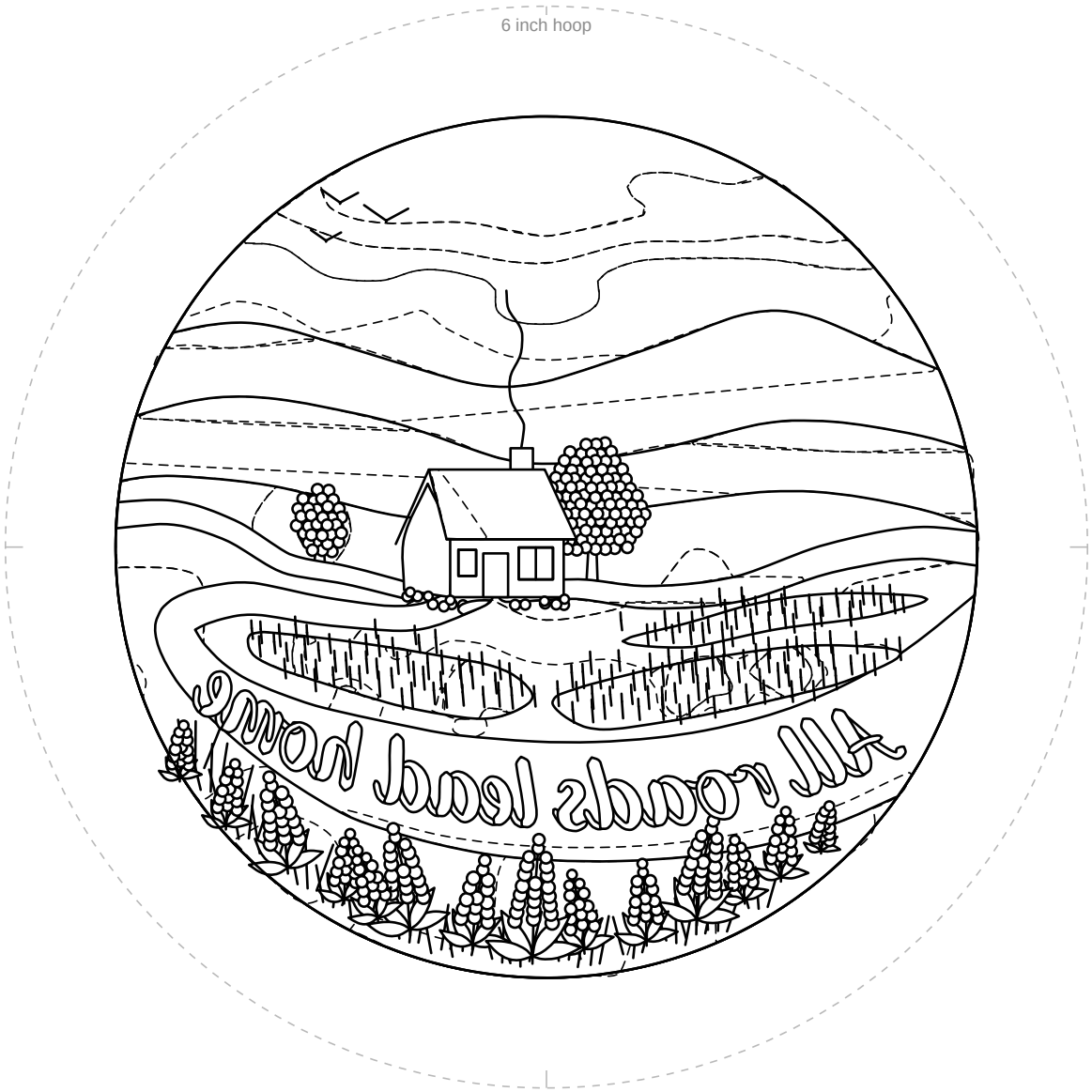
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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