Ants marching out of a jeans pocket

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4 × 4.6 in (10.2 × 11.7 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Inside of the pocket, rear bodies, chests, heads, little hearts, rivets, little heart
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaf
3. **Back stitch**, 3 strands
   Legs, feelers
4. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Bands, pocket edge
5. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Jaws, rivet lights
6. **Running stitch**, 3 strands
   Topstitching
7. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Eyes

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

Floss

- **1 DMC 310 Black**
  Inside of the pocket and eyes
- **2 DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice**
  Legs and chests, rear bodies (middle), heads (darker)
- **3 DMC 722 Light Orange Spice**
  Feelers and jaws, heads (lighter), rear bodies (light)
- **4 DMC 720 Dark Orange Spice**
  Rear bodies (dark)
- **5 DMC 921 Copper**
  Bands and rivets
- **6 DMC 666 Bright Red**
  Little heart and little hearts
- **7 DMC 986 Very Dark Forest Green**
  Leaf (darker)
- **8 DMC 988 Medium Forest Green**
  Leaf (lighter)
- **9 DMC 334 Medium Baby Blue**
  Pocket edge
- **10 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Topstitching
- **11 DMC 712 Cream**
  Rivet lights

Two ways onto denim

1. **A wash-away sheet, the sure way**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto the denim, stitch through both and rinse it away.
2. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it 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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How to read it

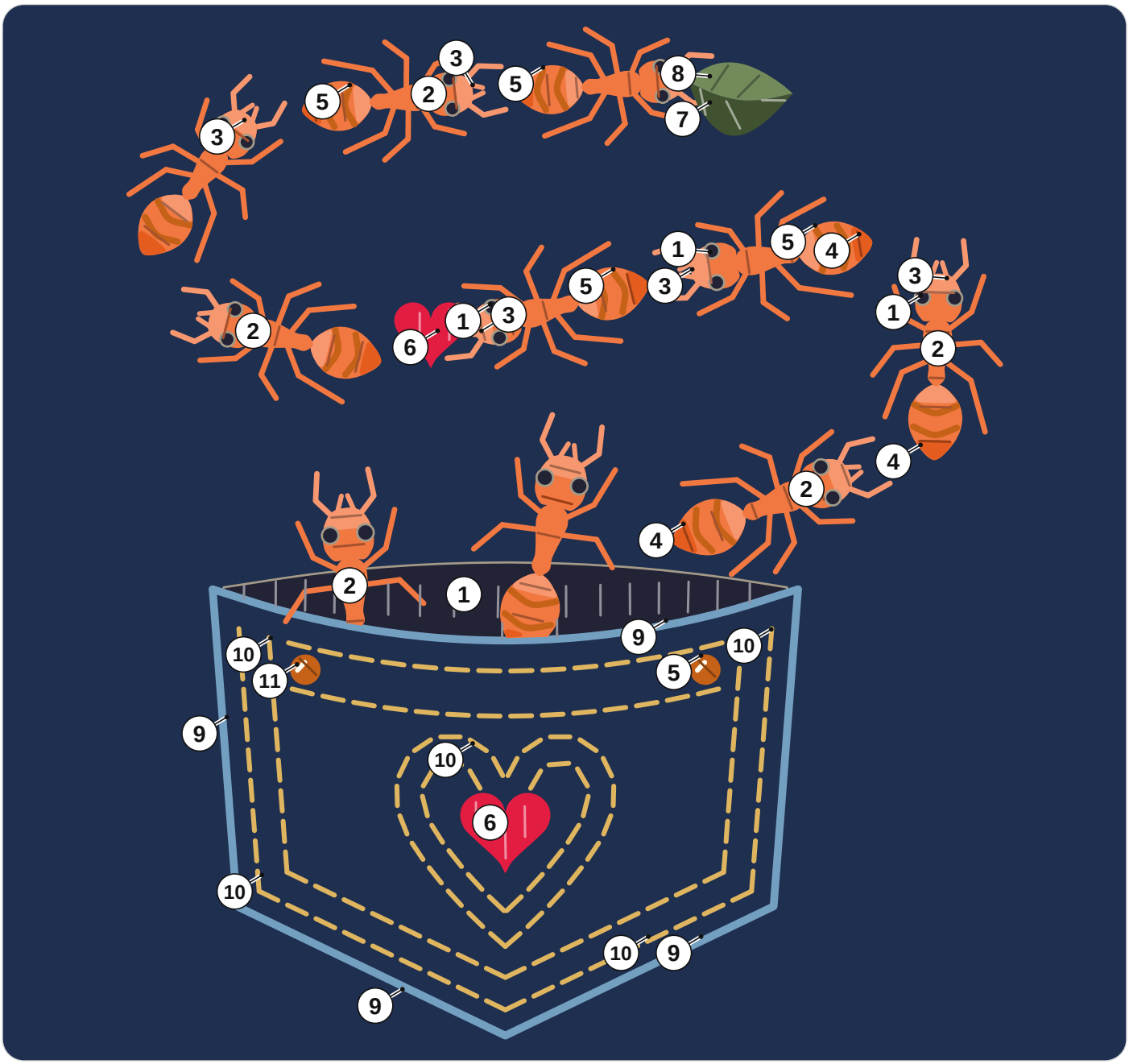
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

On denim start with a small firm knot inside, which the cloth hides; inside a filled shape take two or three tiny stitches instead. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot.

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.



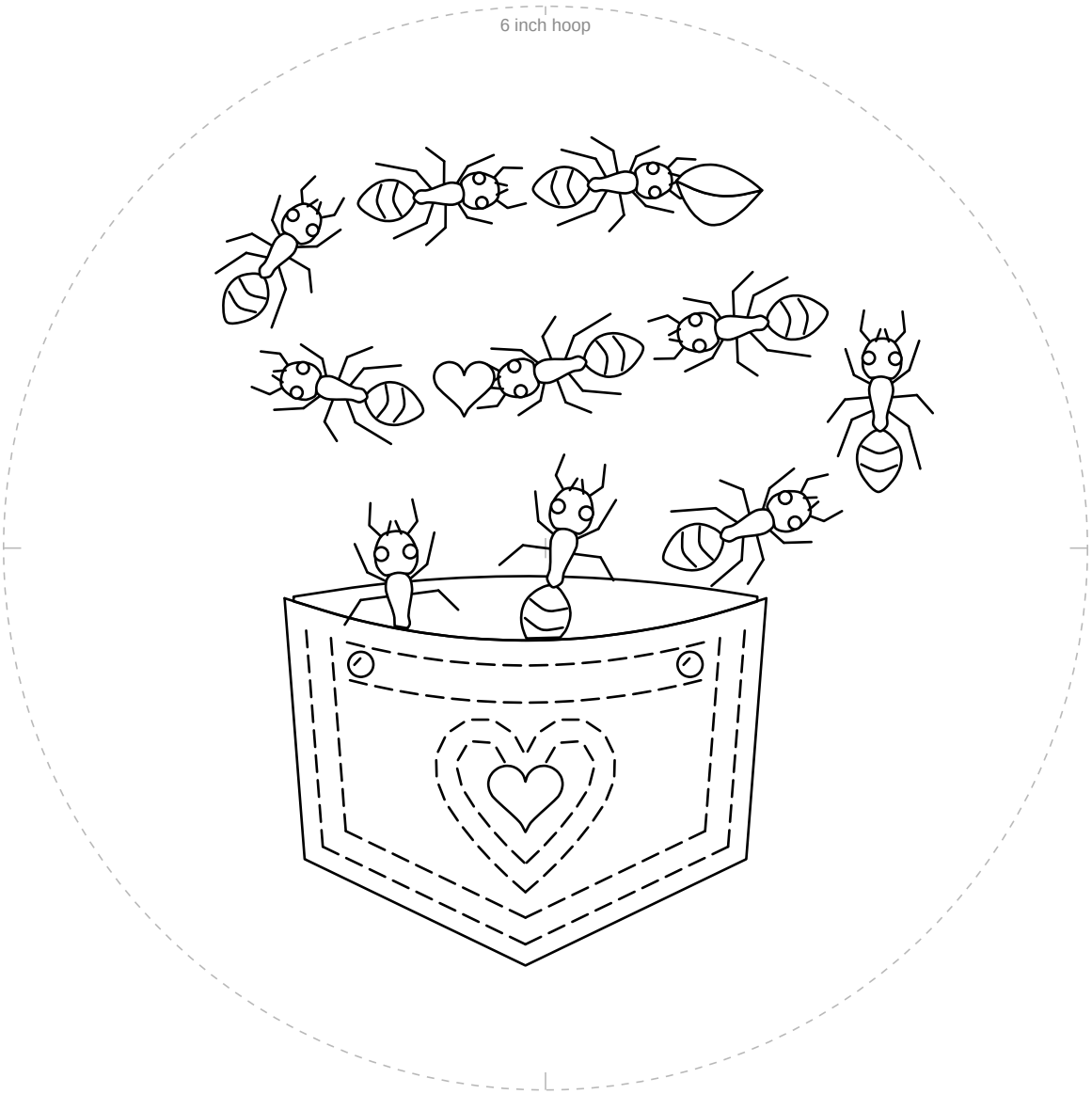
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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

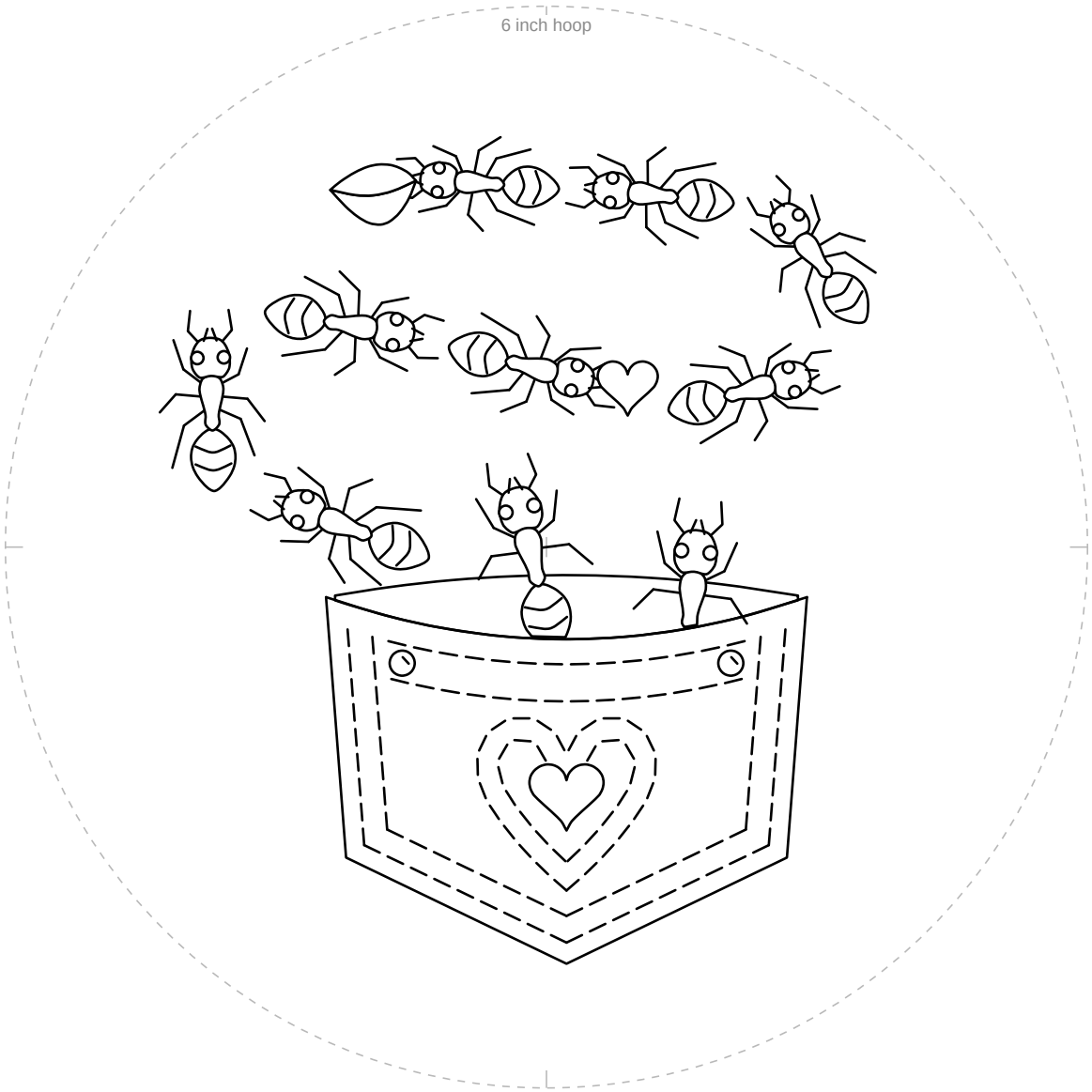
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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