Baby duck on a toy piano

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.8 × 4.3 in (9.7 × 10.9 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Lower case, upper case, song sheet, feet, body, wing, head, bill, butterfly wings
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Garland leaves, garland buds, garland daisy, piano legs, felt strip, key gap, white keys, key fronts, black keys, front rail, arms, lid, and 15 more
3. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Lower case, piano legs, front rail, arms, lid, feet, wing edge, bill edge, wing edges
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Garland, panel line, flower stems, jug handle
5. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Key lines, lid line, song sheet, music lines, feelers
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Music notes, toes, nostril
7. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Daisy hearts, music notes, eye light, wing spots

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 3847 Dark Teal Green**
  Lower case, upper case, lid, front rail, arms and piano legs (darker)
- **2 DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green**
  Upper case and lower case (lighter)
- **3 DMC 964 Light Seagreen**
  Front rail and arms (lighter), lid front, garland leaves and garland
- **4 DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Felt strip, jug, music note, mouth, garland buds and jug handle
- **5 DMC BLANC White**
  White keys, daisies, garland daisy, jug band and eye light, song sheet (lighter)
- **6 DMC 743 Medium Yellow**
  Body (middle), head (dark), wing and bill (light), tuft and daisy hearts
- **7 DMC 3849 Light Teal Green**
  Piano legs (lighter), panel line and lid line
- **8 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Key gap, key lines and music lines, song sheet and key fronts (darker)
- **9 DMC 415 Pearl Gray** Key fronts (lighter)
- **10 DMC 310 Black**
  Black keys, eye, music notes, butterfly body and feelers
- **11 DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue** Lid (lighter)
- **12 DMC 3346 Hunter Green** Daisy leaves and flower stems
- **13 DMC 970 Light Pumpkin** Feet (middle), bill (dark), legs (darker)
- **14 DMC 921 Copper** Feet (dark), bill edge, toes and nostril
- **15 DMC 741 Medium Tangerine**
  Bill (middle), feet (light), legs (lighter)
- **16 DMC 742 Light Tangerine**
  Body and wing (dark), head (darkest)
- **17 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Body and wing (darkest)
- **18 DMC 744 Pale Yellow**
  Body and head (light), wing (lightest), wing spots
- **19 DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow** Head and body (lightest)
- **20 DMC 782 Dark Topaz** Wing edge
- **21 DMC 352 Light Coral** Cheek
- **22 DMC 3834 Dark Grape** Wing edges, butterfly wings (dark)
- **23 DMC 153 Very Light Violet** Butterfly wings (light)
- **24 DMC 3835 Medium Grape** Butterfly wings (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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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

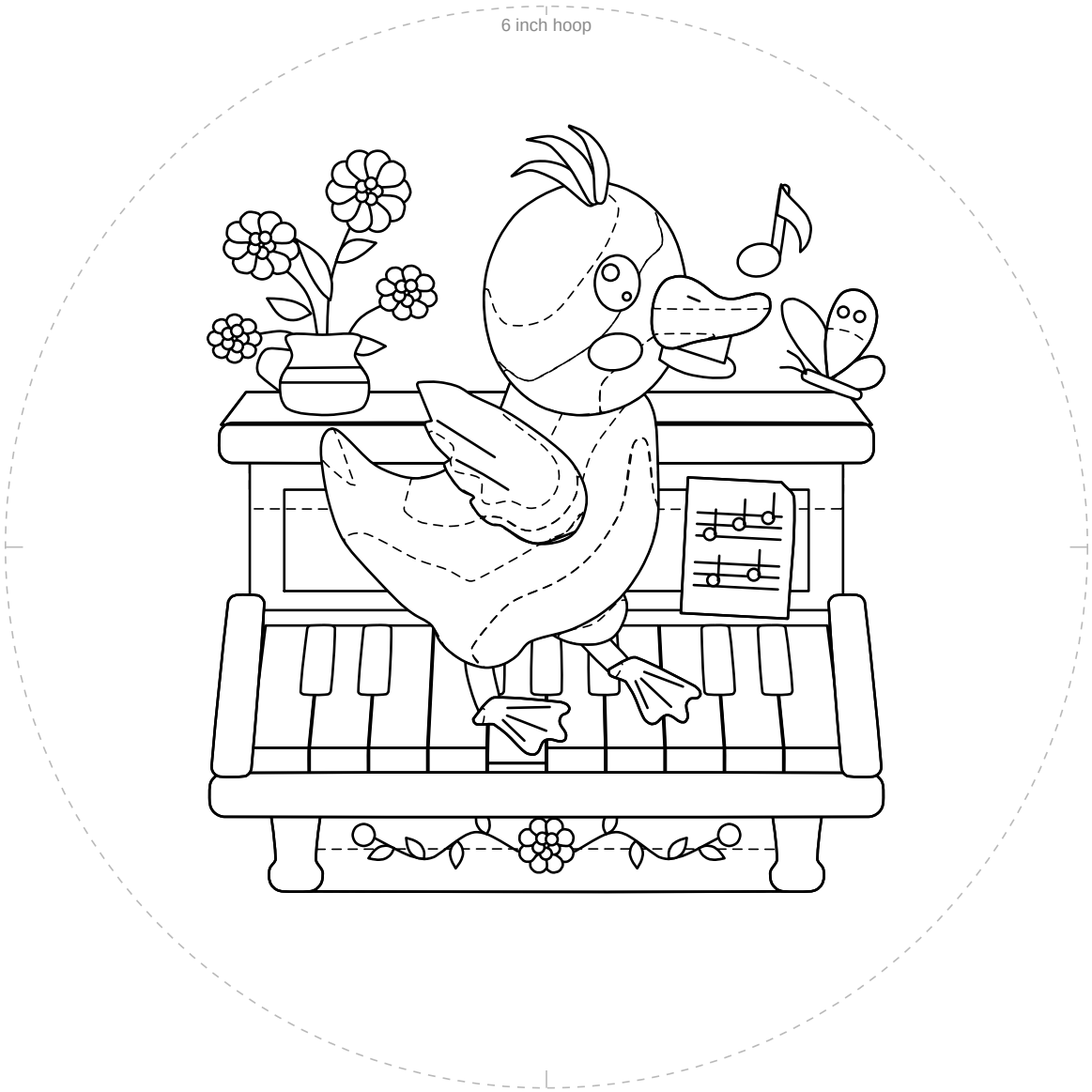
Split stitch. 2 strands: lower case, piano legs, front rail, arms, lid; 1 strand: feet, wing edge, bill edge, wing edges.
Stem stitch. 4 strands: jug handle; 2 strands: garland, panel line, flower stems.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: nostril; 1 strand: music notes, toes.
French knot. 2 strands: daisy hearts, music notes, wing spots; 1 strand: eye light.

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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

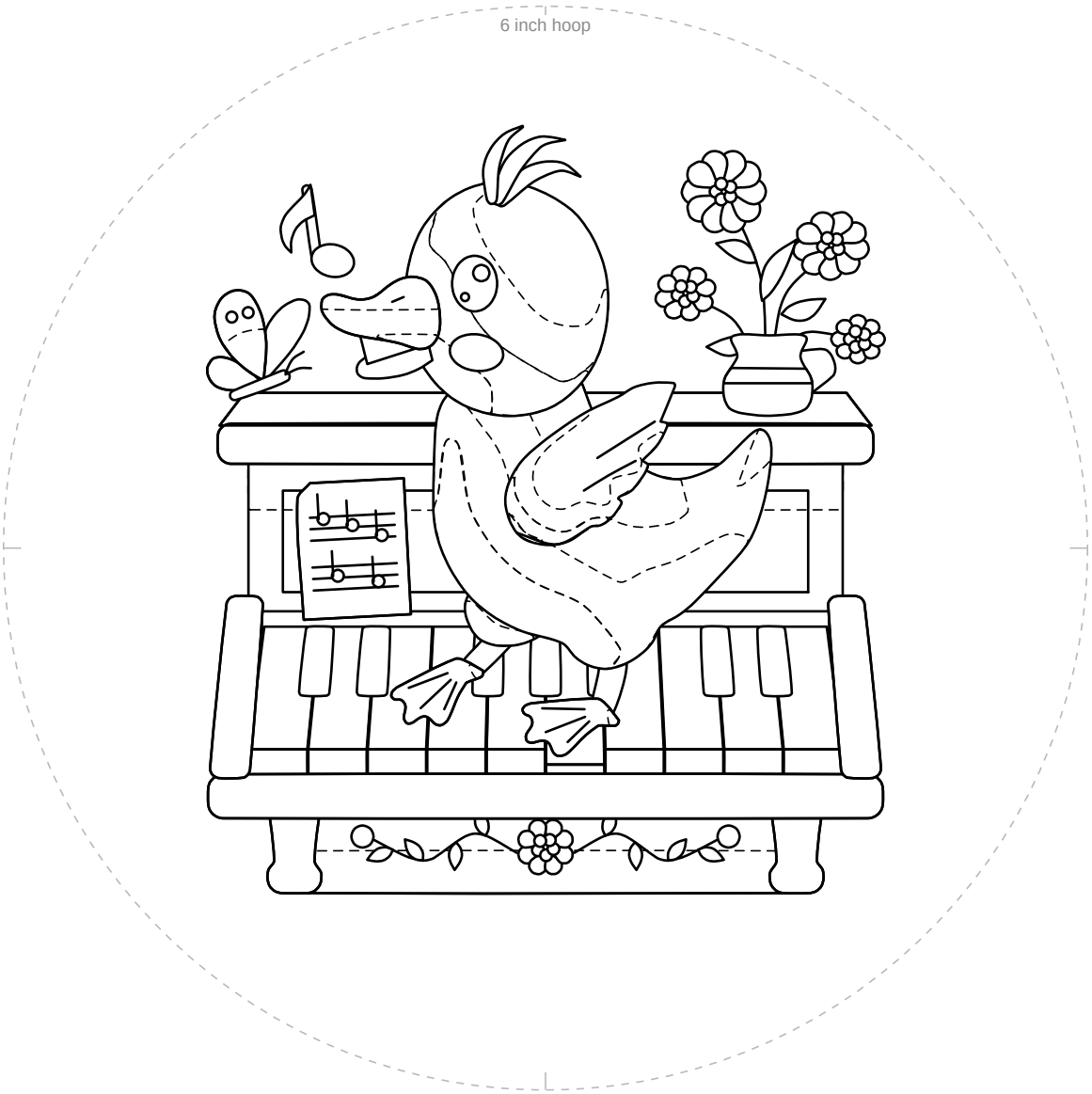
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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