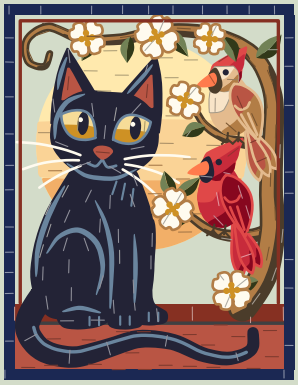
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Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3 × 3.9 in (7.6 × 9.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: sage green 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
   Moon, ledge, limb, body, front legs, haunch, hind paw, ears, head, male body, male head, male wing, female body, female head, female wing
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ledge top, tail, rim light, inner ears, eyes, pupils, nose, male tail, male mask, bills, female tail, female mask, dogwood petals, frame
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Ledge line, limb edge, tail, rim light, eye edges, whiskers, mouth, tail edges, wing edges, feather lines, petal edges, frame line
5. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Toes, chest fur, feet
6. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Eye lights, bird eyes, dogwood hearts

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 745 Light Pale Yellow** Moon (light)
- **2 DMC 3854 Medium Autumn Gold** Moon (dark)
- **3 DMC 3855 Light Autumn Gold** Moon (middle)
- **4 DMC 3830 Terra Cotta**
  Ledge, inner ears and nose, female tail and female wing (darker)
- **5 DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta** Ledge top and frame line
- **6 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray** Ledge line
- **7 DMC 435 Very Light Brown**
  Limb and female wing (lighter), petal edges, female body (dark) and 2 more parts
- **8 DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown**
  Limb edge, feet and female mask, limb (darker)
- **9 DMC 310 Black**
  Body, tail, head, front legs, haunch, ears, hind paw, pupils, male mask and bird eyes
- **10 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Rim light, eye edges, toes, chest fur and mouth
- **11 DMC 3822 Light Straw** Eyes (lighter)
- **12 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Dogwood hearts, eyes (darker)
- **13 DMC 712 Cream** Dogwood petals, whiskers and eye lights
- **14 DMC 321 Red**
  Male body and male head (middle), male tail (lighter), female head (dark)
- **15 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Male wing, male body and male head (dark), male tail (darker), female head (darkest)
- **16 DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Tail edges (darker), male head (light), female head (middle dark) and 3 more parts
- **17 DMC 947 Burnt Orange** Bills
- **18 DMC 437 Light Tan**
  Female body (middle), tail edges and wing edges (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **19 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Female body (light), female head (lightest)
- **20 DMC 934 Black Avocado Green** Leaves (darker)
- **21 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green** Leaves (lighter)
- **22 DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue** Frame

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

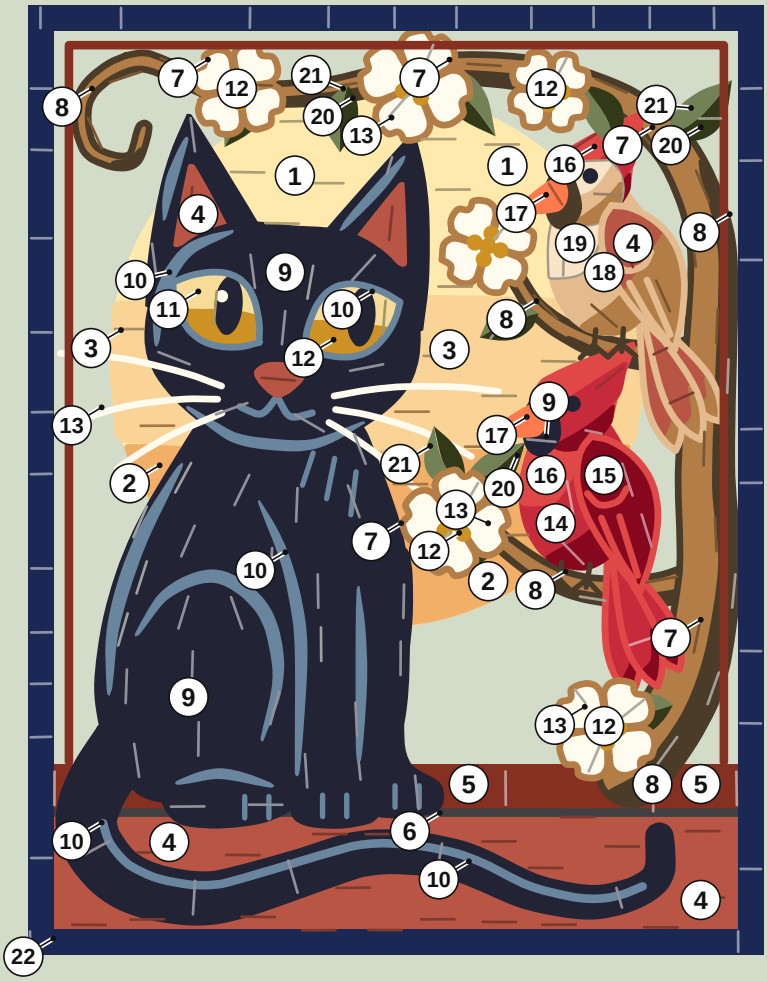
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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

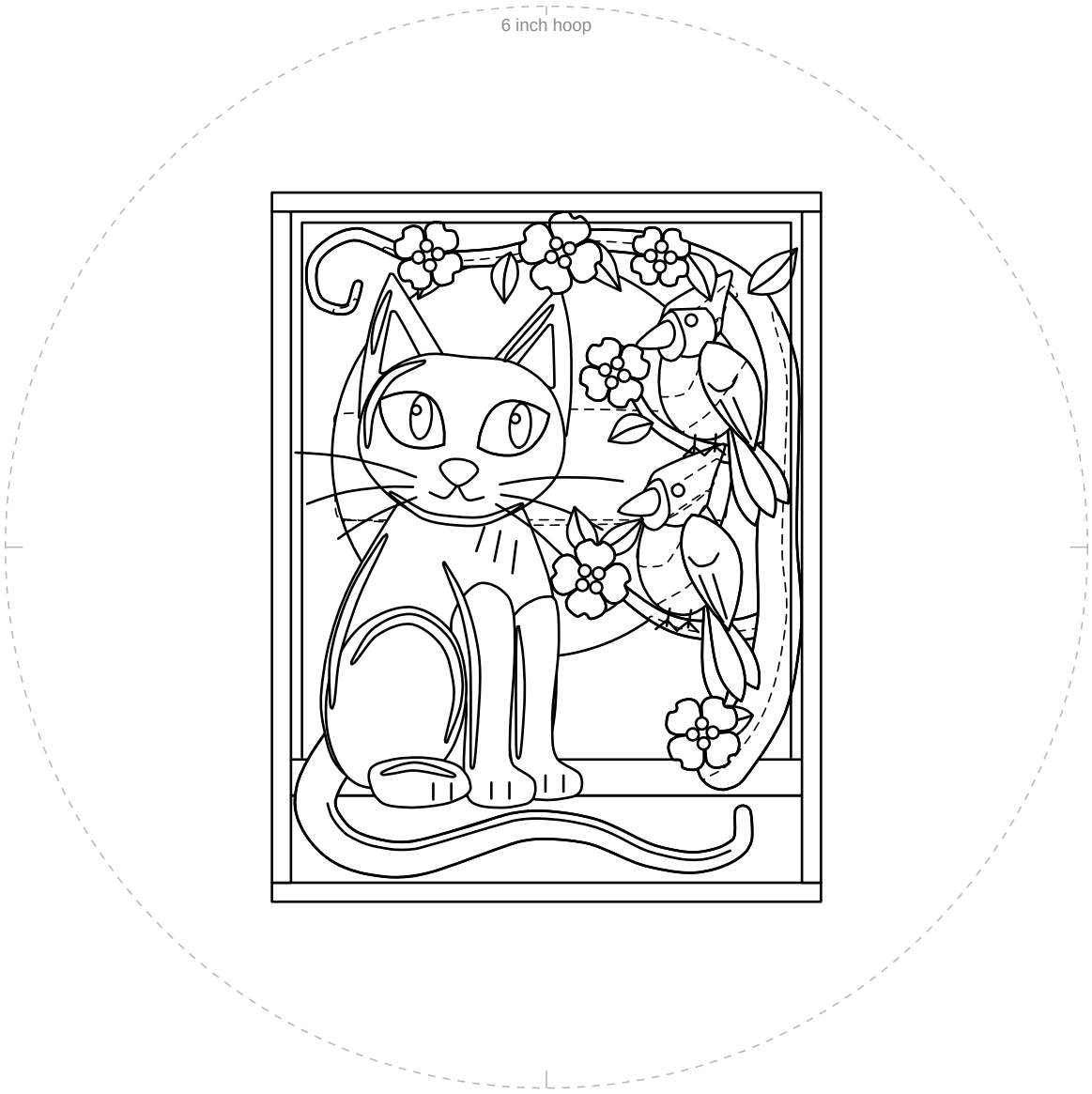
Stem stitch. 3 strands: ledge line, rim light, frame line; 2 strands: tail, mouth; 1 strand: limb edge, eye edges, whiskers, tail edges, wing edges, feather lines, petal edges.
French knot. 2 strands: bird eyes, dogwood hearts; 1 strand: eye lights.

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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

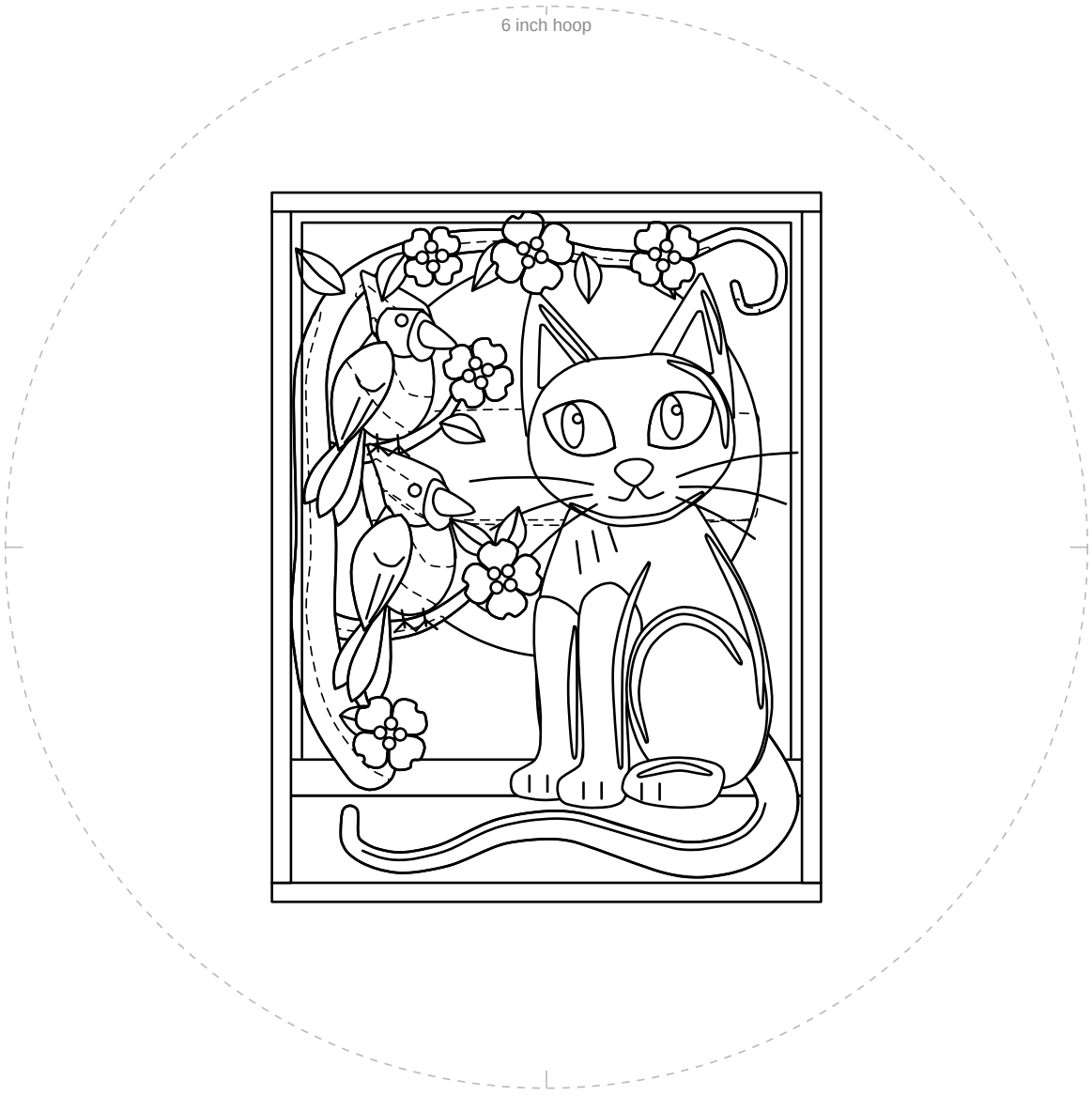
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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