Book stack with space for a name

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.2 × 3.8 in (10.7 × 9.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

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.

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.

Buy: 20 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Lowest book, name book, pages, top book, tail, tail rings, body, haunch, stripes, paws, ears, head, muzzle



2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Gold bands, gold cover, cream bands, hearts, ribbon, inner ears, nose



3. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: lines of the leaf row
   1 strand: mouth (color 20)

4. **Back stitch**
   3 strands: edges of the lowest book, edges of the name book, edges of the top book
   1 strand: mouth (color 20)
   2 strands: closed eyes

5. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Plaque frame



6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Page lines, edges of the paws

7. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: ribbon fold
   1 strand: toes, whiskers



8. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Loops of the leaf row



9. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Knots of the leaf row



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 3834 Dark Grape	8	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	15	DMC 922 Light Copper
2	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	9	DMC 712 Cream	16	DMC 301 Medium Mahogany
3	DMC 3835 Medium Grape	10	DMC 437 Light Tan	17	DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown
4	DMC 3822 Light Straw	11	DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose	18	DMC 400 Dark Mahogany
5	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise	12	DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose	19	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
6	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	13	DMC 3733 Dusty Rose	20	DMC 3371 Black Brown
7	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	14	DMC 350 Medium Coral		

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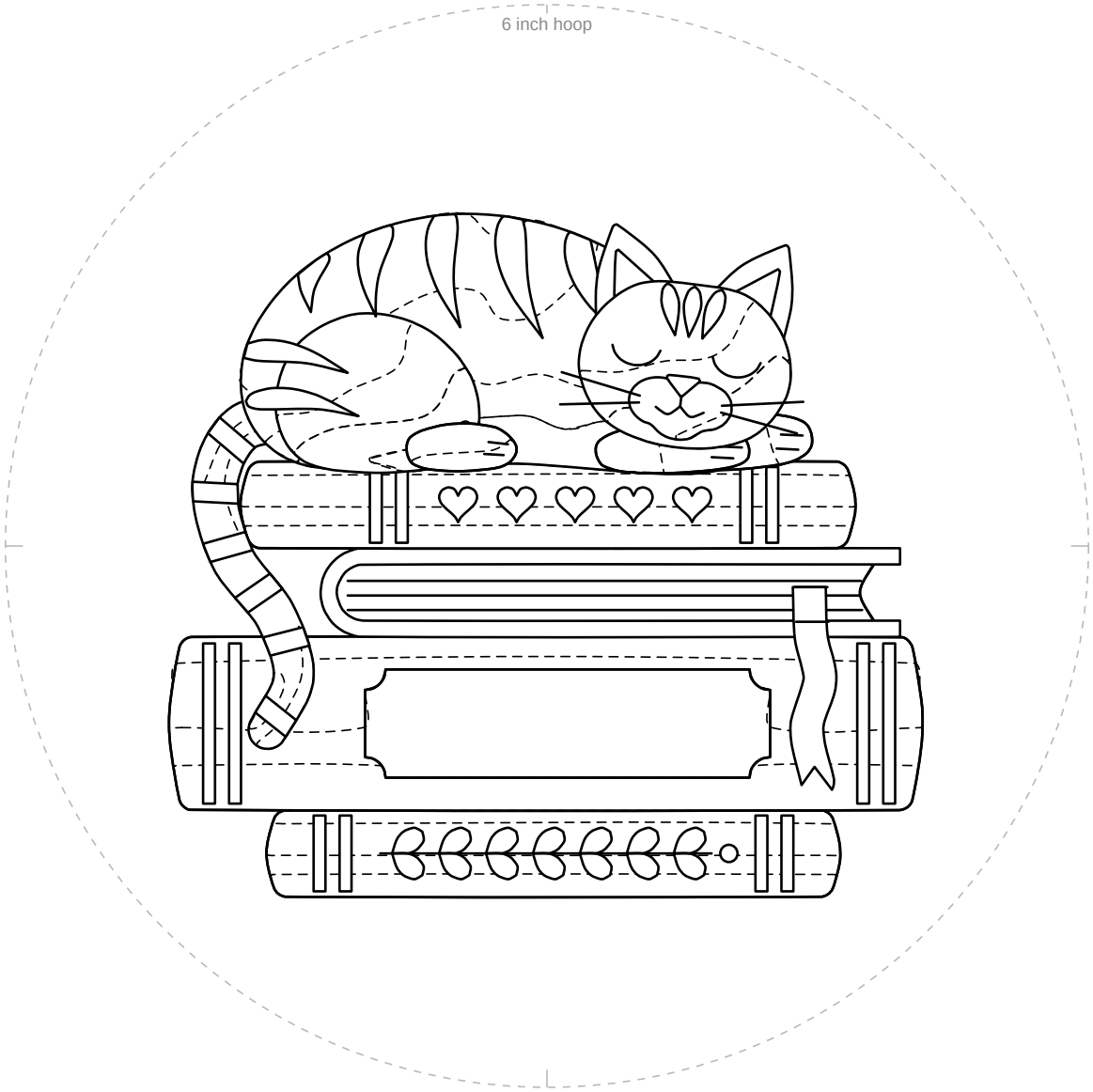
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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



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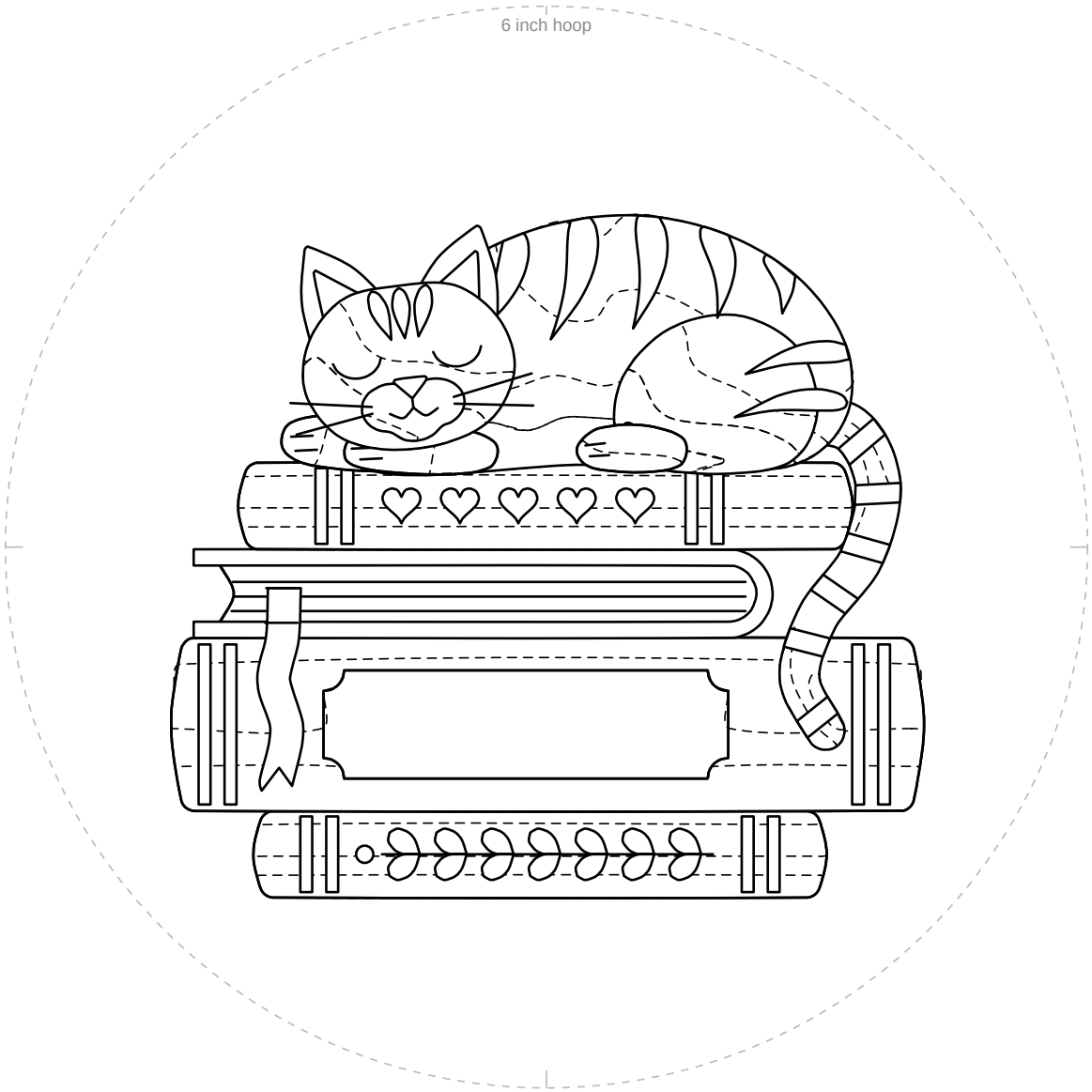
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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