Bow-top caravan and piebald bookmark

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 1.7 × 4.8 in (4.3 × 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.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

23 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each 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**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21
   Far hill, meadow, lane, roof, neck, white patch, head, blaze, muzzle, mane
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands, colors 3, 17
   Leaves
3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23
   Chimney, wheel hubs, axles, side wall, eave scallops, porch panel, arch, porch wall, ledge, door, door window, curtains, side windows, footboard, steps, ears, nostril, eye lids, eye, ear lining, halter, forelock, rose petals, rose buds, sepals
4. **Straight stitch**, colors 4, 10, 13, 17
   2 strands: wheel spokes, side ribs, grass
   1 strand: cow parsley stems (color 17)
5. **Stem stitch**, colors 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 17, 20
   3 strands: smoke, halter ring, gold border
   4 strands: wheels
   2 strands: roof hoops, roof edge, arch edge, door frame, step rails, cow parsley stems (color 17), flower stems, swallows
   1 strand: window frames, mouth, edges of the eye lids
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, colors 8, 23
   Head edge, petal edges
7. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands, color 12
   Red border
8. **French knot**, two wraps, colors 10, 11, 13, 16
   2 strands: door knob, cow parsley, poppies
   1 strand: eye highlight, rose centers

Take out lines that still show, press face down on soft cloth.

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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 502 Blue Green	**9**	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	**17**	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green
2	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green	**10**	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	**18**	DMC 310 Black
3	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	**11**	DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon	**19**	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
4	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	**12**	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	**20**	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray
5	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	**13**	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**21**	DMC 3689 Light Mauve
6	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	**14**	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	**22**	DMC 3688 Medium Mauve
7	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	**15**	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	**23**	DMC 3687 Mauve
8	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	**16**	DMC 3865 Winter White		

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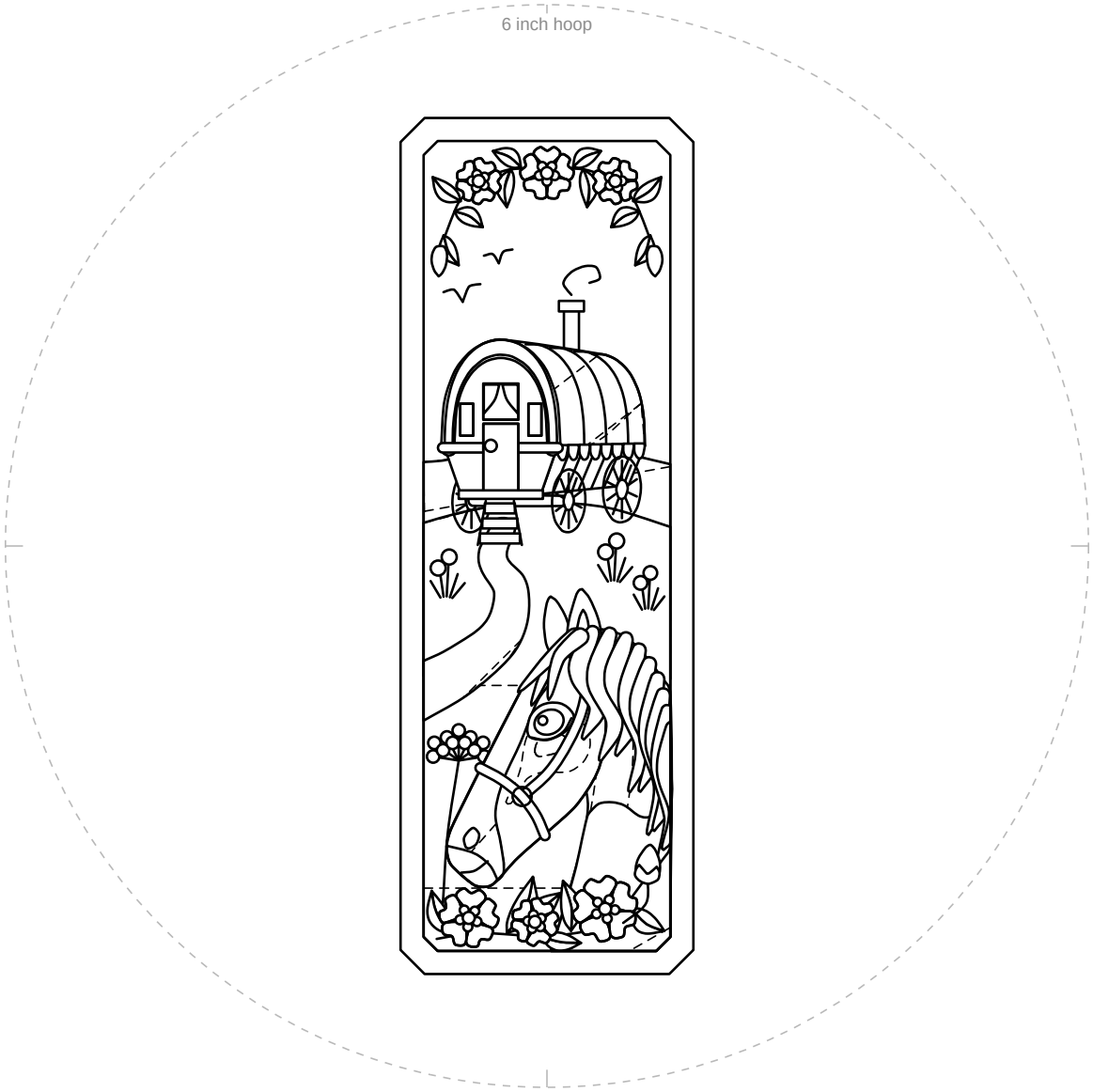
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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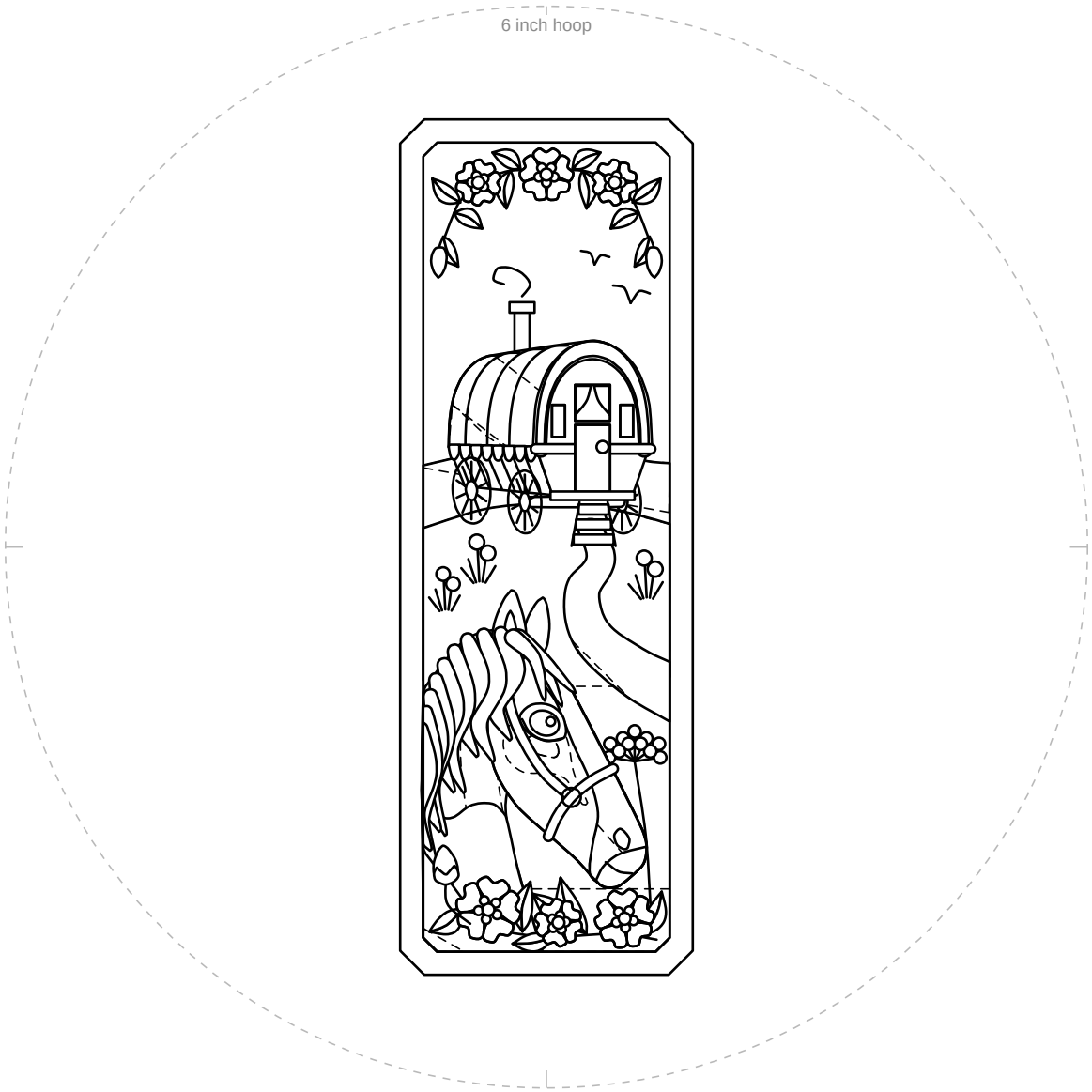
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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