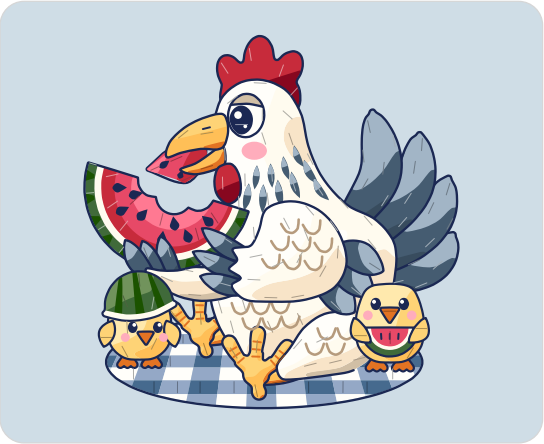
Cartoon chicken eating watermelon

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



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue 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
   Gingham cloth, neck feathers, melon pale rind, melon rind, rind stripes, melon seeds, cheeks, eye whites, eyes, eye lights, eyelids, and 5 more
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Tail feathers, legs, feet, comb, body, melon flesh, wing tips, wings, bill, wattles, chick, rind helmet
3. **Back stitch**, 2 to 4 strands
   Outline
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Toe creases, nostrils, melon seeds
5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Breast feathers, wing feathers
6. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Eye lights

Floss

- **1 DMC 809 Delft Blue** Gingham cloth (middle)
- **2 DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue** Gingham cloth (dark)
- **3 DMC BLANC White**
  Body and wings (lightest), gingham cloth (light), eye whites and eye lights
- **4 DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue**
  Outline, eyes, melon seeds and nostrils
- **5 DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue**
  Tail feathers and wing tips (middle), neck feathers (darker)
- **6 DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue**
  Tail feathers and wing tips (dark)
- **7 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Tail feathers and wing tips (light), neck feathers (lighter)
- **8 DMC 743 Medium Yellow**
  Feet, legs and bill (light), chick (middle), chick wings
- **9 DMC 922 Light Copper**
  Chick feet, toe creases and chick bill, legs, bill and feet (dark)
- **10 DMC 742 Light Tangerine**
  Bill, feet and legs (middle), chick (dark)
- **11 DMC 321 Red** Comb and wattles (lighter), melon flesh (dark)
- **12 DMC 815 Medium Garnet** Comb and wattles (darker)
- **13 DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown**
  Body and wings (darkest), eyelids
- **14 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan** Body and wings (dark)
- **15 DMC 712 Cream**
  Body and wings (light), melon pale rind and helmet rim
- **16 DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon** Melon flesh (middle)
- **17 DMC 3705 Dark Melon** Melon flesh (light)
- **18 DMC 3346 Hunter Green** Melon rind, rind helmet (darker)
- **19 DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green** Rind stripes
- **20 DMC 841 Light Beige Brown**
  Breast feathers and wing feathers
- **21 DMC 3706 Medium Melon** Cheeks
- **22 DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow** Chick (light)
- **23 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green** Rind helmet (lighter)

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.

Begin with no knot on the back where it is seen and washed, as on a towel, a napkin or clothes; for a piece in a hoop a small knot is fine. End each thread by whipping it around the backs of four or five stitches, with one small hitch.

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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8	DMC 743 Medium Yellow	16	DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon		

How many strands

Straight stitch. 3 strands: melon seeds; 2 strands: nostrils; 1 strand: toe creases.

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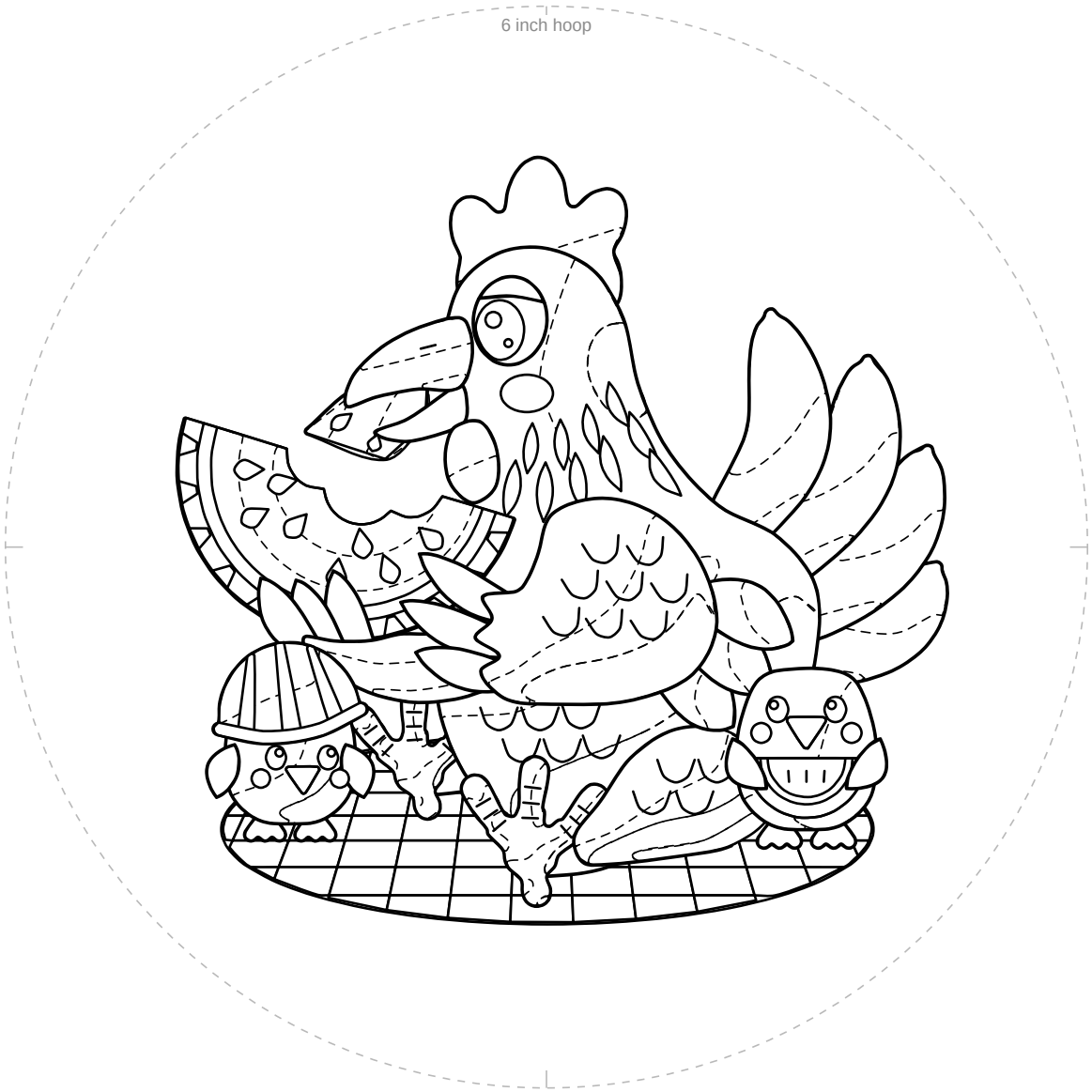
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



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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