Cassette tape with a heart

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.6 in (11.2 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

14 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. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tape, shell, shell front, holes, sun, sunset bands, window, wound tape, hubs, hub hearts



2. **Stem stitch**, colors 3, 6
   2 strands: tape edges, band lines
   3 strands: outlines

3. **Whipped back stitch**
   1 strand, color 5
   Tape shine

4. **Chain stitch**, 1 strand, color 6
   Outer band line



5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, color 5
   Winding lines

6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, color 3
   Screws



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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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 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	6	DMC 712 Cream	11	DMC 919 Red Copper
2	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	7	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold	12	DMC 733 Medium Olive Green
3	DMC 3371 Black Brown	8	DMC 3822 Light Straw	13	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise
4	DMC 436 Tan	9	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	14	DMC 844 Ultra Dark Beaver Gray
5	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	10	DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice		

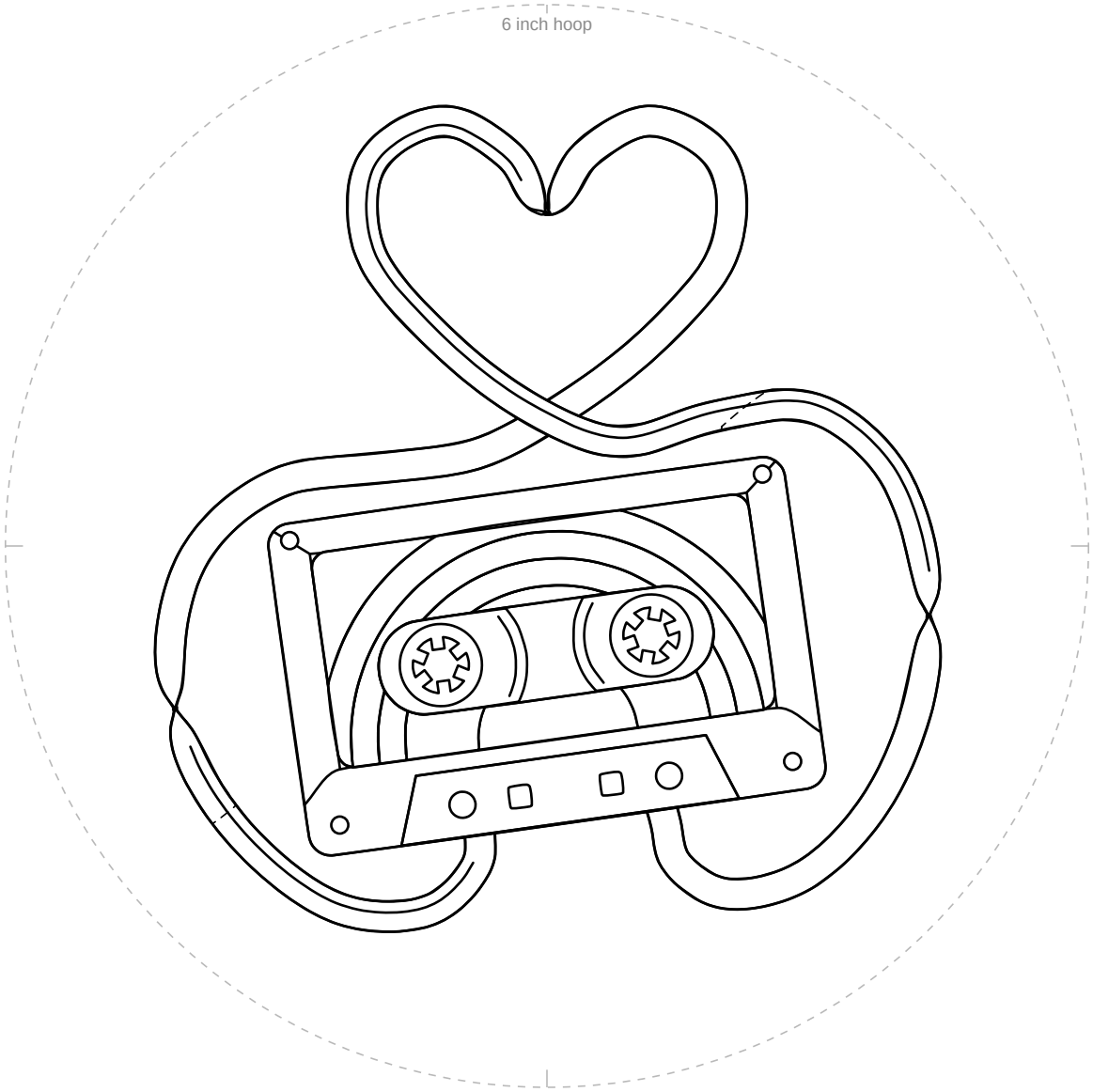
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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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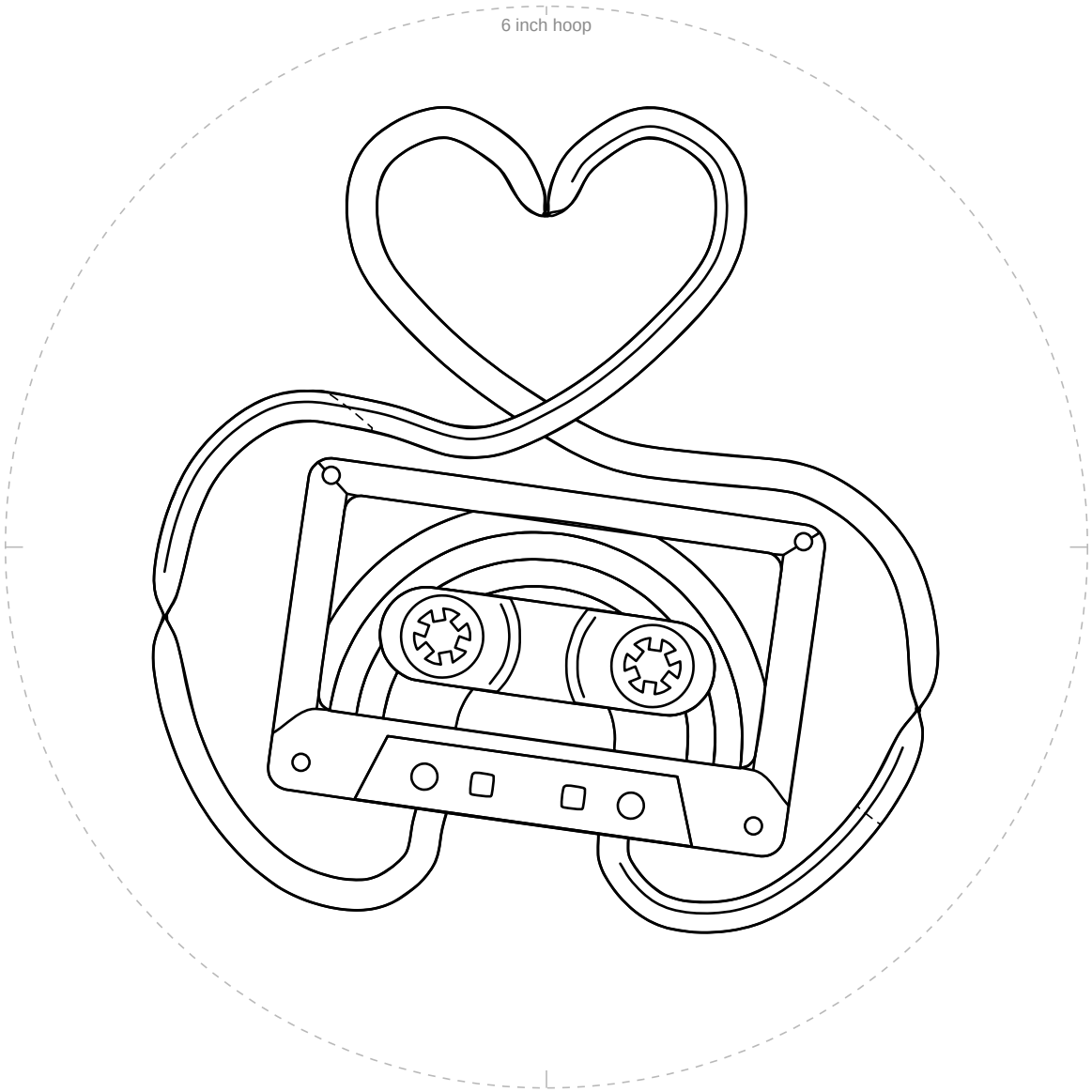
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