Cat bookmark with room for a name

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 1.4 × 4.8 in (3.6 × 12.2 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: 16 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. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Mouse tail

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Tail, body, bib, paws, toes, ears, head, muzzle, mouse



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands: books, gold bands, spine ornaments, pages, butterfly, butterfly body, mouse book, mouse feet
   1 strand: stripes, inner ears, eye rims, eyes, pupils, nose, mouse ears, mouse eye, mouse nose



4. **Whipped running stitch**
   3 strands
   Border
5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Name lines

6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Page lines (color 5), toe lines, whiskers



7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Page lines (color 5), outline, mouse outline

8. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Mouth, feelers

9. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: knots of the spine ornaments
   1 strand: eye highlights, wing spots



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

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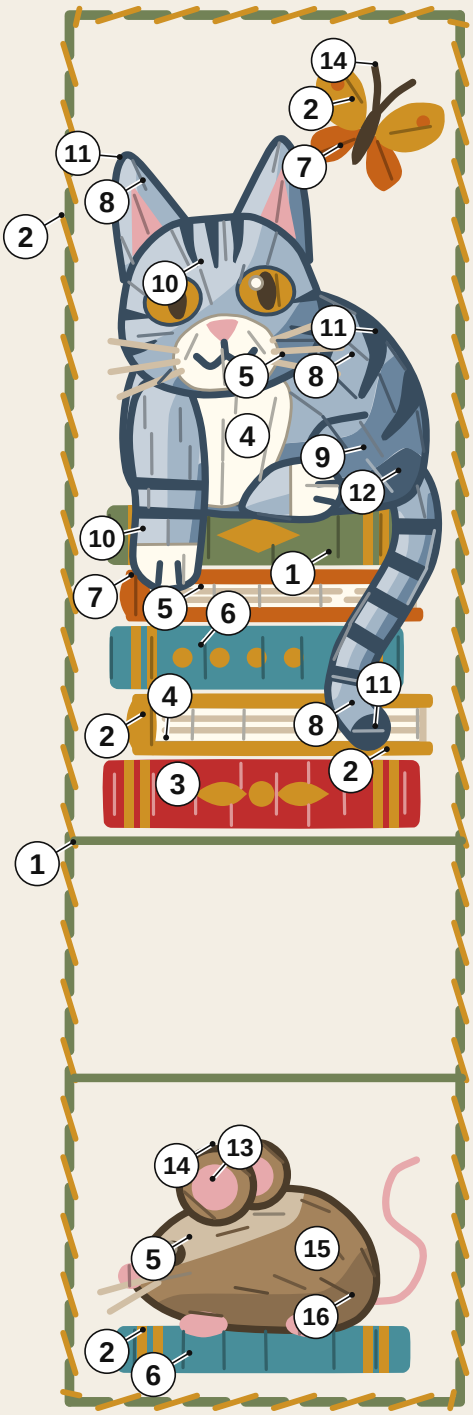
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	7	DMC 921 Copper	13	DMC 3688 Medium Mauve
2	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	8	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	14	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown
3	DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon	9	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	15	DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige
4	DMC 712 Cream	10	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	16	DMC 3862 Dark Mocha Beige
5	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	11	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue		
6	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	12	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue		

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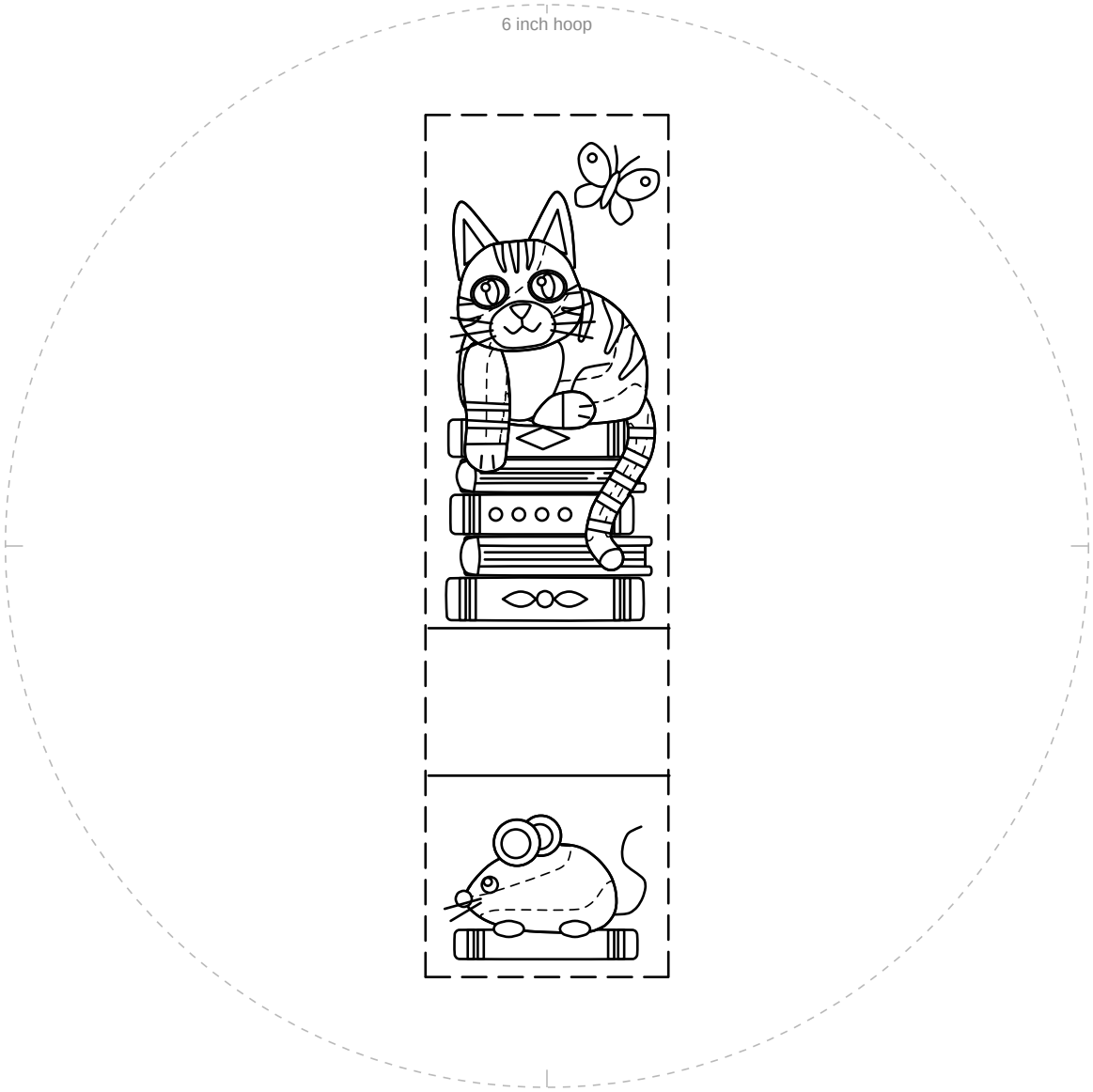
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a dashed line is whipped running stitch; a finer one inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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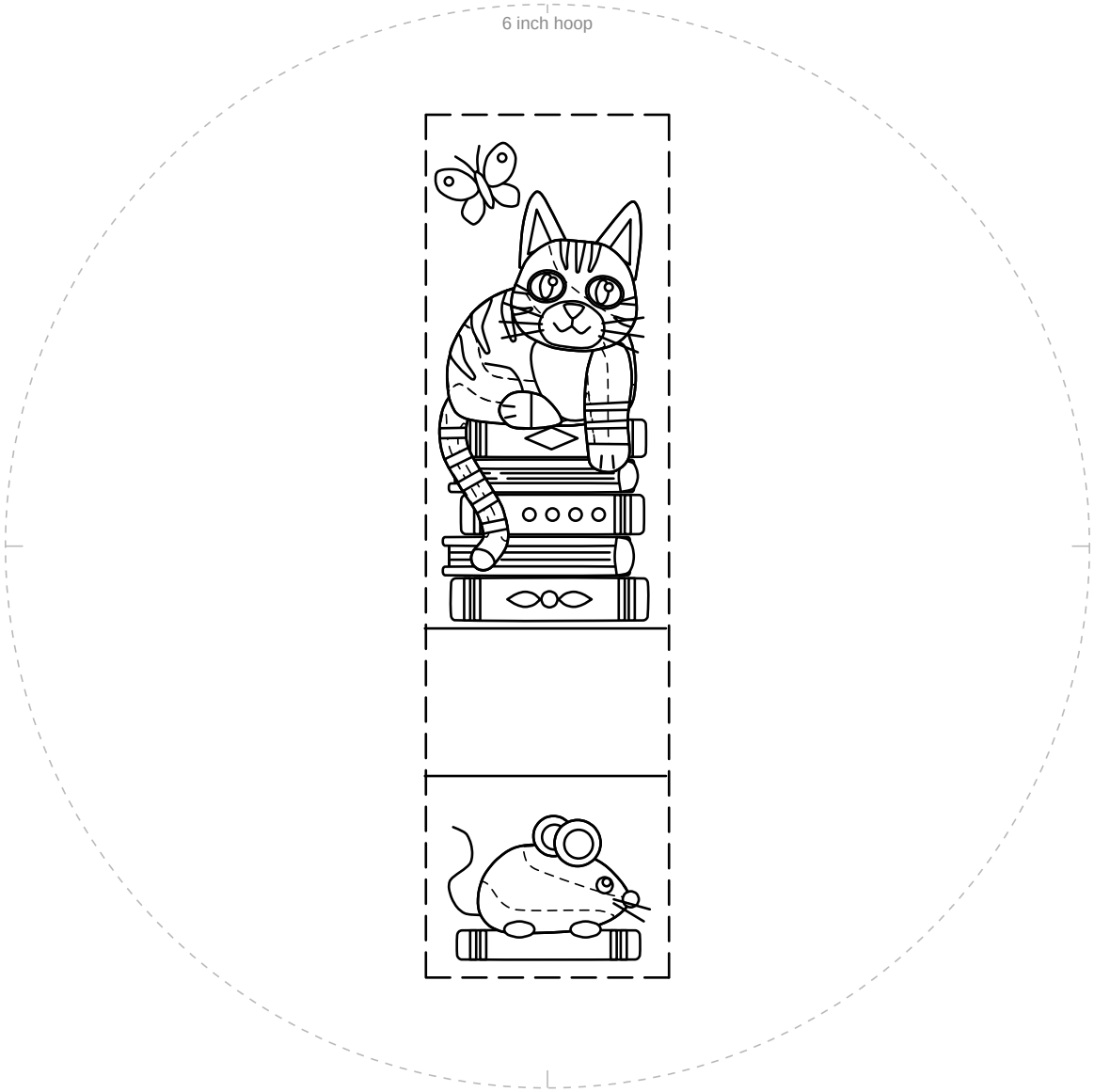
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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