Classic camel in a saddle cloth

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4 × 3.9 in (10.2 × 9.9 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.

15 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, colors 1, 2, 11, 12, 14
   Sand, eye, eyelid, nostril



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13
   Tail, far legs, feet, body, head, ear



3. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 4, 5, 11
   Far legs edges, feet edges, toes, body edge, head edge, ear edge, eyelid crease, lash line, mouth

4. **Straight stitch**
   colors 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 15
   2 strands: tail tuft, seed heads
   1 strand: hump tufts, throat tufts, lashes, eye highlight, poll tuft



5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands, colors 8, 9, 10
   Grasses

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 3864 Light Mocha Beige	6	DMC 436 Tan	11	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown
2	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	7	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	12	DMC 437 Light Tan
3	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	8	DMC 3012 Medium Khaki Green	13	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
4	DMC 433 Medium Brown	9	DMC 3011 Dark Khaki Green	14	DMC 3371 Black Brown
5	DMC 434 Light Brown	10	DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green	15	DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige

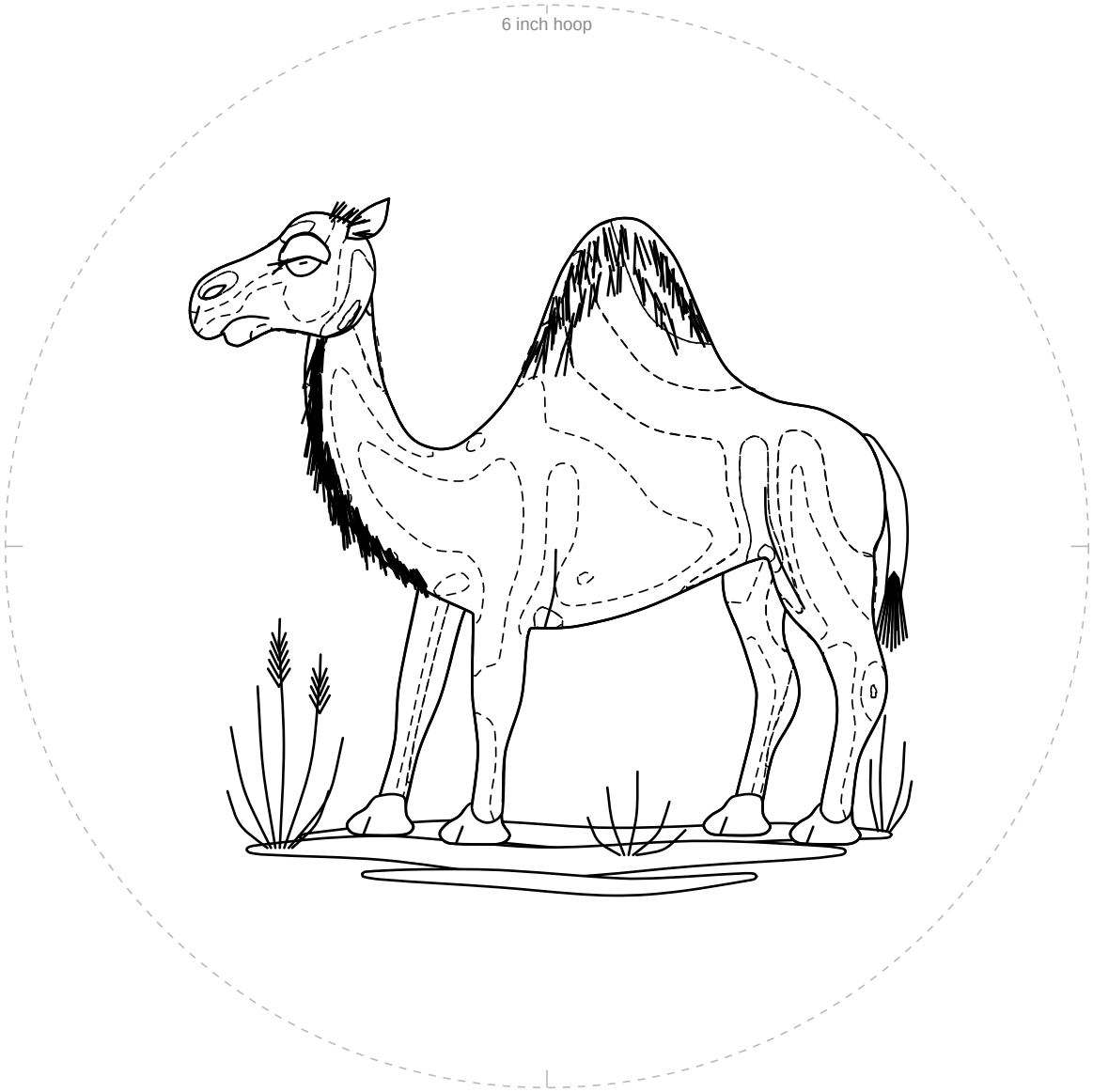
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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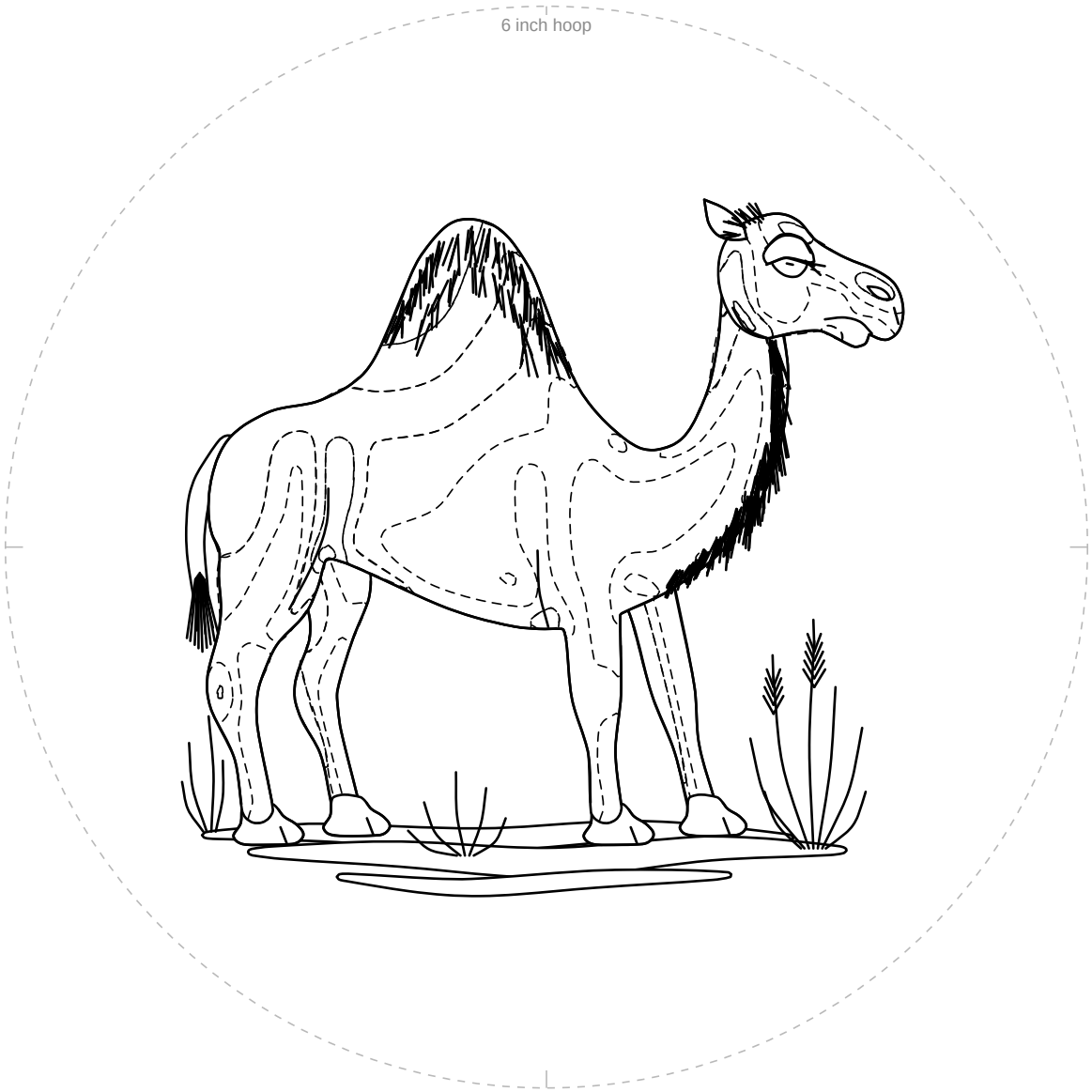
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