Colonial house and willow trees border

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 1.6 in (11.9 × 4.1 cm).



Which color goes where.

Floss

- **DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Frond leaves, chain fronds, stem fronds, tulip leaves and tulip stems
- **DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown**
  Roof, willow trunks, ground line, lower line, fence rails and chimney cap
- **DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Fence pickets, windows, bird wings and bird eyes
- **DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta**
  House boards, tulips and chimney, diamonds (darker)
- **DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Diamonds (lighter), tulip hearts, door panels, bird bills and bird legs
- **DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Dots, birds, door and window bars

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 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 2 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on**
   Go over the lines of page 3, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron.

Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

Stitches

- **Stem stitch**, 2 to 3 strands
  Stem fronds, fence rails, tulip stems, bird legs
- **Straight stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Frond leaves, window bars, bird bills
- **Chain stitch**, 2 to 3 strands
  Chain fronds, ground line, lower line
- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Willow trunks, fence pickets, tulip leaves, tulips, tulip hearts, chimney, chimney cap, house boards, windows, door, roof, birds, diamonds
- **Back stitch**, 1 strand
  Door panels, bird wings
- **French knot**, 1 to 2 strands, two wraps
  Bird eyes, dots

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

Work it in this order

1. Stitch the filled parts first, what lies behind before what lies in front of it.
2. Then stitch the lines: stems, veins and outlines over the edges of the filled parts.
3. Keep the knots for the end, so that the hoop and your hand do not flatten them.

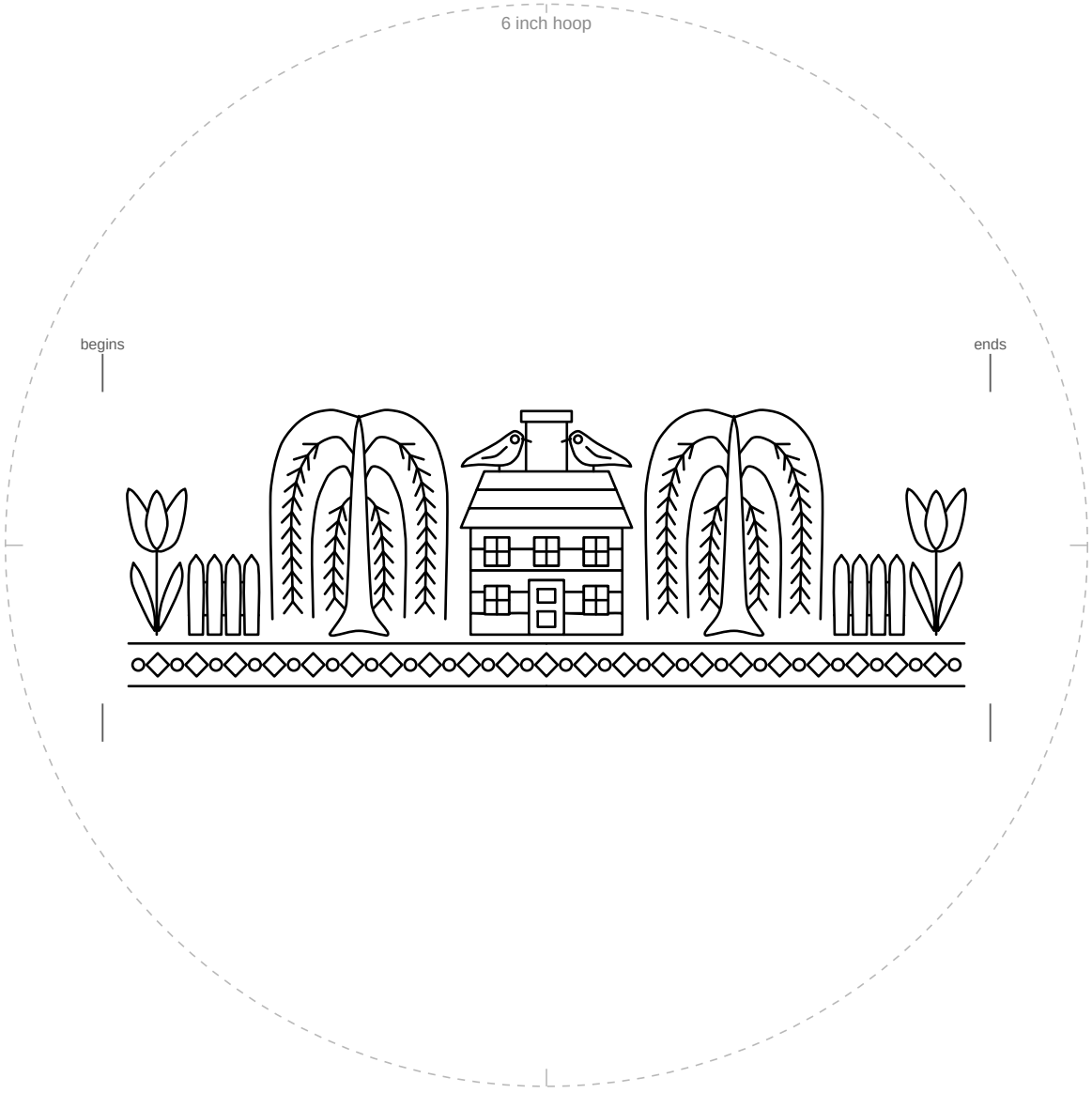
The thread
Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers: a knot shows as a bump. A line may start with a small knot on the back or one of the knotless starts. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

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6 inch hoop

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1 in
25.4 mm

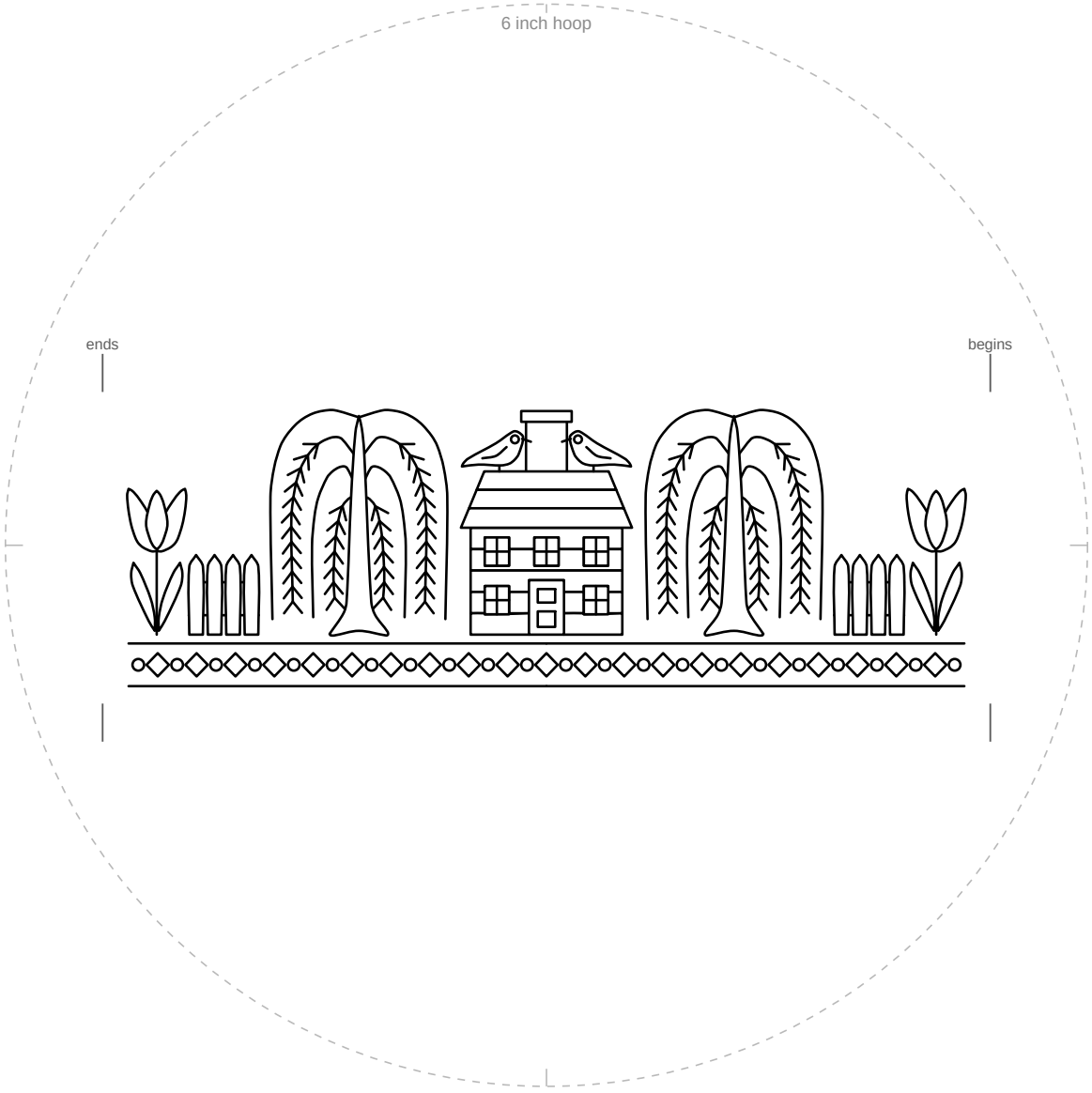
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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