Cotton bolls and tractor at sunset

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



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Sky, clouds, sun, treeline, far field, cotton rows, lane, furrows, tractor shadow, grille frame, stalks, leaves, lint, burrs
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tires, front wheel rims, engine, gearbox, seat, hood top, hood side, headlamps, exhaust pipe, rear wheel rims, wheel centers, fenders
3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Sun edge, leaf veins, leaf edges, lint edges, lint sunlit rims, burr edges
4. **Running stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
   Far cotton
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Engine fins, grille bars, hood louvers, exhaust pipe, tire lugs
6. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Seat spring, steering column, steering wheel, hood line, headlamp rims, tire rim line, wheel rim lines, fender edges, rim
7. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Cotton in the rows, wheel hubs

Floss

- **1 DMC 3855 Light Autumn Gold** Sky (light), sun edge
- **2 DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet**
  Sky and lint (darkest), treeline (lighter), tire rim line, clouds (dark)
- **3 DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet**
  Sky and lint (dark), lint edges and wheel rim lines, clouds (middle)
- **4 DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink**
  Sky (lightest), far cotton (darker), clouds (light)
- **5 DMC 754 Light Peach**
  Sky (middle), furrows and lane (light), lint sunlit rims
- **6 DMC 743 Medium Yellow** Sun
- **7 DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet**
  Treeline (darker), rim and tractor shadow, burrs and stalks (dark)
- **8 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green** Far field (darker), cotton rows (dark)
- **9 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Cotton rows (middle), far field (lighter), leaves (dark)
- **10 DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow**
  Far cotton and cotton in the rows (lighter), lint (lightest) and 6 more parts
- **11 DMC 3364 Pine Green** Cotton rows (light), leaves (middle)
- **12 DMC 3865 Winter White** Lint (light), cotton in the rows (darker)
- **13 DMC 3860 Cocoa** Furrows and lane (dark)
- **14 DMC 3861 Light Cocoa** Furrows and lane (middle)
- **15 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Tires, seat, steering wheel and headlamp rims, exhaust pipe (darker) and 3 more parts
- **16 DMC 3776 Light Mahogany**
  Rear wheel rims and front wheel rims
- **17 DMC 924 Very Dark Gray Green**
  Engine, grille frame and hood louvers
- **18 DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray**
  Gearbox and tire lugs, exhaust pipe (lighter)
- **19 DMC 927 Light Gray Green**
  Hood top, fender edges and engine fins
- **20 DMC 926 Medium Gray Green** Hood side and fenders
- **21 DMC 3859 Light Rosewood**
  Burrs and stalks (light), leaf edges and burr edges
- **22 DMC 632 Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand**
  Burrs and stalks (middle)
- **23 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green** Leaves (light)

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

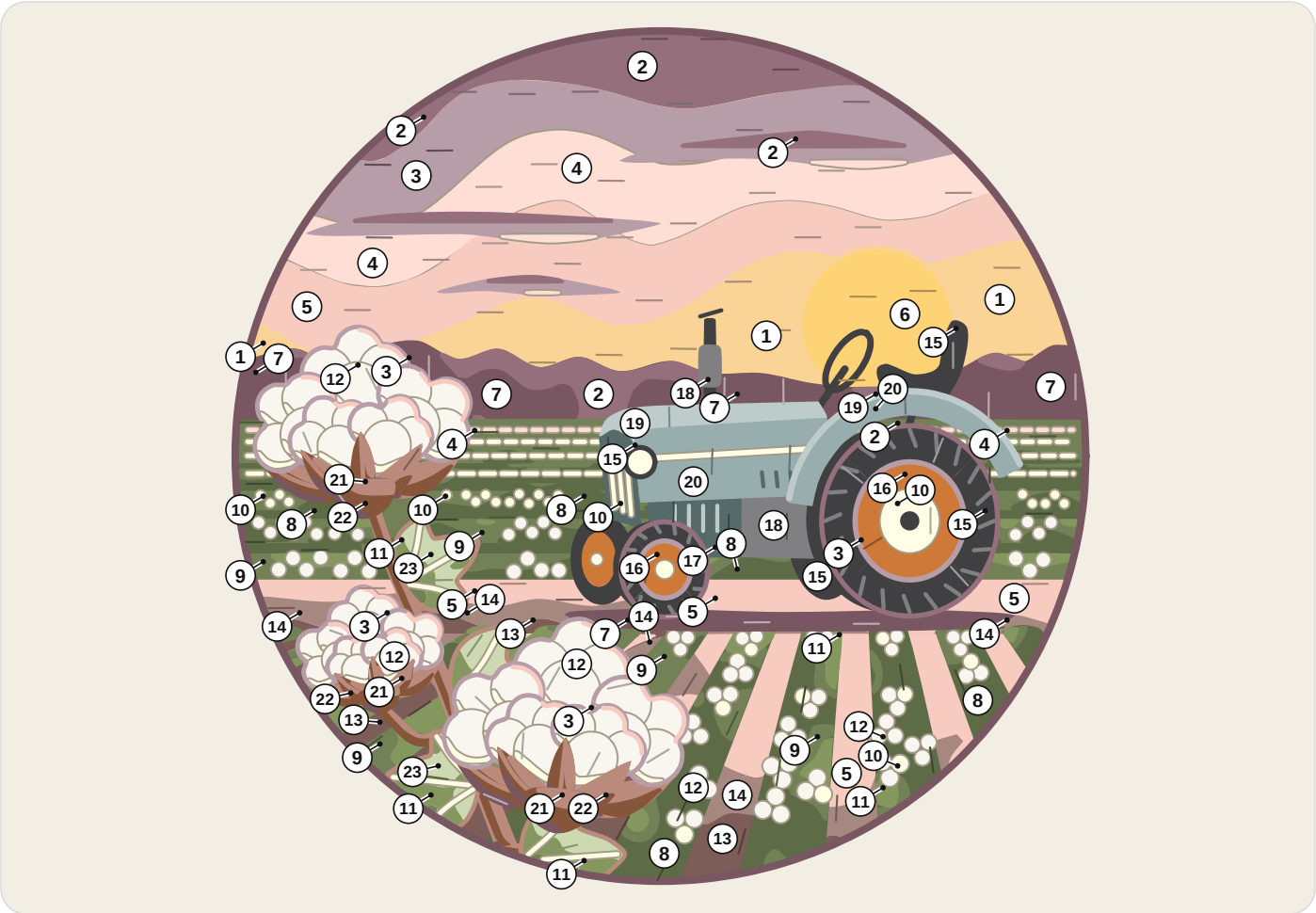
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A dashed line is running stitch. 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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How many strands

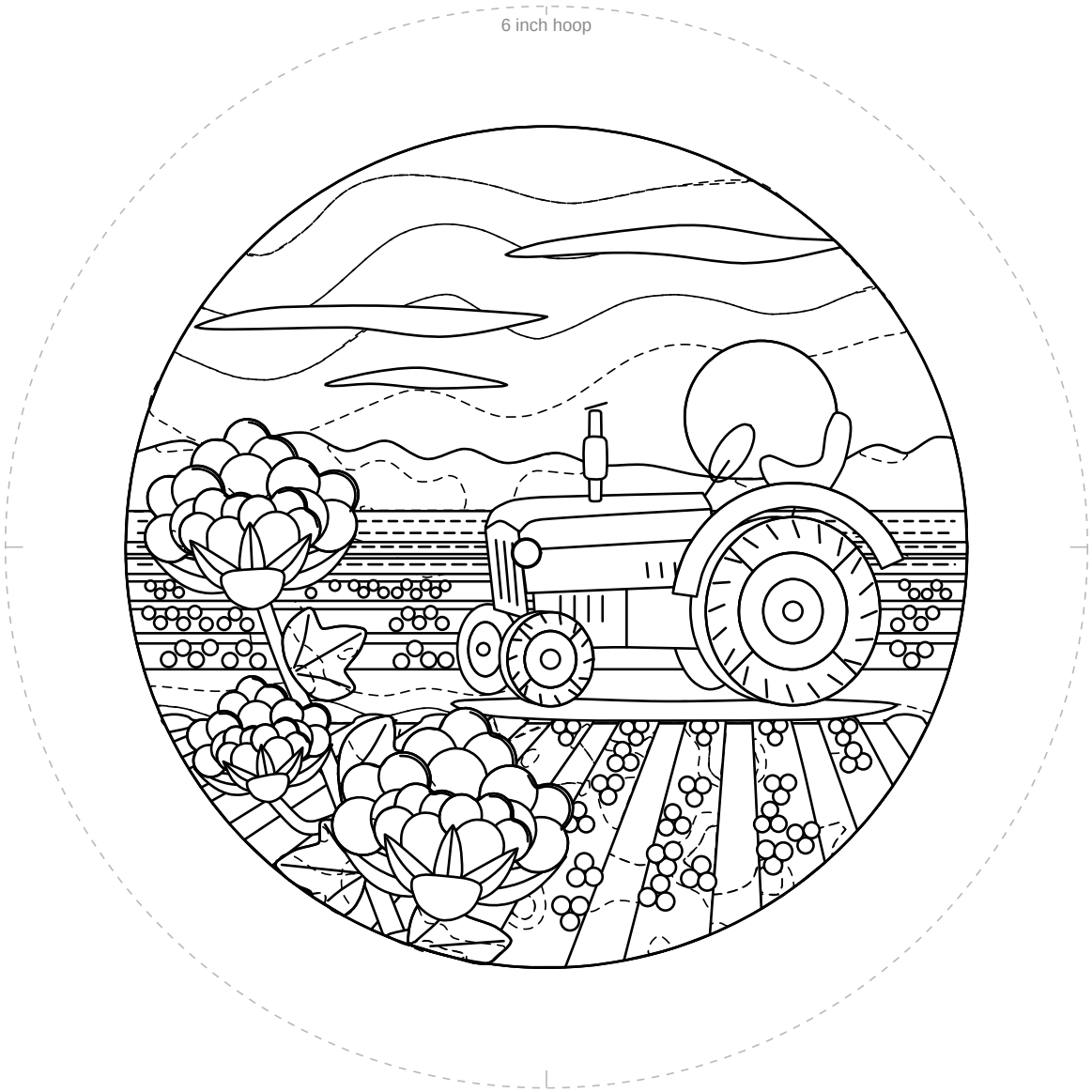
Straight stitch. 3 strands: exhaust pipe; 2 or 3 strands: tire lugs; 2 strands: engine fins, grille bars, hood louvers.
Stem stitch. 4 strands: seat spring, steering column, rim; 3 strands: steering wheel, fender edges; 2 strands: hood line; 1 or 2 strands: wheel rim lines; 1 strand: headlamp rims, tire rim line.
French knot. 2 strands: wheel hubs; 1 or 2 strands: cotton in the rows.

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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.



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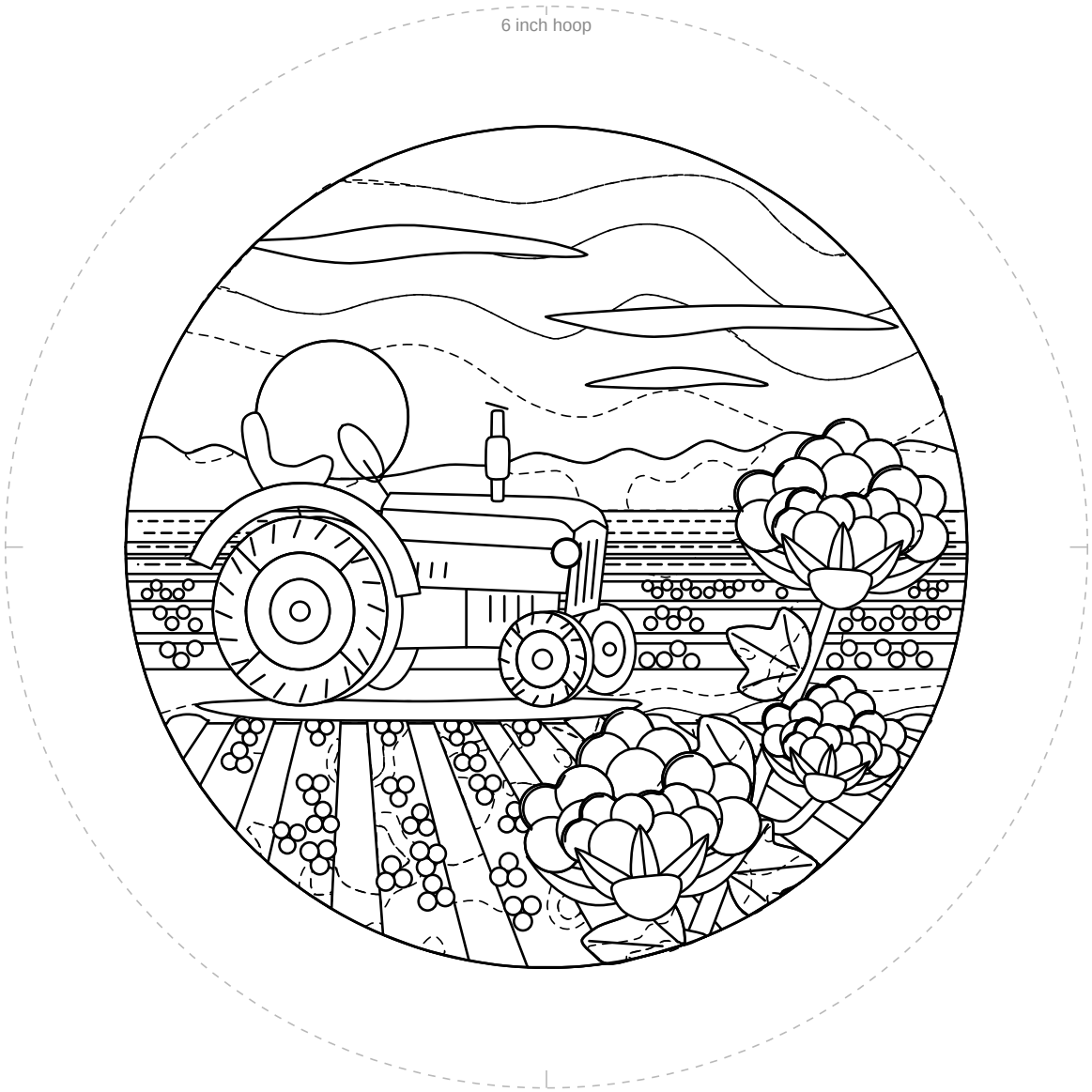
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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