Crazy patchwork block, decorative seams

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.5 × 3.5 in (8.9 × 8.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: black cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Woven filling stitch**, 3 strands
   Silk patches
2. **Blanket stitch**, 3 strands
   Blanket fans, pointed blanket seam
3. **Cretan stitch**, 3 strands
   Cretan seam
4. **Arrowhead stitch**, 3 strands
   Arrowhead seam
5. **Star stitch**, 2 strands
   Star seam
6. **Sheaf stitch**, 3 strands
   Sheaf seam, sheaf seam ties
7. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Fan leaf, pansy, horseshoe, spider, binding
8. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Pansy leaves
9. **Feather stitch**, 3 strands
   Feather seam
10. **Herringbone stitch**, 3 strands
    Herringbone seam

Floss

- **1 DMC 902 Very Dark Garnet** Silk patches (light)
- **2 DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green** Silk patches (middle)
- **3 DMC 154 Very Dark Grape**
  Silk patches (dark), pansy face and horseshoe nails
- **4 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue**
  Feather seam and chain seam knots, pansy and fan leaf (darker) and 2 more parts
- **5 DMC 3821 Straw**
  Binding, wheat ears, herringbone seam and star seam, pansy (lighter) and 6 more parts
- **6 DMC 712 Cream**
  Blanket fans, sheaf seam and wheat beards, fan leaf (lighter) and 3 more parts
- **7 DMC 3688 Medium Mauve**
  Cretan seam, daisy seam, arrowhead seam, sheaf seam ties and spider and 3 more parts
- **8 DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Chevron seam and pansy leaves
- **9 DMC 415 Pearl Gray** Web, horseshoe, spider legs and spider thread

Stitches, continued

11. **Chevron stitch**, 3 strands
    Chevron seam
12. **Chain stitch**, strands by part on page 2
    Chain seam, arrowhead seam chain
13. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
    Daisy seam stem, fan edges, wheat stalks
14. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
    Fan sticks, fan guards, pansy face, wheat ears, wheat beards, wheat tie, web, spider thread
15. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
    Web, spider legs
16. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
    Daisy seam, wheat ears
17. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
    Feather seam knots, fan seam knots, chain seam knots, star seam knots, fan rivet, pansy heart, horseshoe nails, spider

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it 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. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point.

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

Chain stitch. 3 strands: chain seam; 2 strands: arrowhead seam chain.
Stem stitch. 3 strands: daisy seam stem; 2 strands: fan edges, wheat stalks.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: fan guards, wheat tie; 2 strands: fan sticks, pansy face; 1 strand: wheat ears, wheat beards, web, spider thread.
French knot. 2 strands: feather seam knots, fan seam knots, chain seam knots, star seam knots, fan rivet, pansy heart, spider; 1 strand: horseshoe nails.

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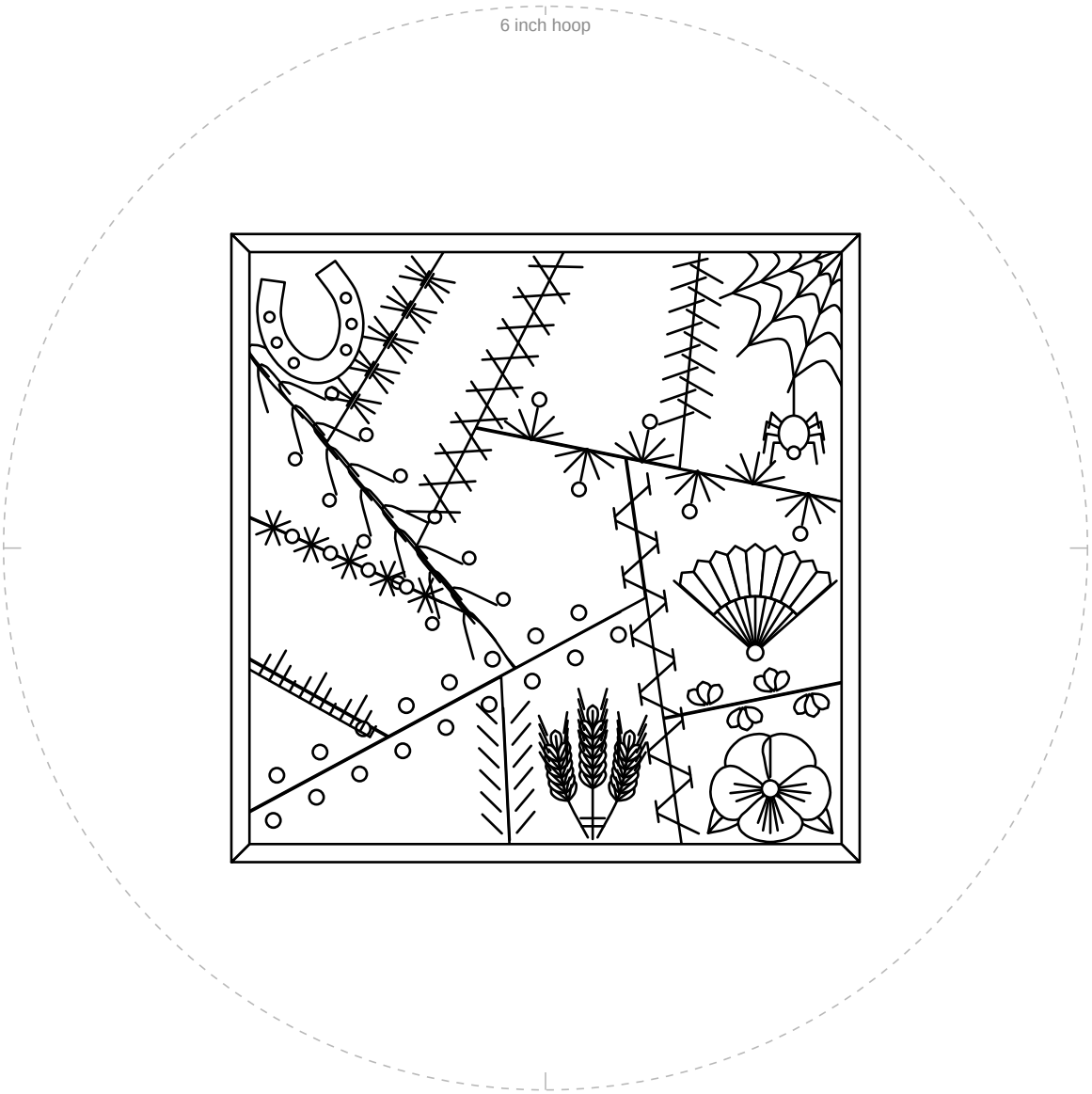
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



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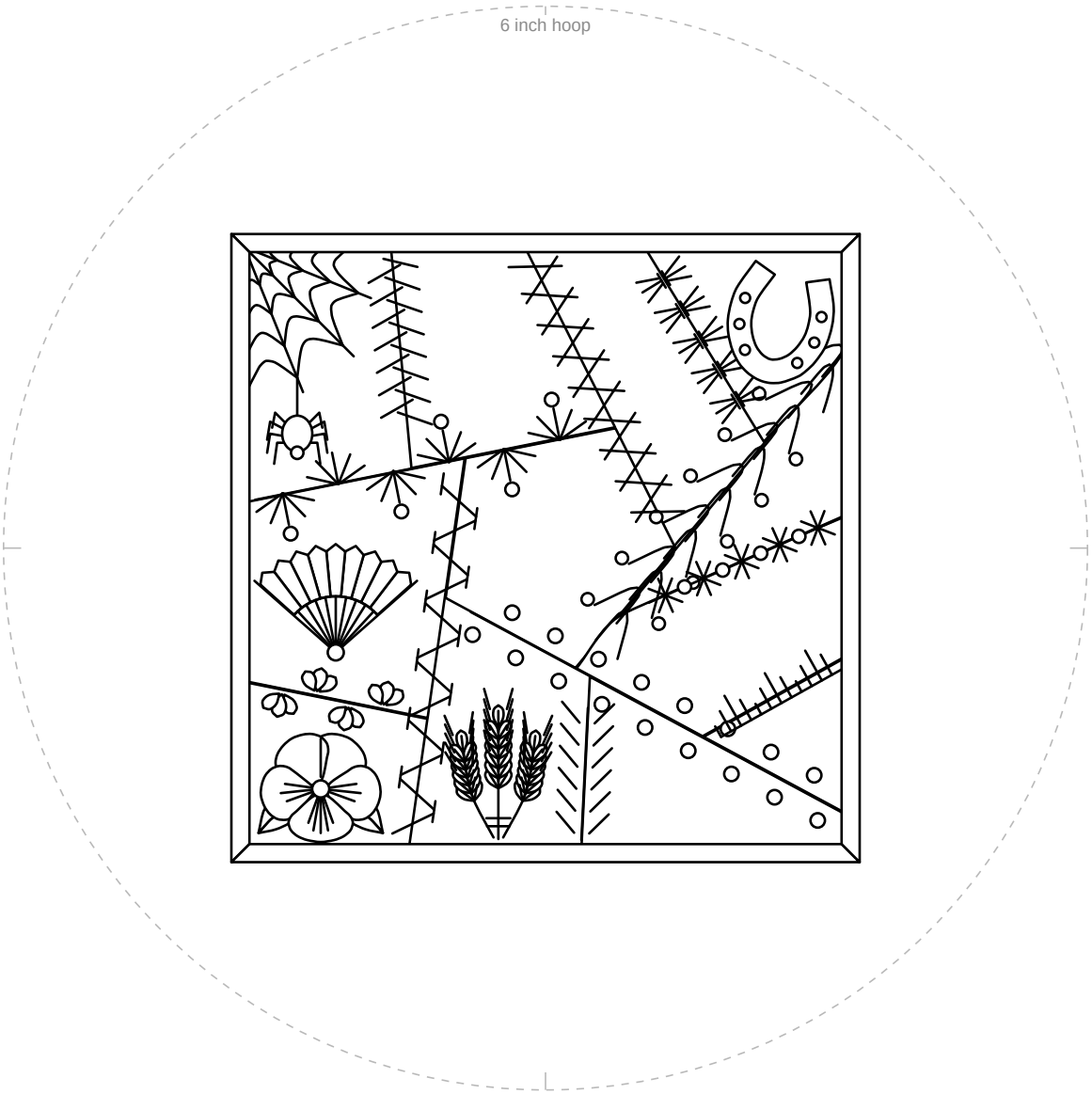
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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