Cute potato with a sprout

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.8 × 4.4 in (9.7 × 11.2 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Potato skin, cheeks, soil ground
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Potato eyes, eye whites, face eyes, eye lights, mouth, tongue, sprout stem, bud scales, sprout leaves, ladybug
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Sprout leaves, seedling leaves
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Potato outline, seedling stems
5. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaf veins
6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Ladybug

Floss

- **1 DMC 738 Very Light Tan** Potato skin (lightest)
- **2 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Potato skin (darkest), soil crumbs (light), freckles
- **3 DMC 435 Very Light Brown** Potato skin (dark)
- **4 DMC 436 Tan** Potato skin (middle)
- **5 DMC 437 Light Tan** Potato skin (light)
- **6 DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown**
  Soil crumbs (dark), soil ground (darker), potato outline and face eyes and 4 more parts
- **7 DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta**
  Cheeks and tongue
- **8 DMC BLANC White** Eye whites and eye lights
- **9 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Seedling leaves (lighter), sprout leaves (middle), seedling stems
- **10 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Sprout leaves (light)
- **11 DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Sprout stem and leaf veins
- **12 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green**
  Sprout leaves (dark), seedling leaves (darker)
- **13 DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet**
  Bud scales (darker)
- **14 DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet**
  Bud scales (lighter)
- **15 DMC 321 Red** Ladybug (lighter)
- **16 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown**
  Soil ground (lighter), soil crumbs (middle)

Stitches, continued

7. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Freckles, eye lights, ladybug spots, soil crumbs

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

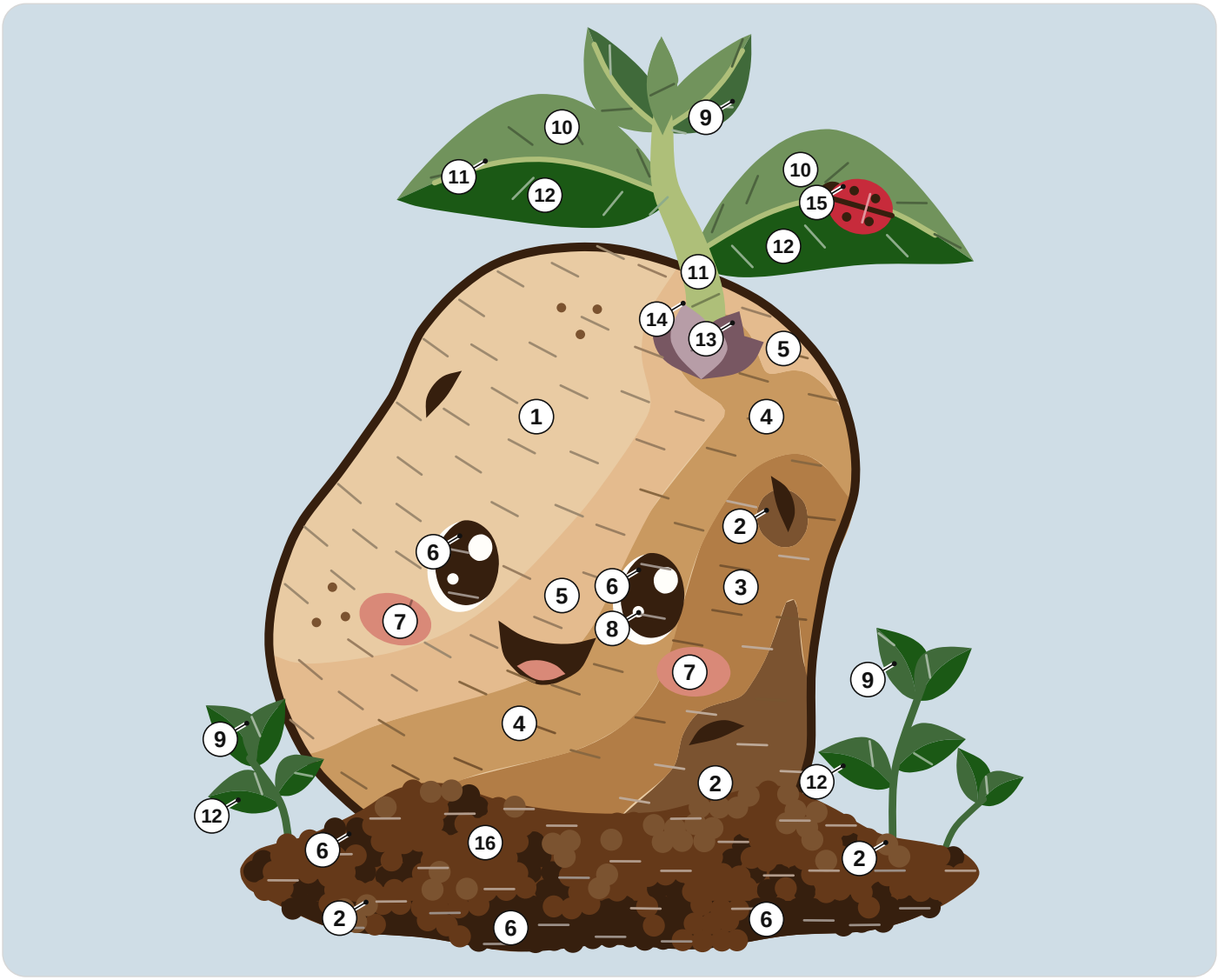
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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 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

Stem stitch. 4 strands: potato outline; 2 or 3 strands: seedling stems.
French knot. 2 strands: soil crumbs; 1 strand: freckles, eye lights, ladybug spots.

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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.



1 in
25.4 mm

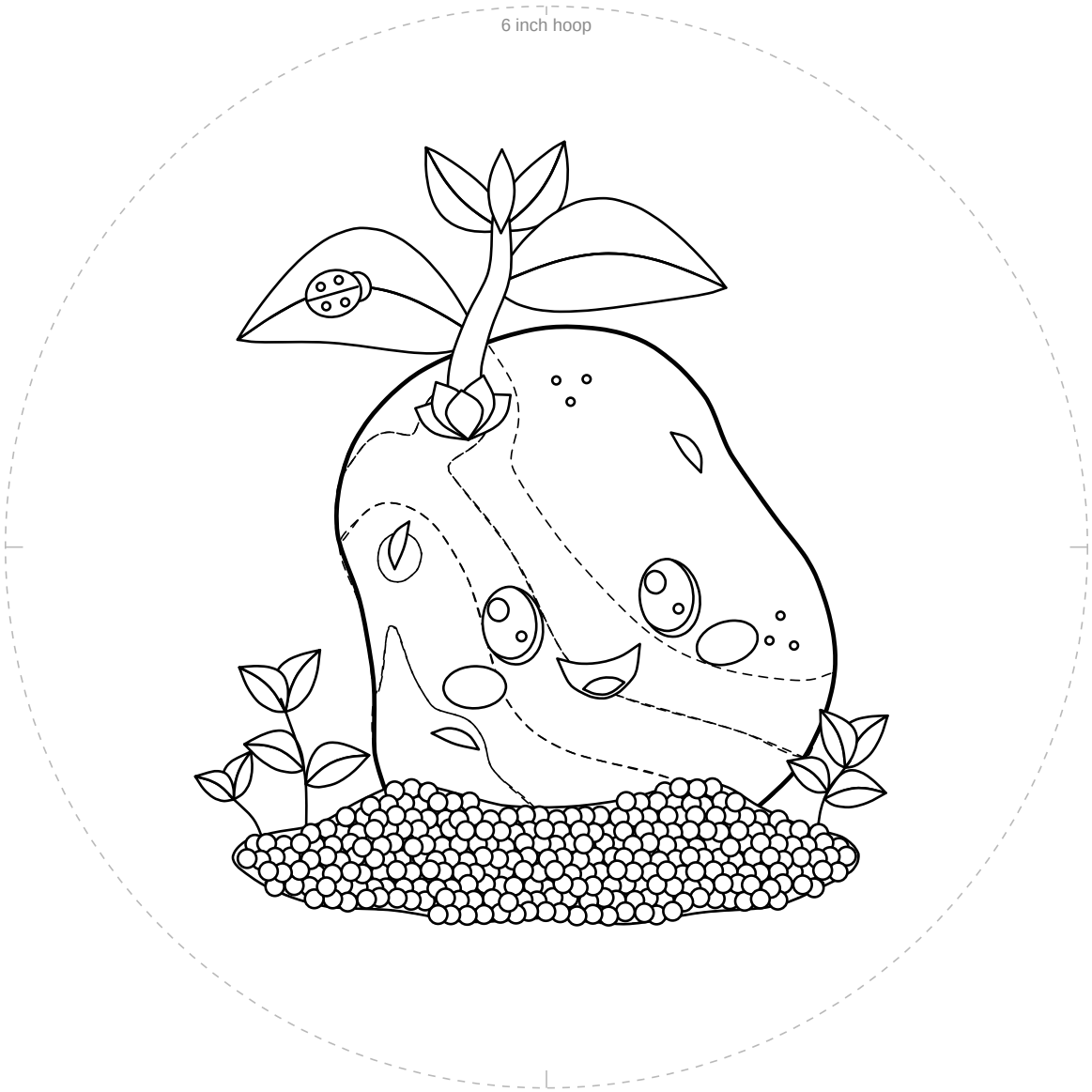
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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