Cutie in laurel

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 5 × 4.7 in (12.7 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: laurel stems
   2 strands: heart stalks

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Down, wing



3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Laurel leaves



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Small hearts, ribbon bow, letters, legs and feet, tuft, cheek, bill, eye



5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: letter edges, down edge
   2 strands: wing edge

6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Toes, nostril



7. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Large hearts



8. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Eye highlight



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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.

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.

Buy: 17 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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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 3362 Dark Pine Green	7	DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose	13	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
2	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	8	DMC 3733 Dusty Rose	14	DMC 727 Very Light Topaz
3	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	9	DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice	15	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
4	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	10	DMC 720 Dark Orange Spice	16	DMC 722 Light Orange Spice
5	DMC 321 Red	11	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz	17	DMC 3371 Black Brown
6	DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose	12	DMC 726 Light Topaz		

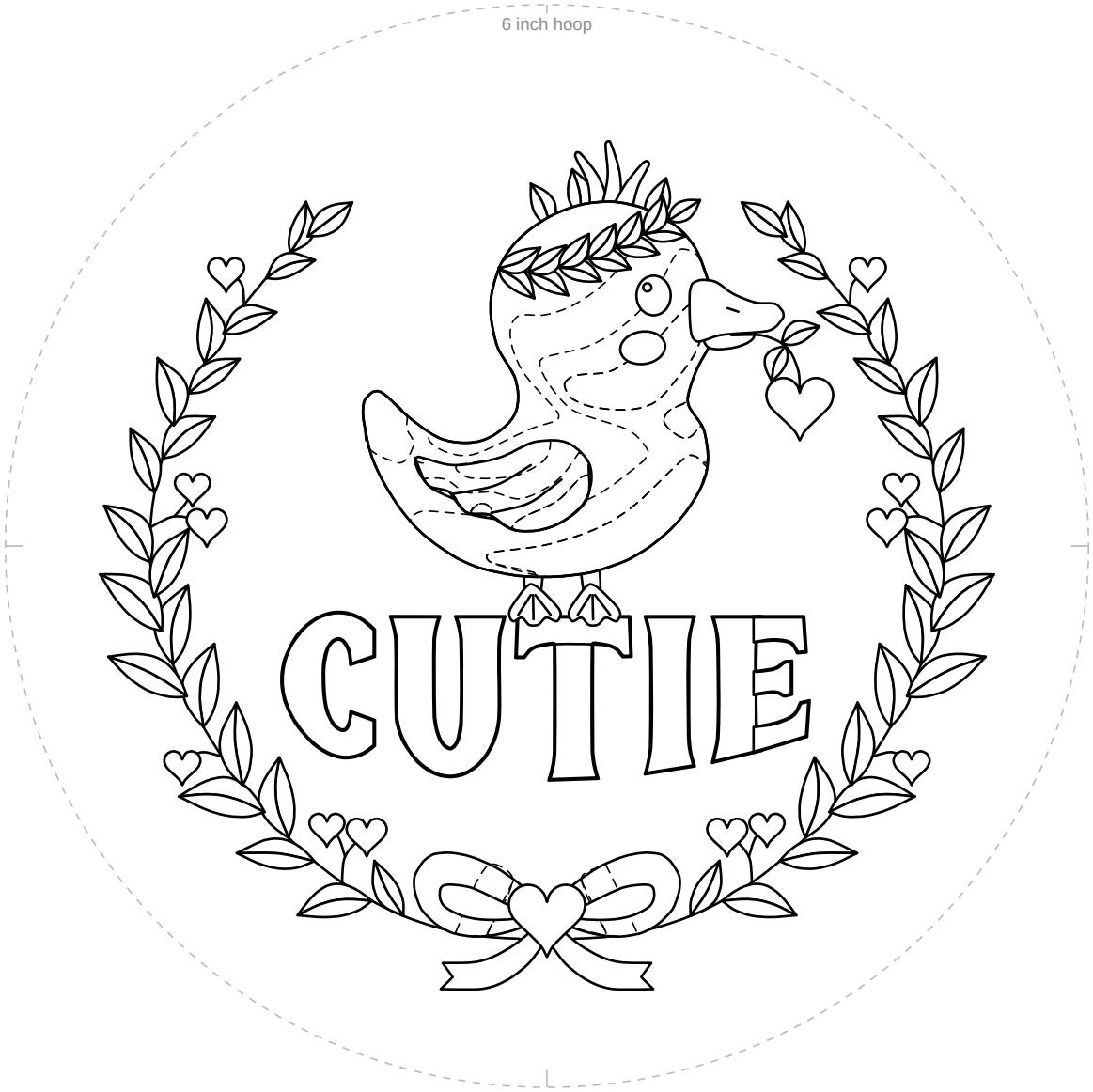
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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