Dog silhouettes border, four breeds

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 2.4 in (12.4 × 6.1 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

15 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

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.

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.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Vine, flower stems

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   German shepherd, corgi, Labrador, coonhound, butterfly



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Kerchiefs, butterfly body, border flowers



4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Border leaves



5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Butterfly edges (color 3), antennae

6. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: butterfly edges (color 3)
   3 strands: ground

7. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Berry stems

8. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal veins



9. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: kerchief dots, flower centers
   2 strands: berries



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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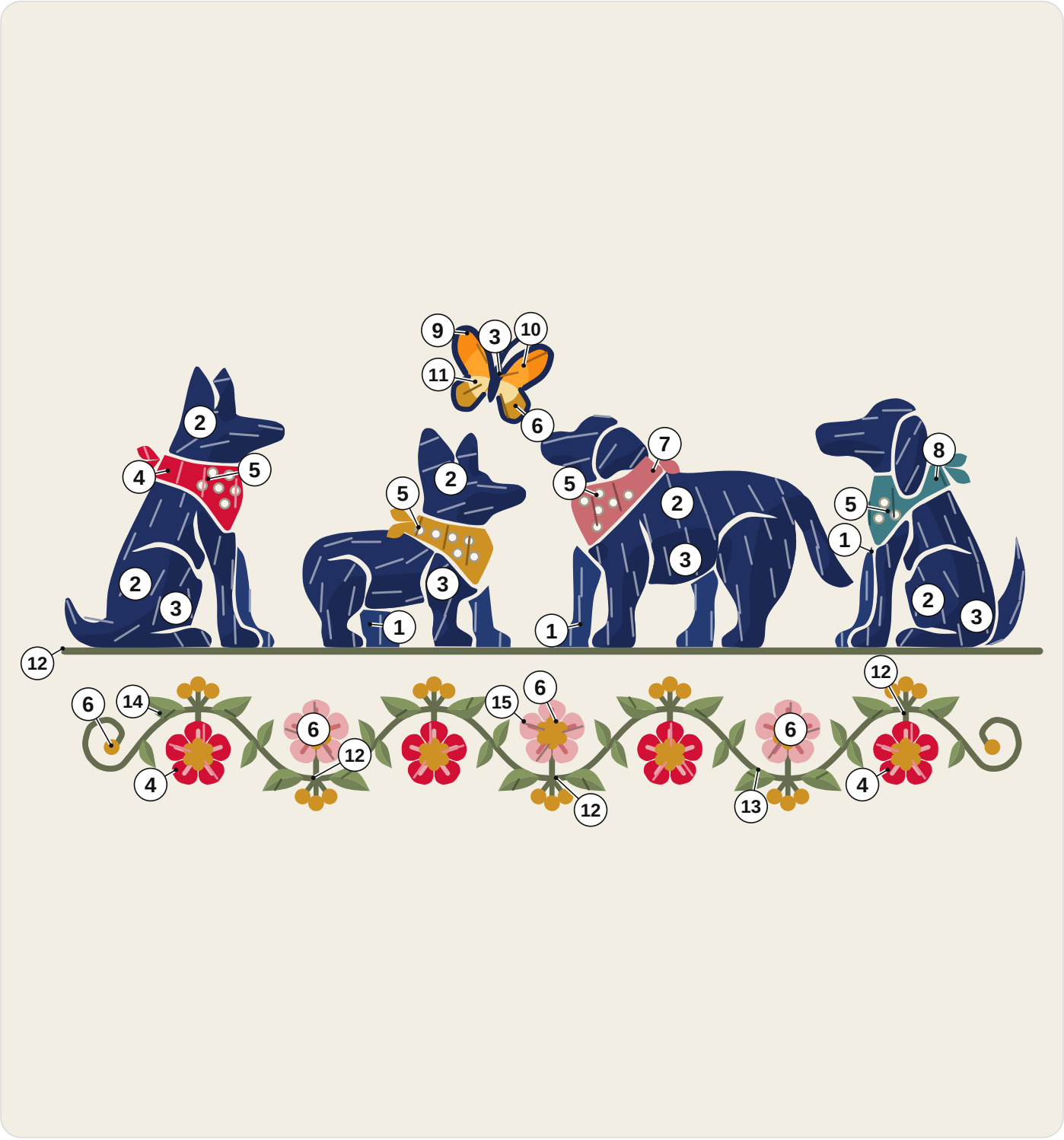
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 336 Navy Blue	**6**	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	**11**	DMC 3822 Light Straw
2	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue	**7**	DMC 3687 Mauve	**12**	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green
3	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue	**8**	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise	**13**	DMC 3364 Pine Green
4	DMC 349 Dark Coral	**9**	DMC 970 Light Pumpkin	**14**	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green
5	DMC 3865 Winter White	**10**	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine	**15**	DMC 3688 Medium Mauve

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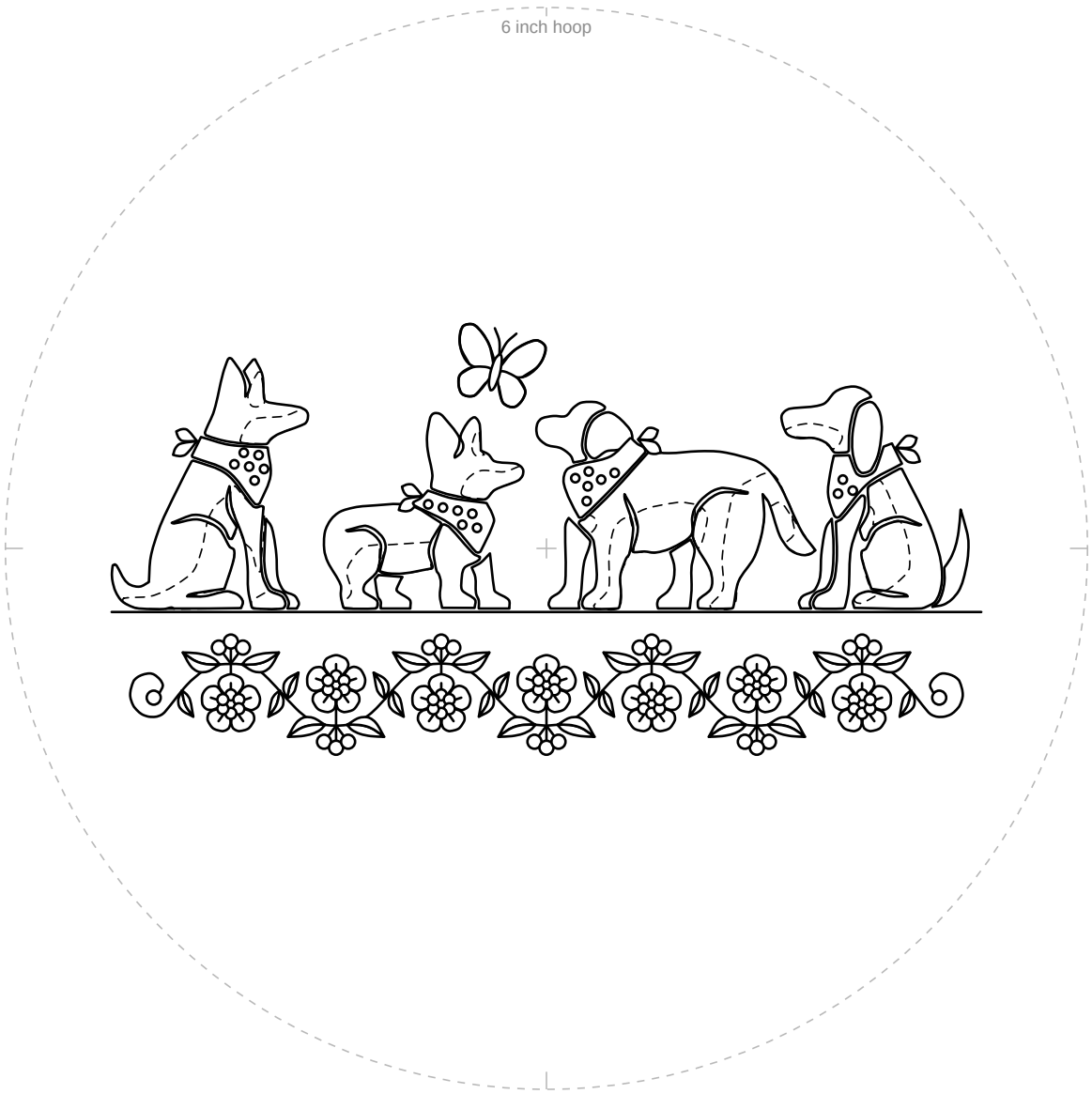
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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.



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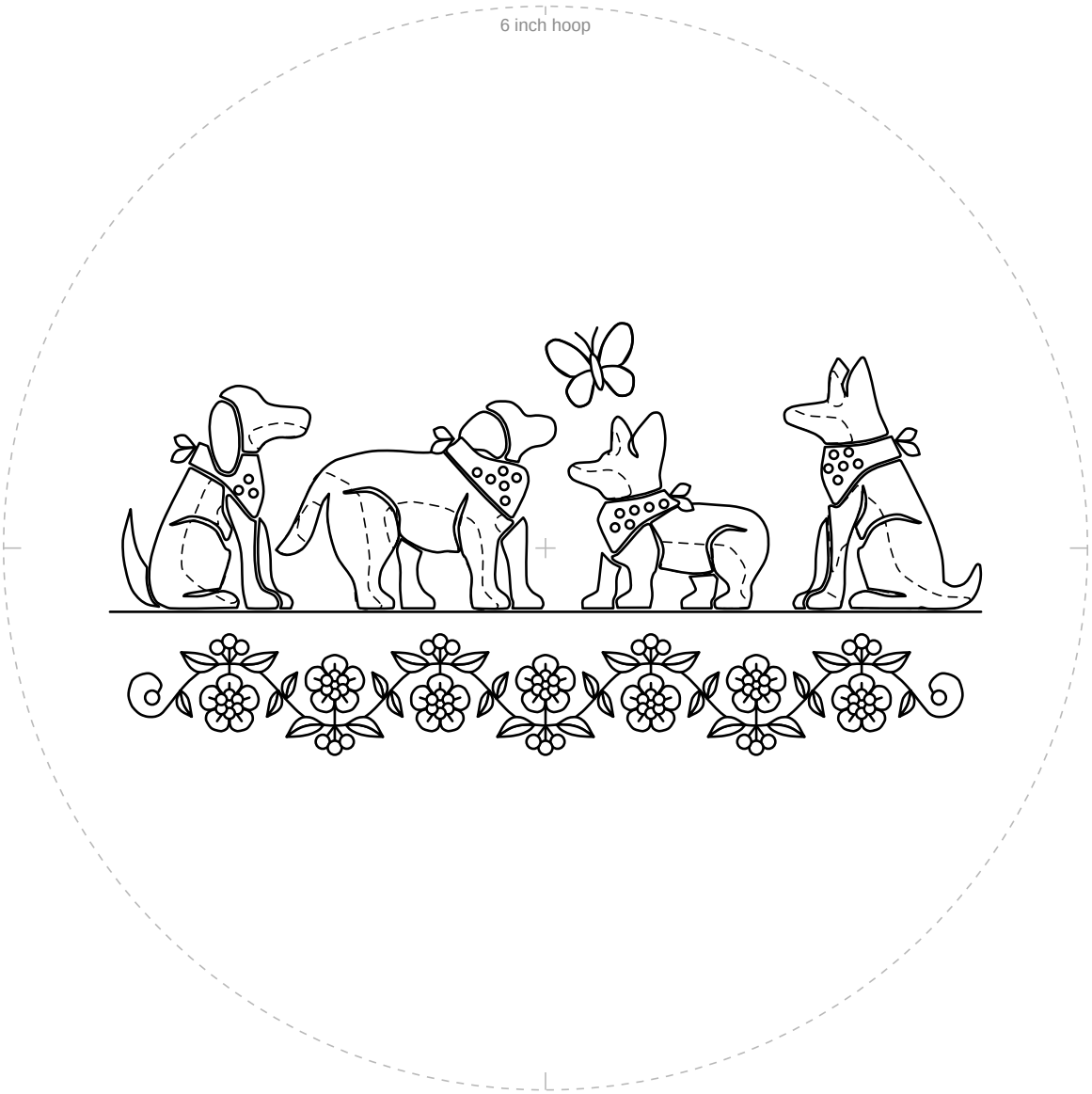
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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