Dressage horse and rider

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.5 × 4.3 in (8.9 × 10.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 310 Black**
  Lattice, lattice fillings, tail, outline and coat, plinth (darker) and 17 more parts
- **2 DMC 498 Dark Red**
  Leg wraps, saddle cloth, plaits and coat lining, plinth (lighter) and 3 more parts
- **3 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Breeches (light), stock and gloves (lighter), eye light
- **4 DMC 415 Pearl Gray**
  Breeches (middle), sleeve line and boot line, stirrup and bit ring (lighter)
- **5 DMC 317 Pewter Gray**
  Saddle and hat band, stirrup (darker)
- **6 DMC 3773 Medium Desert Sand**
  Face (lighter)
- **7 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Hair and mouth, face (darker), eye (lighter)

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Leg wraps, hooves, plaits, ears, eye, nostril, bridle, browband, bit ring, saddle cloth, girth, saddle, coat, boot, stirrup, face, hair, and 5 more
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Breeches
3. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Lattice, lattice fillings, outline, far legs, cheek lines, bit ring, saddle cloth edge, saddle edge, coat lining, breeches, boot line, and 6 more
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Tail, reins, stirrup
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Eye light, hair ribbon, eye, mouth, gloves
6. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Stock pin

In a 6 inch hoop the French knot is drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for it there, or choose a larger hoop.

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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

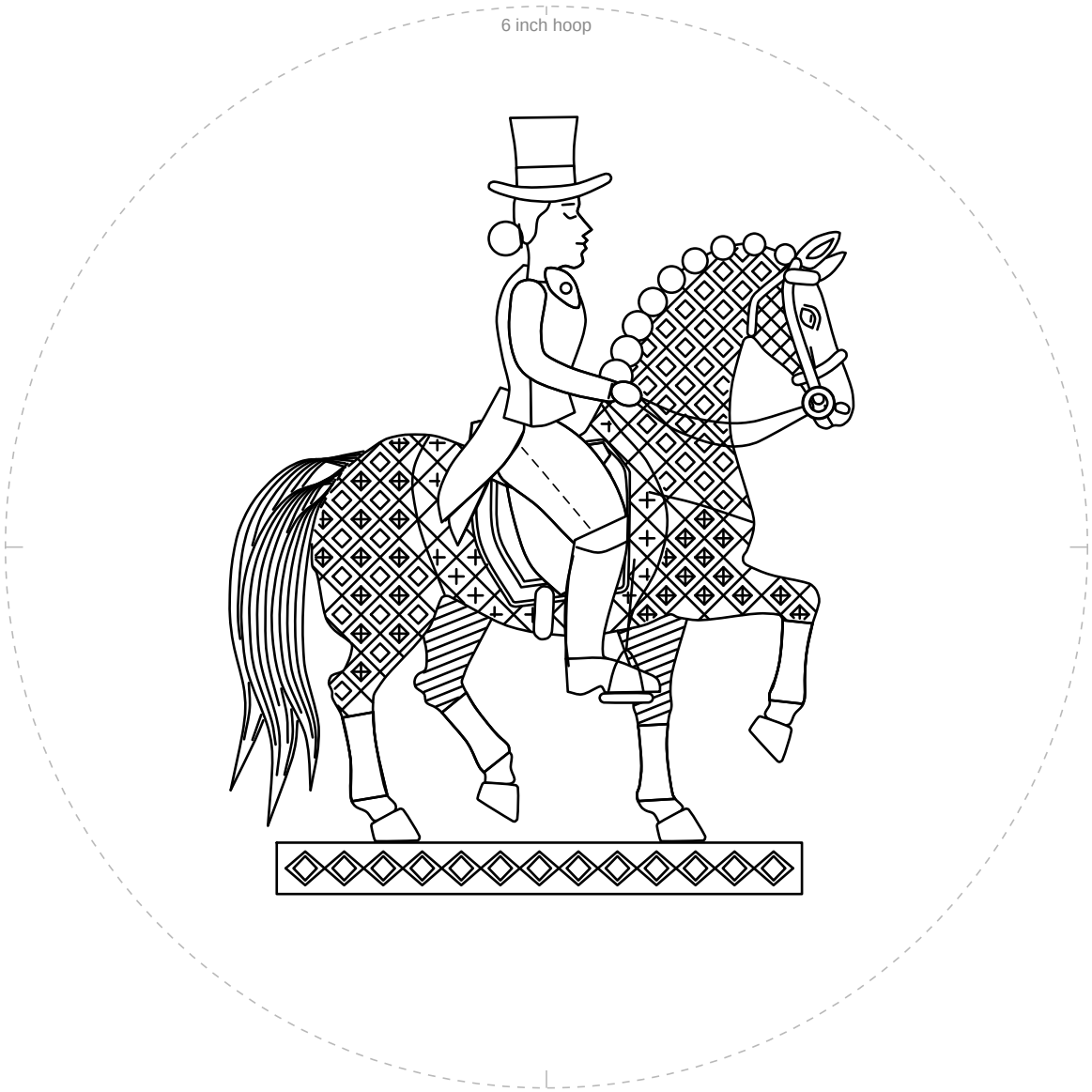
Back stitch. 1 to 3 strands: outline; 1 or 3 strands: plinth; 2 strands: coat lining, breeches, eye; 1 or 2 strands: far legs, saddle cloth edge; 1 strand: lattice, lattice fillings, cheek lines, bit ring, saddle edge, boot line, face, stock, sleeve line, gloves.
Stem stitch. 2 strands: reins, stirrup; 1 or 2 strands: tail.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: hair ribbon, gloves; 1 strand: eye light, eye, mouth.

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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

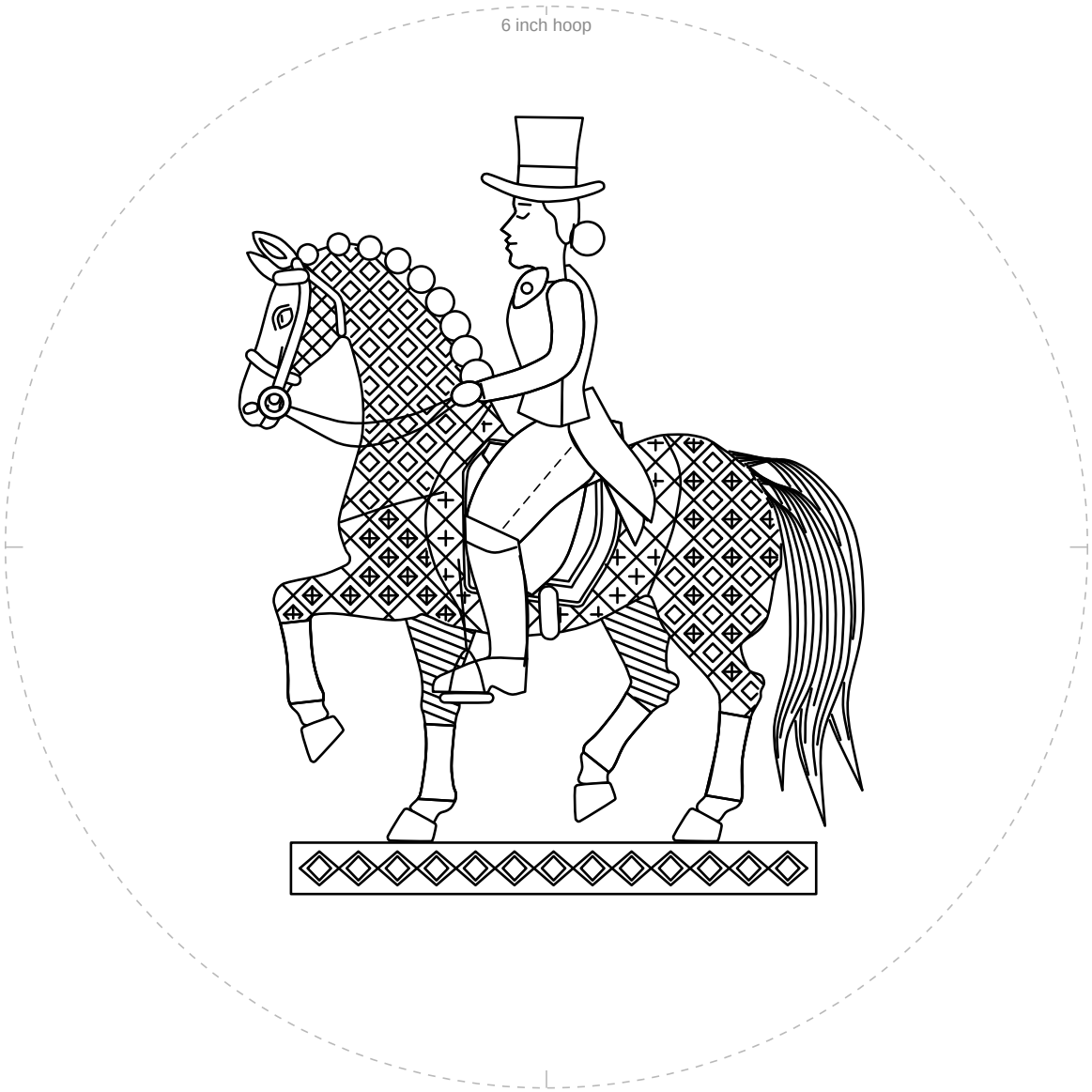
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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