Easy robot bookmark in folk bands

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 1.6 × 4.7 in (4.1 × 11.9 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.

Embroidery needles, size 7, and size 3 for 4 or 5 strands.

6 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. **Split stitch**, 5 strands
   Antenna
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Wheel tire, wheel hub, fender, shoulders, painted drawers, book cover, book pages, ribbon, arms, shoulder balls, hands, ears, head, eyes, cheeks, antenna base, antenna heart
3. **Blanket stitch**, 3 strands
   Blanket edge, blanket band
4. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Sprig stems, page edges (color 5)
5. **Chain stitch**
   3 strands: ground, wheel rim
   4 strands: neck
6. **Fly stitch**, 3 strands
   Shoulder tulips
7. **Feather stitch**, 2 strands
   Feather band
8. **Herringbone stitch**, 4 strands
   Herringbone band
9. **Split stitch**
   5 strands: bold outline
   2 strands: page edges (color 5)
   4 strands: eye rings
10. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
    Arm bands
11. **Back stitch**
    2 strands: page lines
    3 strands: smile, signal lines
12. **Lazy daisy stitch**
    3 strands: sprig leaves, sprig flowers, drawer flowers, drawer leaves, cream sprays, fender sprays
    2 strands: wheel spokes
13. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Flower centers, shoulder knots, spray knots, blanket knots, head rivets

Take out lines that still show, press face down on soft cloth.

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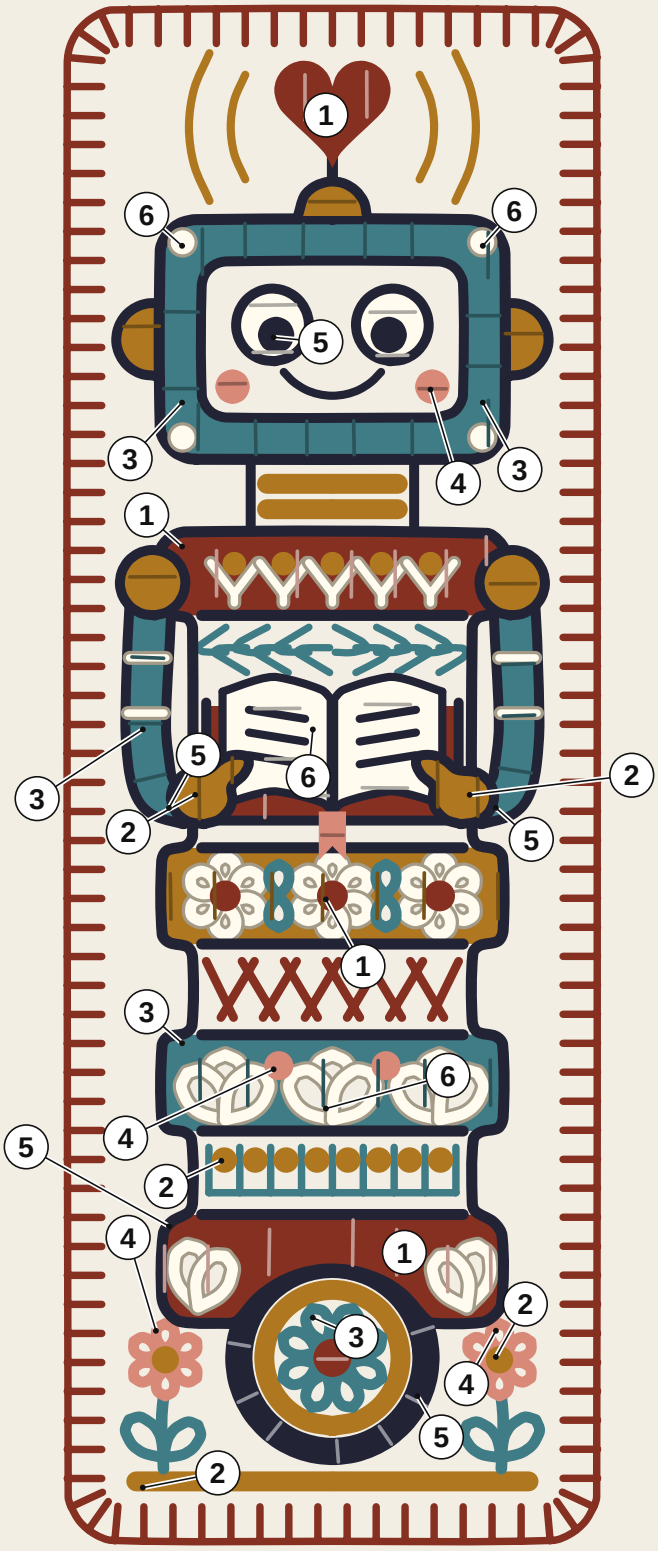
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1 DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta	**3** DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise	**5** DMC 310 Black
2 DMC 782 Dark Topaz	**4** DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta	**6** DMC 712 Cream

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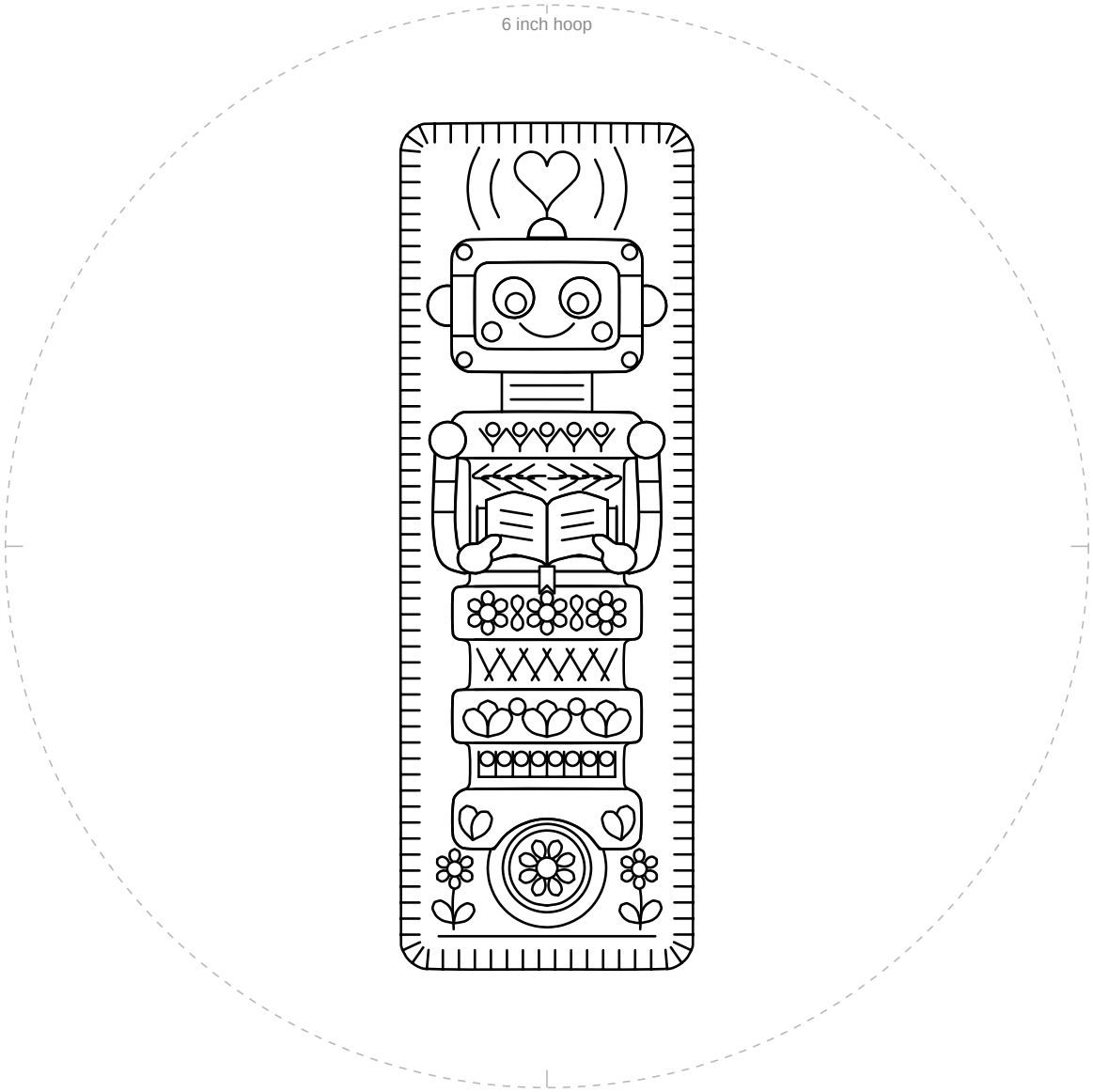
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point.



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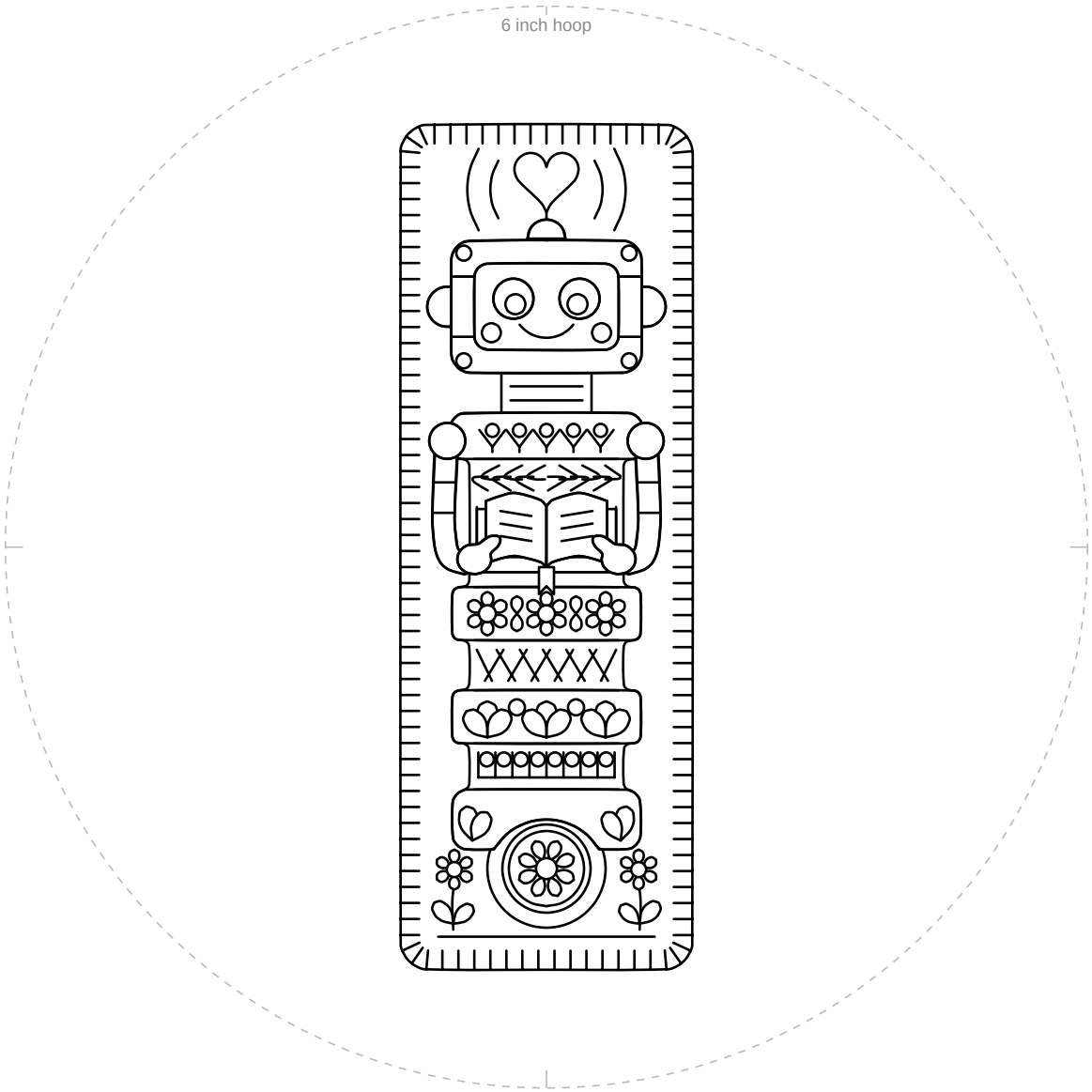
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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