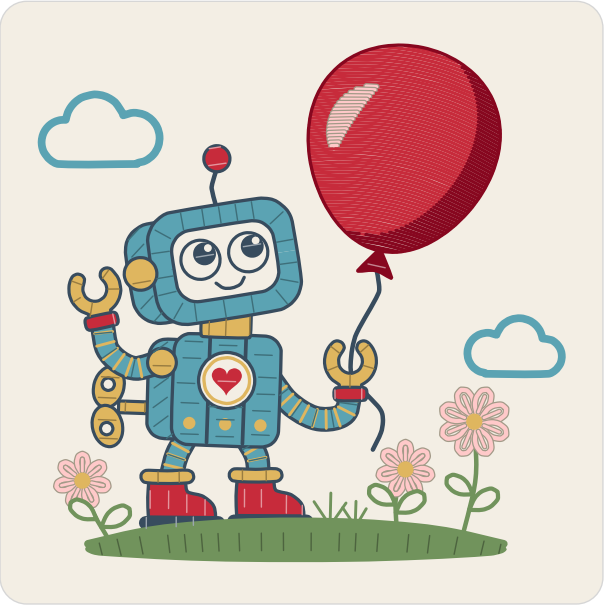
Easy robot with a red balloon

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.2 × 4.1 in (10.7 × 10.4 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 5 for 4 strands.

7 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. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
   Balloon knot, legs, boots, soles, boot cuffs, arms, key, body, heart, shoulder, neck, antenna, head, ear, eyes, claws, wrists, hill



2. **Chain stitch**, colors 1, 2
   3 strands: hill edge
   2 strands: clouds



3. **Stem stitch**, colors 2, 5
   3 strands: flower stems, string, antenna
   2 strands: outline

4. **Straight stitch**, colors 2, 3, 4
   3 strands: rings, grass
   2 strands: daisies



5. **Back stitch**
   4 strands, colors 3, 6, 7
   Balloon, balloon shadow, balloon shine

6. **Split stitch**, colors 4, 5, 7
   3 strands: balloon edge, window ring, smile
   2 or 3 strands: outline
   2 strands: eyes

7. **Lazy daisy stitch**
   3 strands, colors 2, 3
   Daisies, leaves



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, color 4
   Daisy centers, rivets



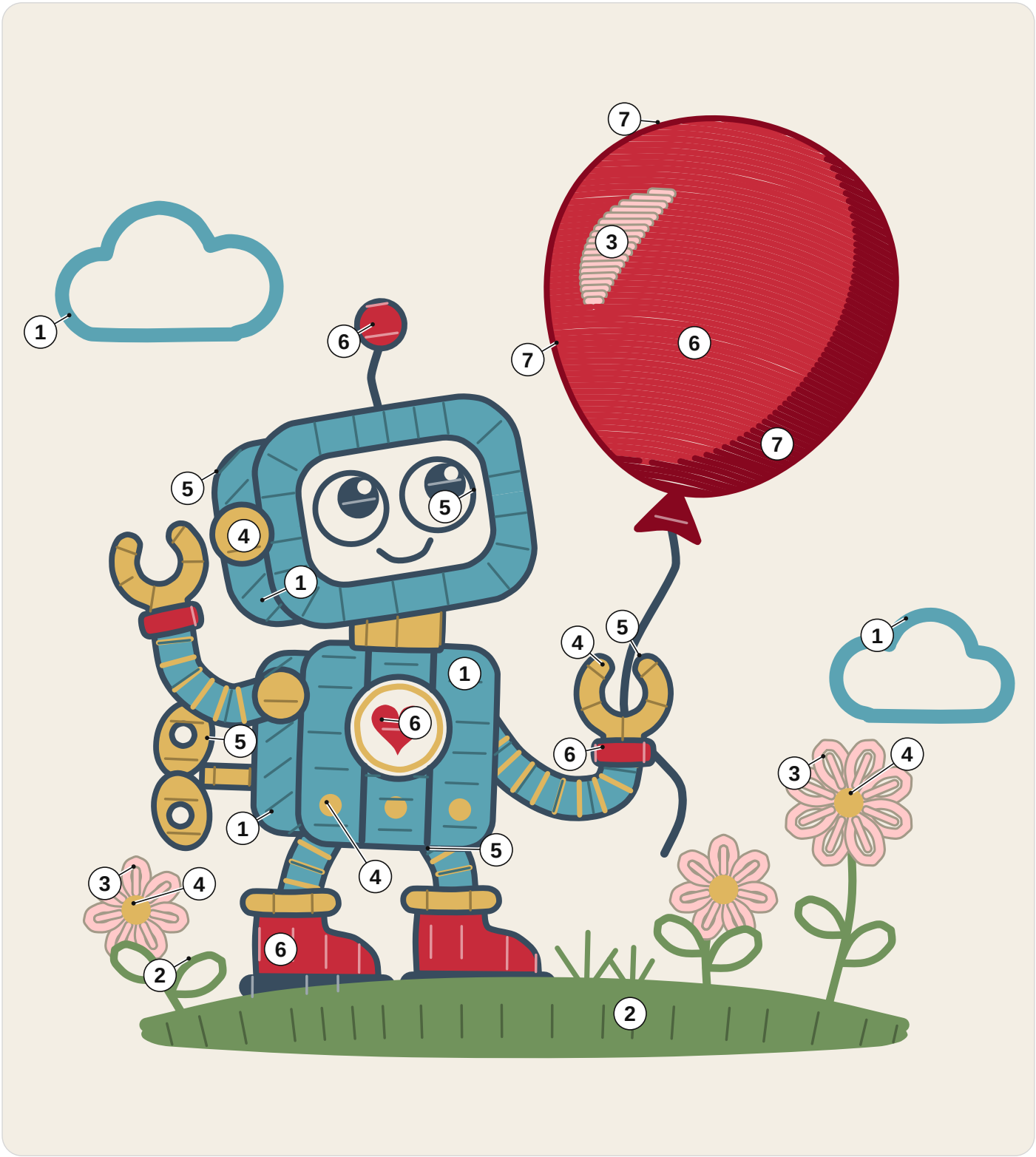
Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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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 597 Turquoise
2 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green
3 DMC 761 Light Salmon
4 DMC 3820 Dark Straw
5 DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue
6 DMC 321 Red
7 DMC 815 Medium Garnet

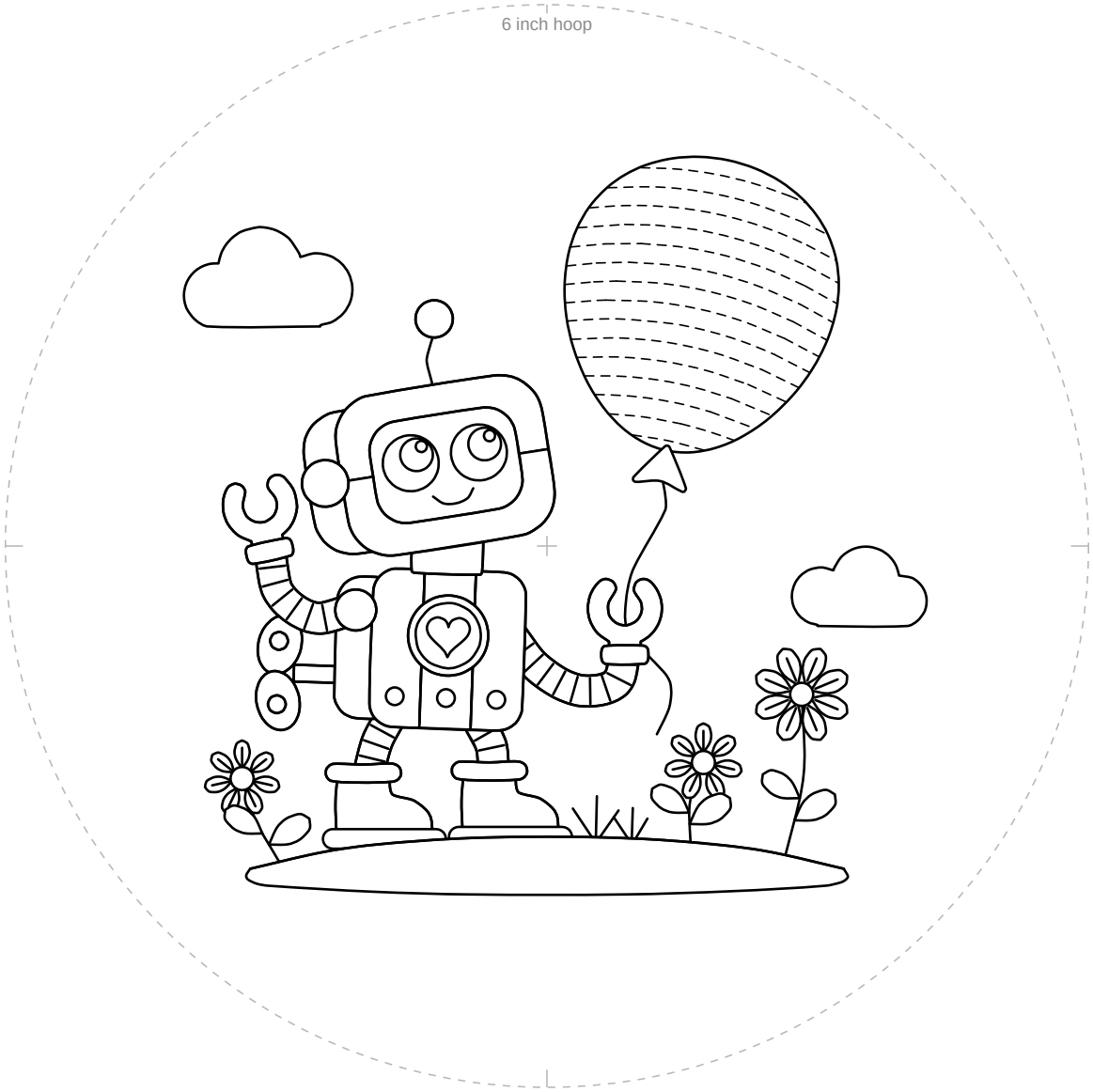
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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



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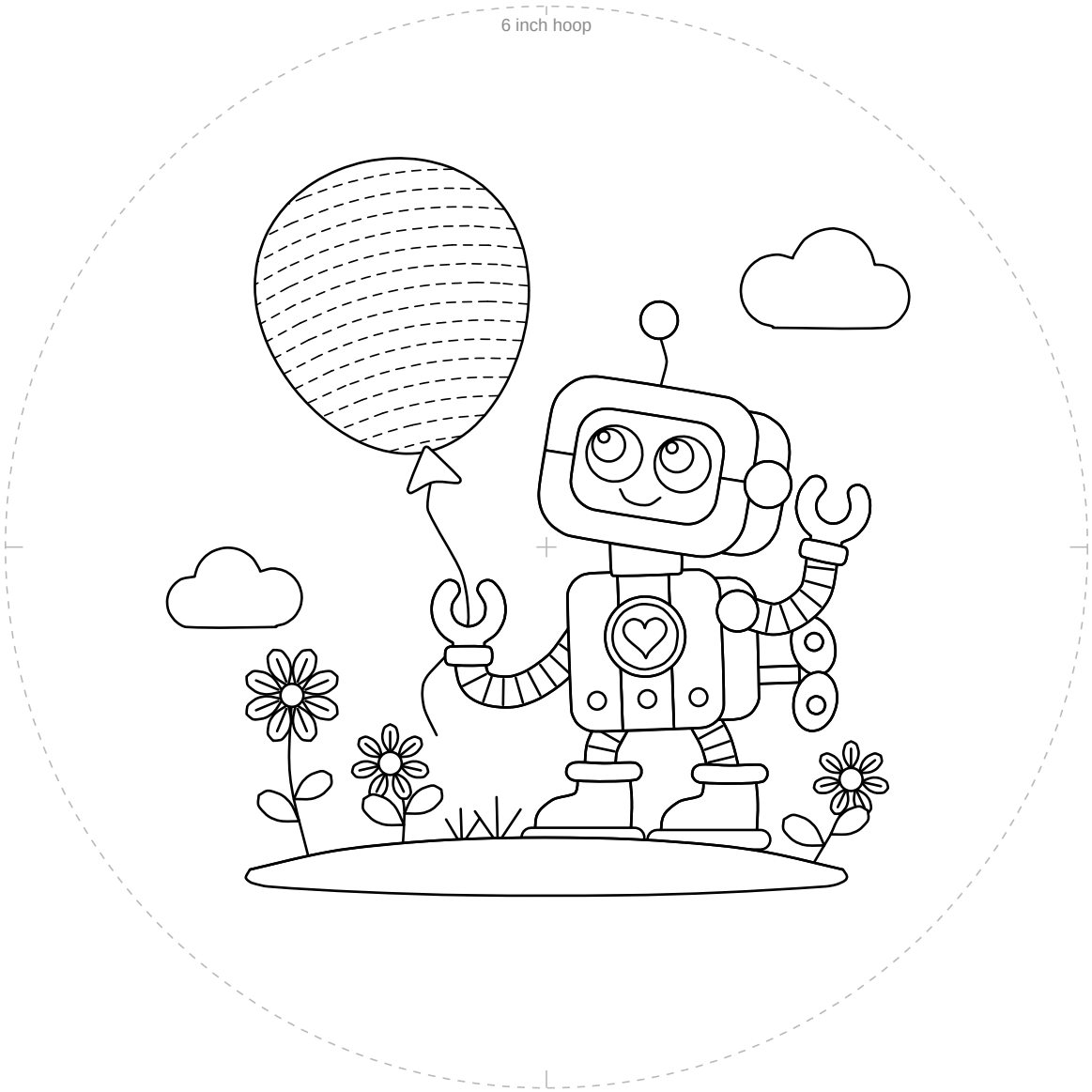
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