Folk camel bookmark

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 2 × 4.6 in (5.1 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

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

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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**
   4 strands: tree stem
   3 strands: side stems

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, crown heart



3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Coat



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ground triangles, tulip centers, tulip petals, rosette petals, buds, crown inner petals, crown outer petals, far legs, feet, saddle cloth, saddle cloth bands, pot, pot bands, ears, eye, collar, knee bands, tail, tail tassel



5. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Border (color 1)



6. **Back stitch**
   2 strands: border (color 2), ground line
   3 strands: bridle

7. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: coat edge
   1 strand: eyelid

8. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: saddle cloth stars, forelock
   4 strands: fringe
   2 strands: hump tufts, eye highlight, mouth, nostril



9. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Rosette centers, stem heart



10. **French knot**
    2 strands, two wraps
    Border knots, small knots, crown knots



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 321 Red	**6**	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	**11**	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
2	DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue	**7**	DMC 712 Cream	**12**	DMC 3371 Black Brown
3	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**8**	DMC 3341 Apricot	**13**	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany
4	DMC 988 Medium Forest Green	**9**	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz		
5	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	**10**	DMC 3822 Light Straw		

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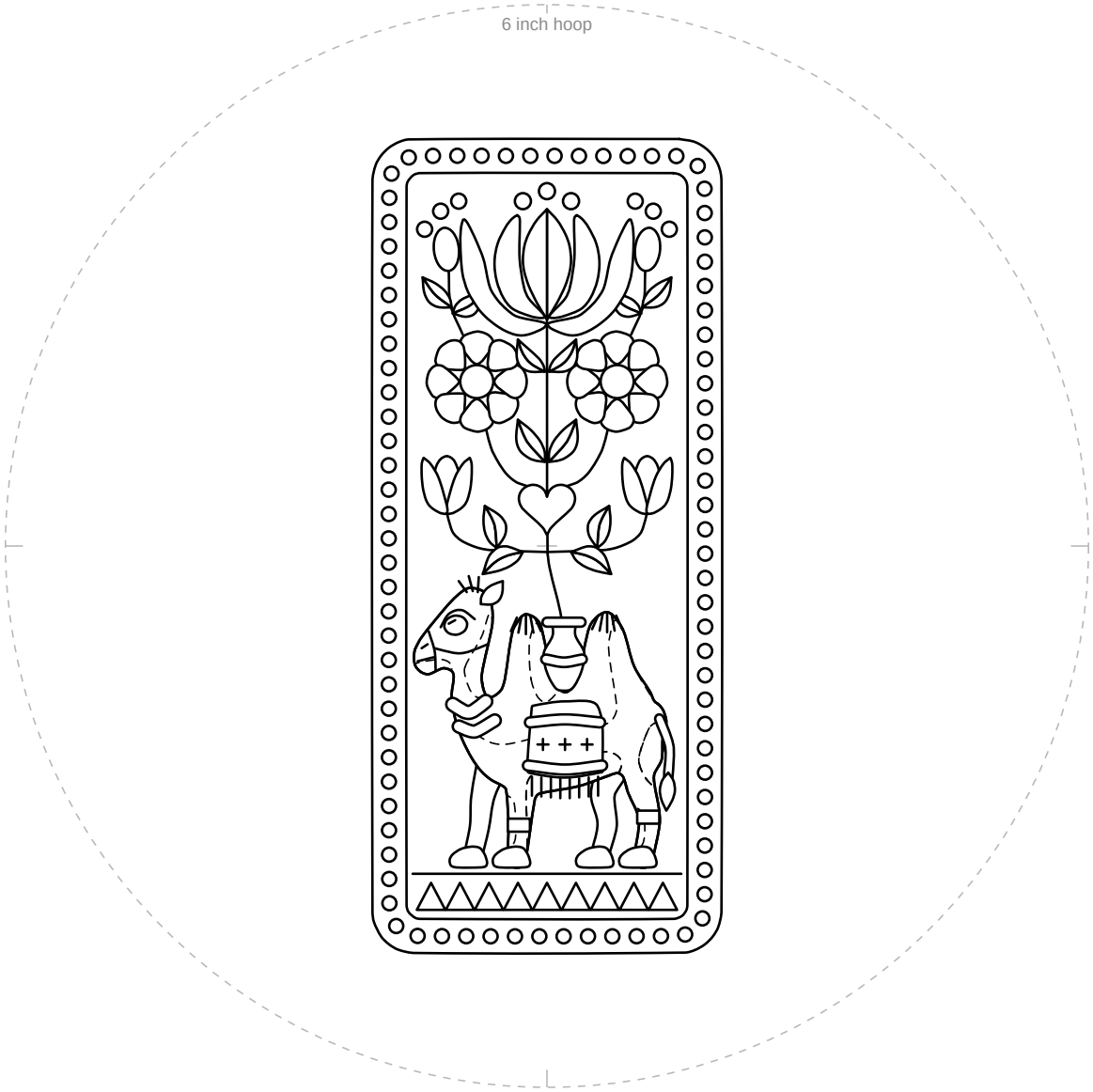
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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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