Grazing sheep border

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.9 × 2.1 in (12.4 × 5.3 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Bloom petals, faces, robin back
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bloom cups, bank, hanging petals, legs, ears, eyes, robin tail, robin belly, robin breast, robin beak, butterfly wings, butterfly body
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Flower stems, bloom edges, daisy stalk, butterfly feelers
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Bloom stamens, mouths, robin legs, grass
6. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Bank rows
7. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Daisies, small leaves, little flowers
8. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Bloom knots, hanging knots, fleece, pupils, daisy centers, robin eye, butterfly spots, little flower centers

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots and the shortest lazy daisy loops are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

Floss

- **1 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green**
  Bloom cups and flower stems (darker), leaves (dark)
- **2 DMC 470 Light Avocado Green**
  Bank and leaves (light), grass and small leaves, bloom cups (lighter)
- **3 DMC 469 Avocado Green**
  Bank and leaves (middle), flower stems (lighter), daisy stalk
- **4 DMC 3830 Terra Cotta**
  Bloom petals (middle dark), hanging petals (lighter), robin breast and daisies
- **5 DMC 355 Dark Terra Cotta**
  Bloom edges and hanging petals (darker), bloom petals (darkest)
- **6 DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta** Bloom petals (light), little flowers
- **7 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Bank rows (darker), hanging knots, bloom stamens, bloom knots and eyes and 4 more parts
- **8 DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet**
  Bloom petals (middle light), butterfly wings (lighter)
- **9 DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet**
  Bloom edges (lighter), butterfly wings (darker), bloom petals (dark)
- **10 DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet** Bloom petals (lightest)
- **11 DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green** Bank (dark)
- **12 DMC 822 Light Beige Gray**
  Fleece (light), bank rows (lighter), robin belly
- **13 DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray**
  Legs (lighter), faces and robin back (light)
- **14 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Legs (darker), faces and robin back (dark), ears and butterfly feelers and 4 more parts
- **15 DMC 3021 Very Dark Brown Gray**
  Faces and robin back (middle), robin tail
- **16 DMC 642 Dark Beige Gray** Fleece (darkest), mouths
- **17 DMC 644 Medium Beige Gray** Fleece (dark)
- **18 DMC 3865 Winter White** Fleece (lightest)

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.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

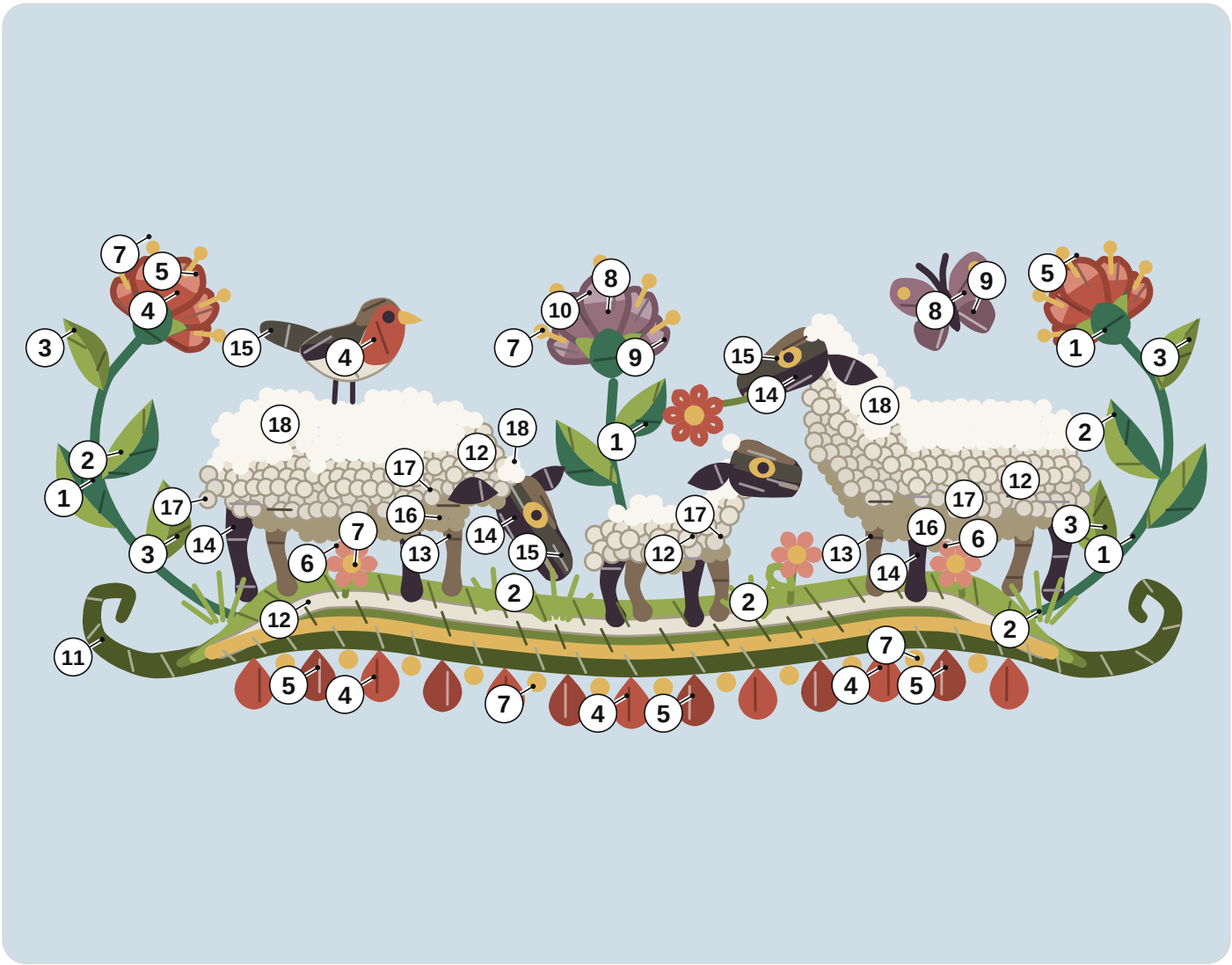
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point.

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

Stem stitch. 2 or 4 strands: flower stems; 2 strands: daisy stalk; 1 strand: bloom edges, butterfly feelers.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: robin legs, grass; 1 strand: bloom stamens, mouths.
French knot. 2 strands: bloom knots, hanging knots, fleece, daisy centers, little flower centers; 1 strand: pupils, robin eye, butterfly spots.

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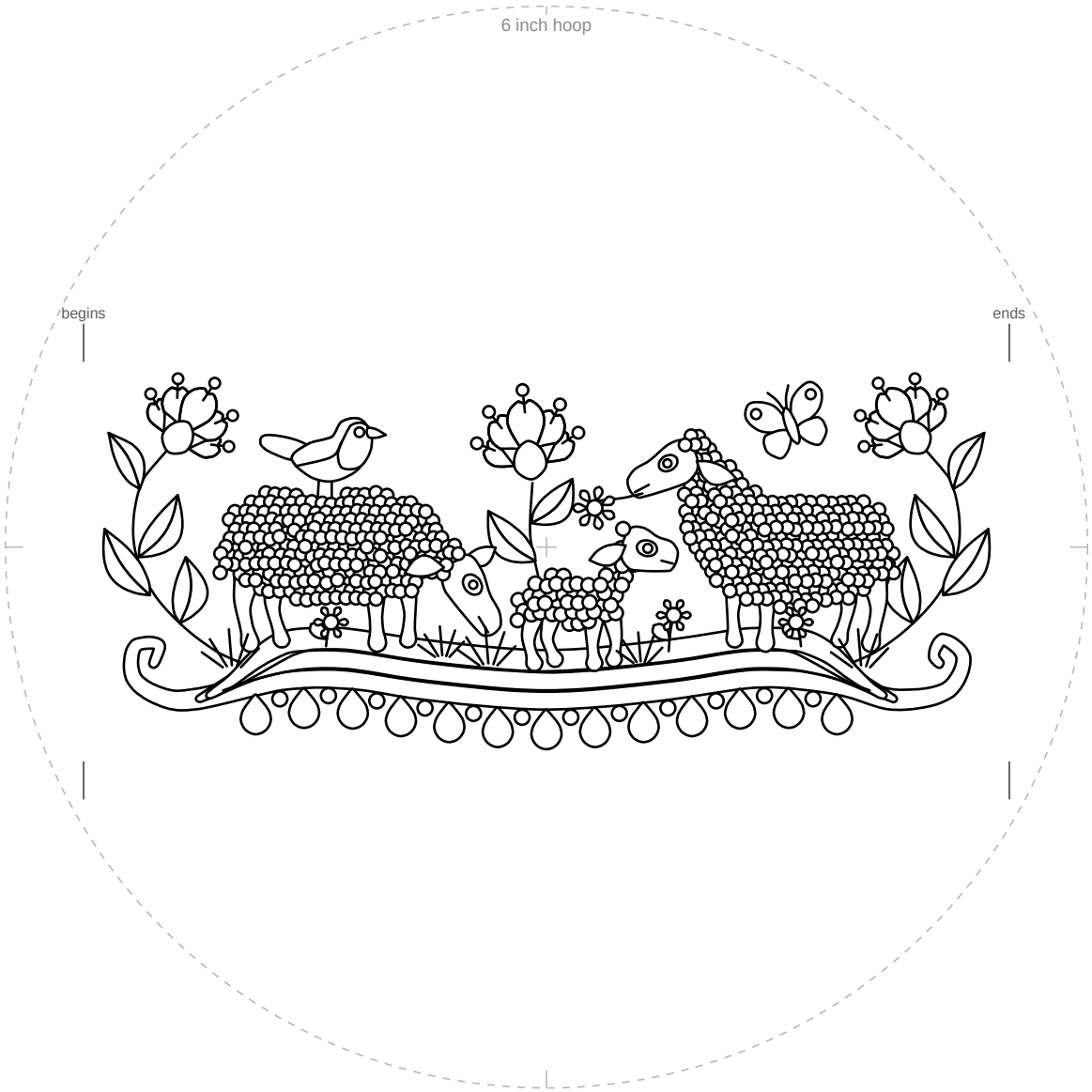
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

For a longer border, trace it again with the mark “begins” on the mark “ends”.

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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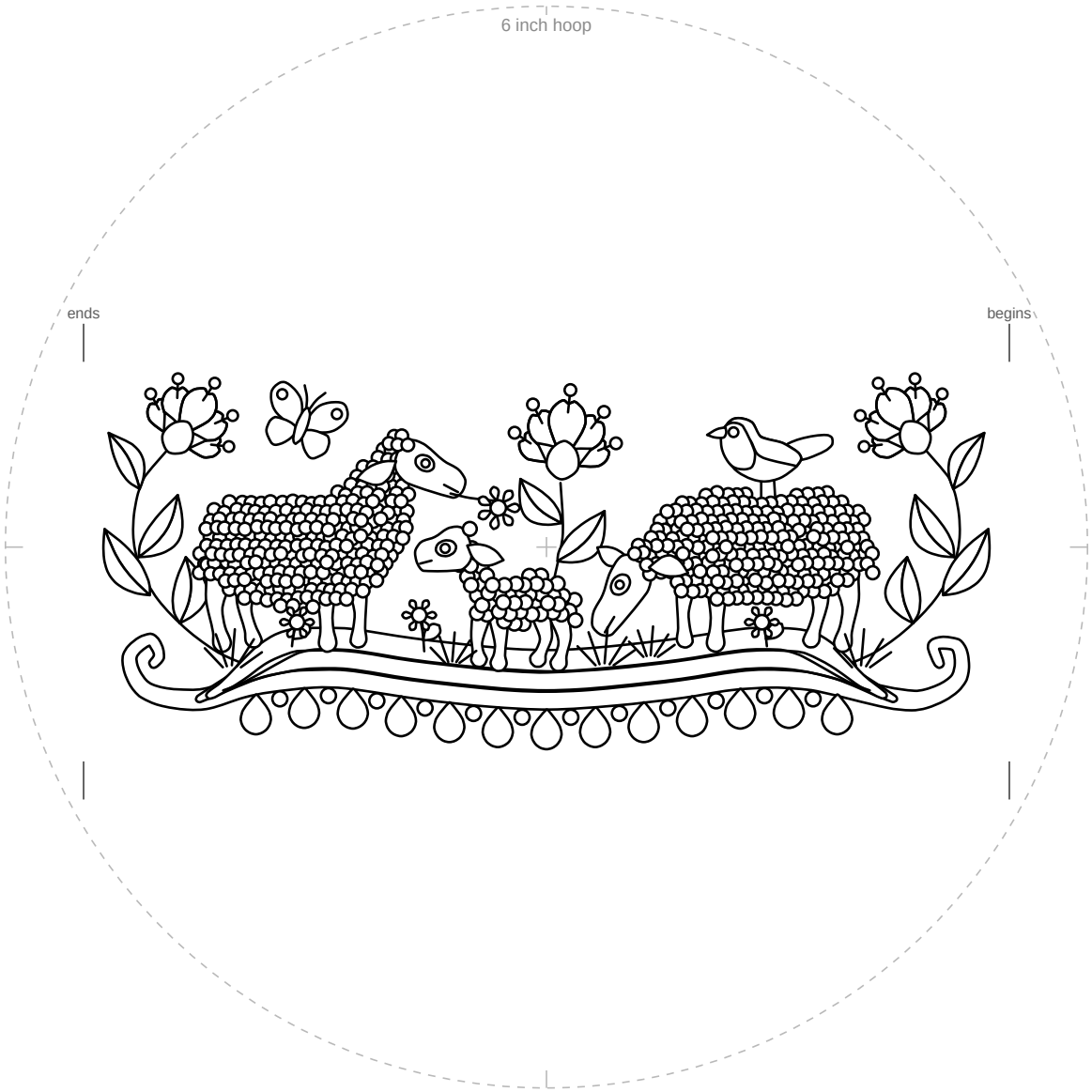
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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