# Groovy seventies letters, letter A

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The letter is 3.7 in (9.4 cm) tall; the stitched design is about 3.2 × 3.7 in (8.1 × 9.4 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

## Two ways onto denim

1. **A wash-away sheet, the sure way**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto the denim, stitch through both and rinse it away.
2. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it 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 741 Medium Tangerine**
  Molten middle (darkest)
- **2 DMC 742 Light Tangerine**
  Molten middle (dark)
- **3 DMC 743 Medium Yellow**
  Molten middle (light)
- **4 DMC 744 Pale Yellow**
  Molten middle (lightest)
- **5 DMC 971 Pumpkin**
  Cores of the rows (light), third row
- **6 DMC 919 Red Copper**
  Cores of the rows (middle), second row
- **7 DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown**
  Cores of the rows (dark), outer row
- **8 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Daisy petals
- **9 DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green**
  Daisy center

## Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 2 strands
   Molten middle
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Daisy petals
3. **Back stitch**, 6 strands
   Cores of the rows
4. **Chain stitch**, 5 strands
   Third row, second row, outer row
5. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Daisy center

## What you need

Intermediate. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, white or another light color. Embroidery needle: size 7 for 2 or 3 strands, size 3 for 4 to 6 (a lower number is a thicker needle). Skeins: one of each color is enough. An estimate for the 6 inch hoop, from the length of each line and the area of each filled shape, with a fifth added for tails.



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## How to read it

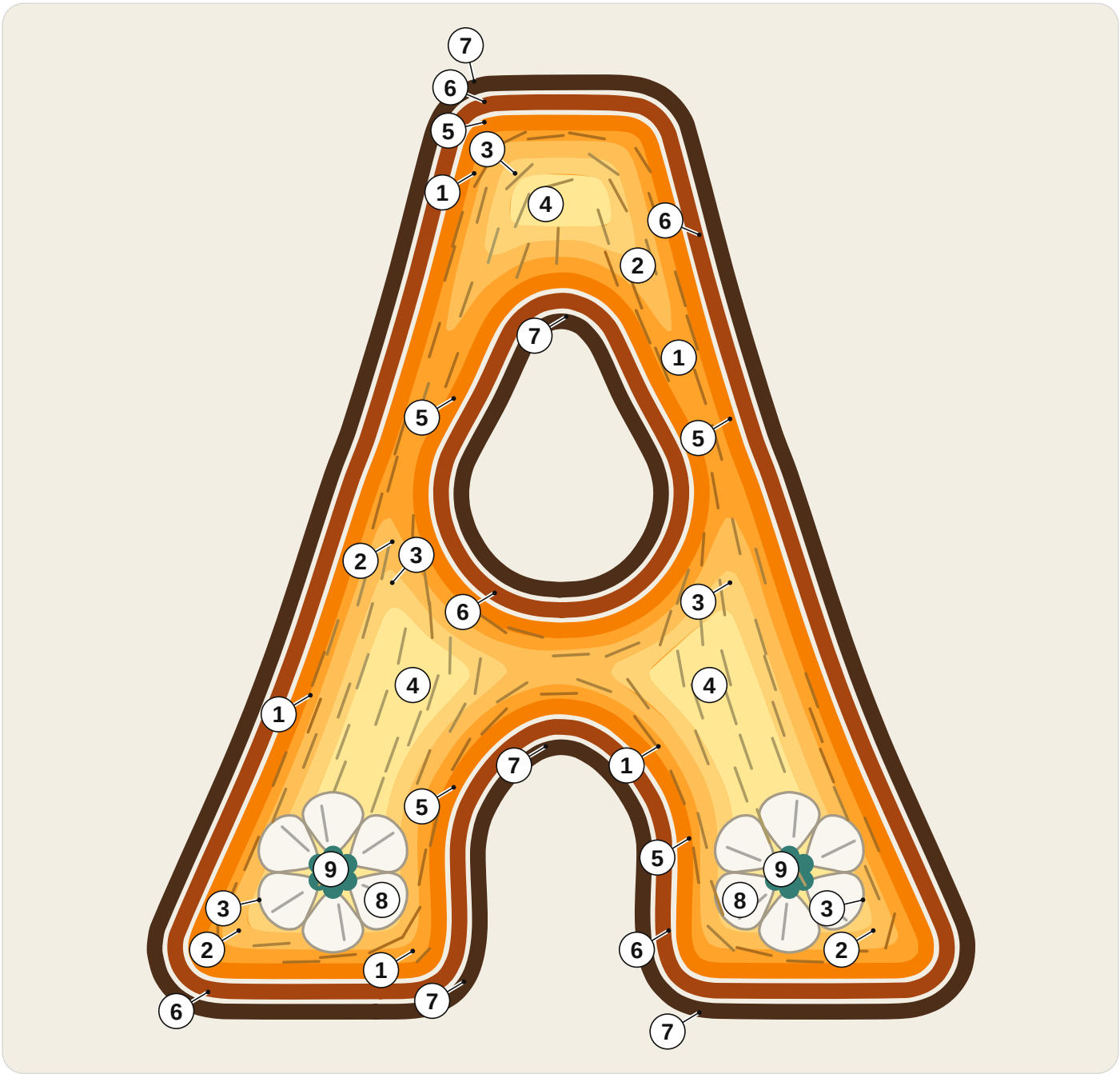
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

On denim start with a small firm knot inside, which the cloth hides; inside a filled shape take two or three tiny stitches instead. 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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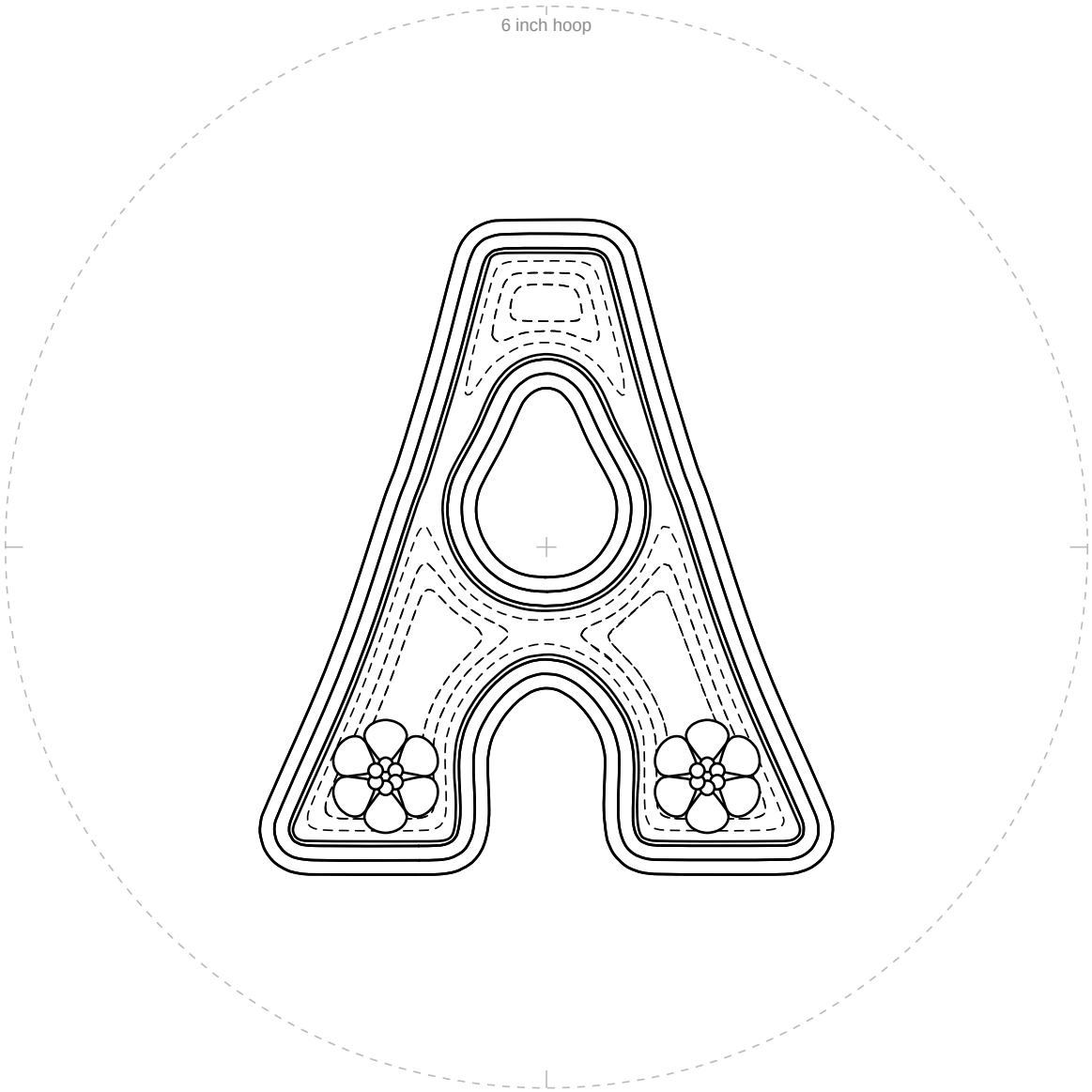
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.




**1 in**
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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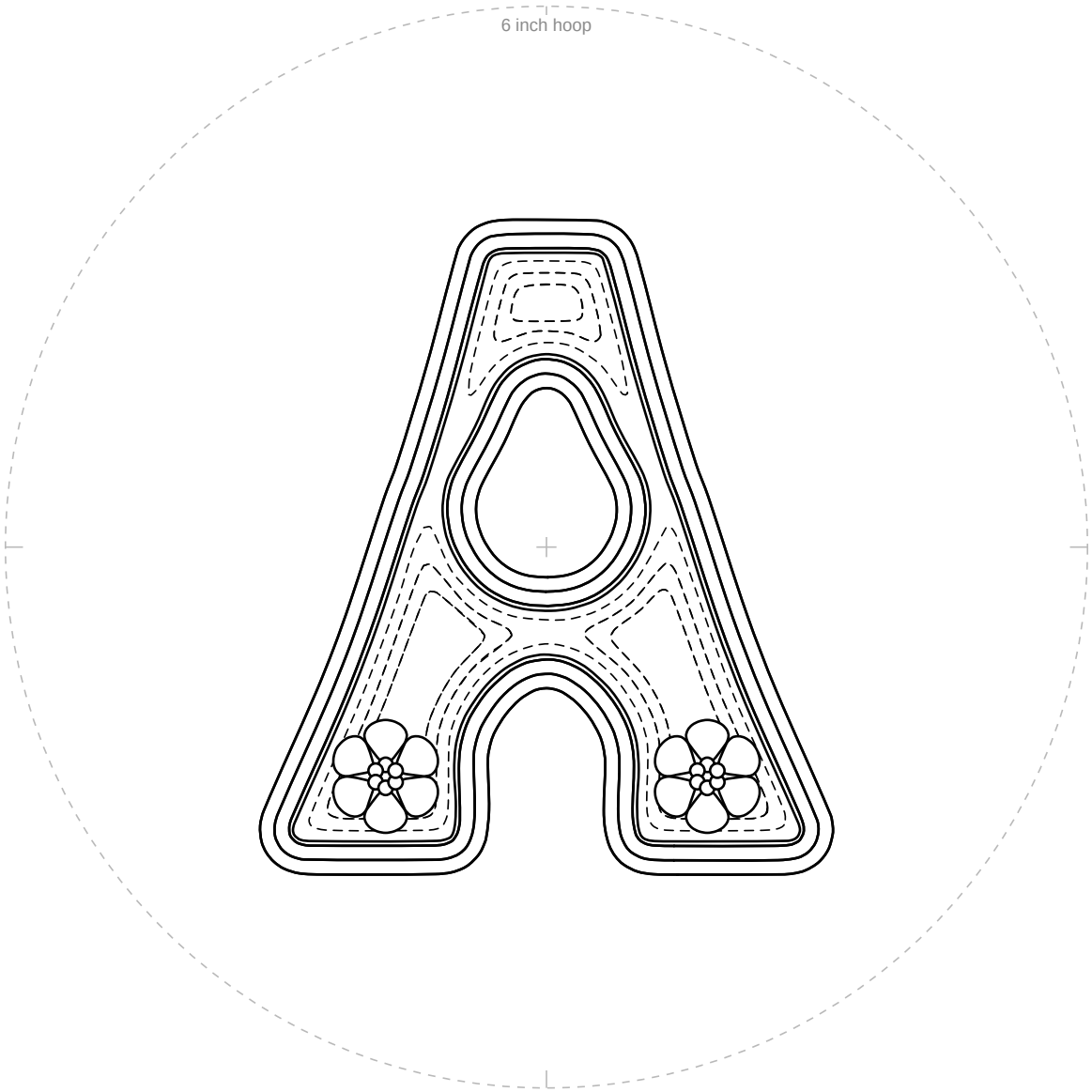
**Letter 3.7 in, 6 inch hoop**

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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