Guinea pig with a strawberry

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.2 × 4.2 in (10.7 × 10.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Crewel leaves, blossom petals, strawberry, ivory coat, black coat, caramel coat
2. **Trellis stitch**, 2 strands
   Trellis leaves
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Blossom sepals, green berry, bitten flesh, ear, inner ear, eye ring, eye, eye light, nose, feet
4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Berry cap
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Stalks, leaf edges, leaf veins, runner, petal edges, green berry edge, berry edge, ear edge, mouth, foot edges
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Pips, nostril, toes, grass
7. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Mound
8. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Haunch and leg lines
9. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Green berry cap

Floss

- **1 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green**
  Mound (darkest), berry cap (darker), leaf edges (lighter), runner and 4 more parts
- **2 DMC 502 Blue Green**
  Crewel leaves and mound (light), trellis leaves (darker)
- **3 DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green**
  Leaf edges (darker), crewel leaves (darkest), leaf veins (dark)
- **4 DMC 3364 Pine Green**
  Berry cap and grass (lighter), crewel leaves and mound (lightest) and 2 more parts
- **5 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Trellis leaves and pips (lighter), blossom heart
- **6 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Crewel leaves (middle), mound (dark), grass (darker), blossom sepals and 2 more parts
- **7 DMC 738 Very Light Tan**
  Caramel coat (lightest), eye ring, leaf veins (light)
- **8 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Ivory coat and blossom petals (light), eye light
- **9 DMC 642 Dark Beige Gray**
  Ivory coat and blossom petals (dark), petal edges and haunch and leg lines
- **10 DMC 644 Medium Beige Gray**
  Ivory coat and blossom petals (middle)
- **11 DMC 350 Medium Coral** Strawberry (light)
- **12 DMC 815 Medium Garnet** Berry edge, strawberry (dark)
- **13 DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red** Strawberry (middle)
- **14 DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta**
  Feet, inner ear, bitten flesh and nose
- **15 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray** Black coat (middle)
- **16 DMC 310 Black** Black coat (dark), eye
- **17 DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray** Black coat (light)
- **18 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Ear (darker), caramel coat (darkest), ear edge, mouth and nostril
- **19 DMC 435 Very Light Brown**
  Caramel coat (dark), ear (lighter), foot edges and toes
- **20 DMC 436 Tan** Caramel coat (light)

Stitches, continued

10. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Blossom heart

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 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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3	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	**10**	DMC 644 Medium Beige Gray	**17**	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray
4	DMC 3364 Pine Green	**11**	DMC 350 Medium Coral	**18**	DMC 433 Medium Brown
5	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**12**	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	**19**	DMC 435 Very Light Brown
6	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	**13**	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red	**20**	DMC 436 Tan
7	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	**14**	DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta		

How many strands

Stem stitch. 5 strands: runner; 2 or 3 strands: stalks; 2 strands: leaf edges, leaf veins, berry edge, ear edge, mouth; 1 strand: petal edges, green berry edge, foot edges.
Straight stitch. 1 or 3 strands: pips; 2 strands: nostril, grass; 1 strand: toes.

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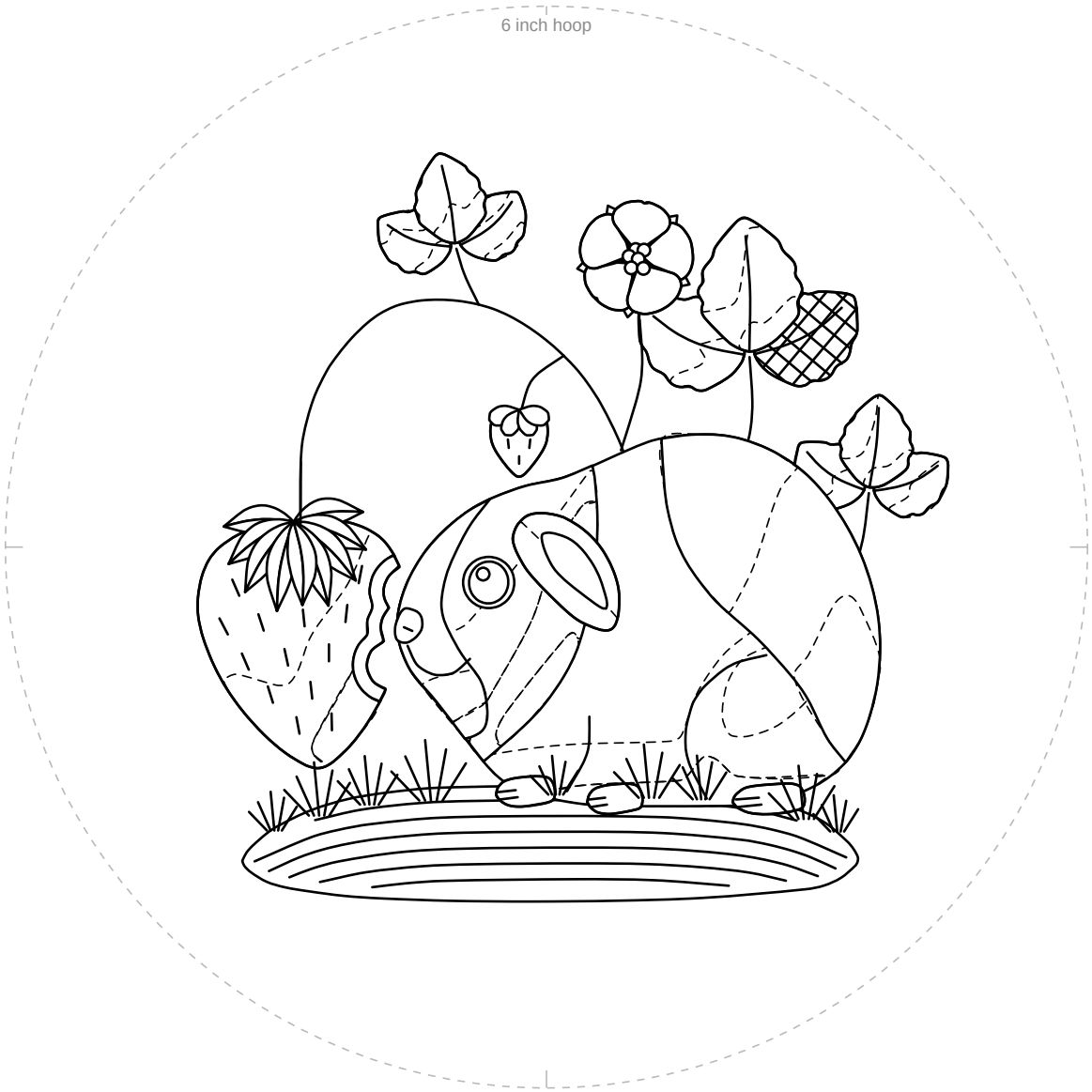
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



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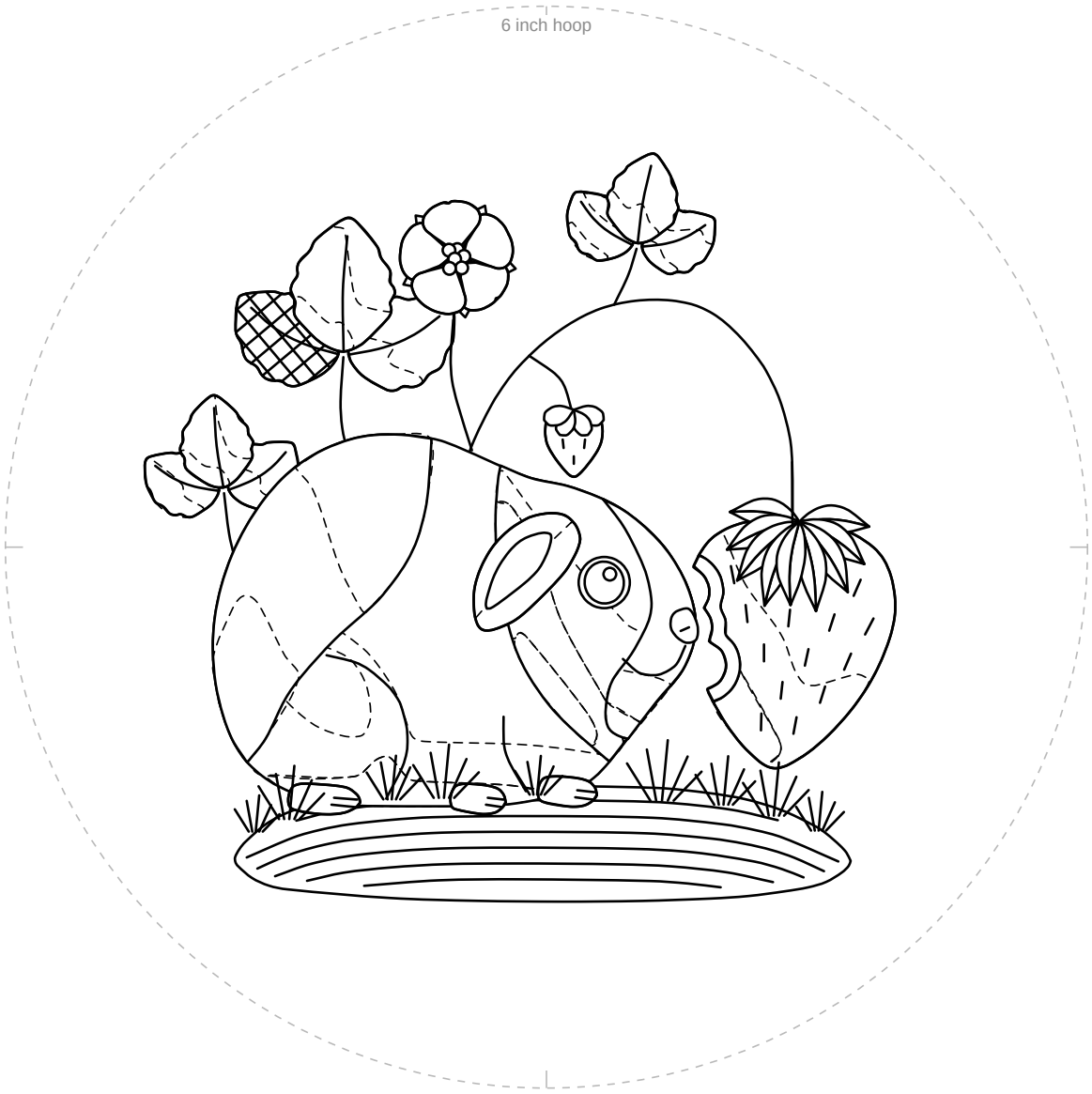
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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