Hens and chicks apron hem border

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 2 in (11.7 × 5.1 cm).



Which color goes where.

Stitches

- **Stem stitch**, 2 to 5 strands
  Tulip stems, hen legs, belly lines, body edges, wing edges, wing ferns, hackle lines, ground line
- **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
  Tulip leaves
- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Tulips, tail feathers, hen backs, belly bands, hen bellies, hen breasts, belly flowers, wings, combs, beaks, wattles, eyes, hem scallops, and 4 more
- **Straight stitch**, 2 to 3 strands
  Hen feet, wing ferns, chick legs
- **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
  Gold chain
- **French knot**, 1 to 2 strands, two wraps
  Flower centers, band knots, eye pupils, hem knots, chick eyes
- **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
  Hackles
- **Back stitch**, 2 strands
  Chick legs
- **Split stitch**, 2 strands
  Chick edges

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots 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

- **DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green**
  Tulip leaves and grass (darker), tulip stems
- **DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Tulip leaves and grass (lighter)
- **DMC 349 Dark Coral**
  Hem scallops and tulips (darker), combs and wattles
- **DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Hackles, tail feathers (light), hem scallops and tulips (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **DMC 720 Dark Orange Spice**
  Chick legs, hen feet, hen legs, beaks and chick bills
- **DMC 919 Red Copper**
  Tail feathers (middle), hen backs, wings and hen breasts (lighter) and 3 more parts
- **DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Tail feathers (dark), hen backs, wings and hen breasts (darker) and 7 more parts
- **DMC 712 Cream**
  Belly bands, wing edges, wing ferns and eyes
- **DMC 782 Dark Topaz**
  Chick edges, gold chain, hackle lines, belly lines and chick wings
- **DMC 743 Medium Yellow**
  Chicks

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 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 2 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on**
   Go over the lines of page 3, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron.

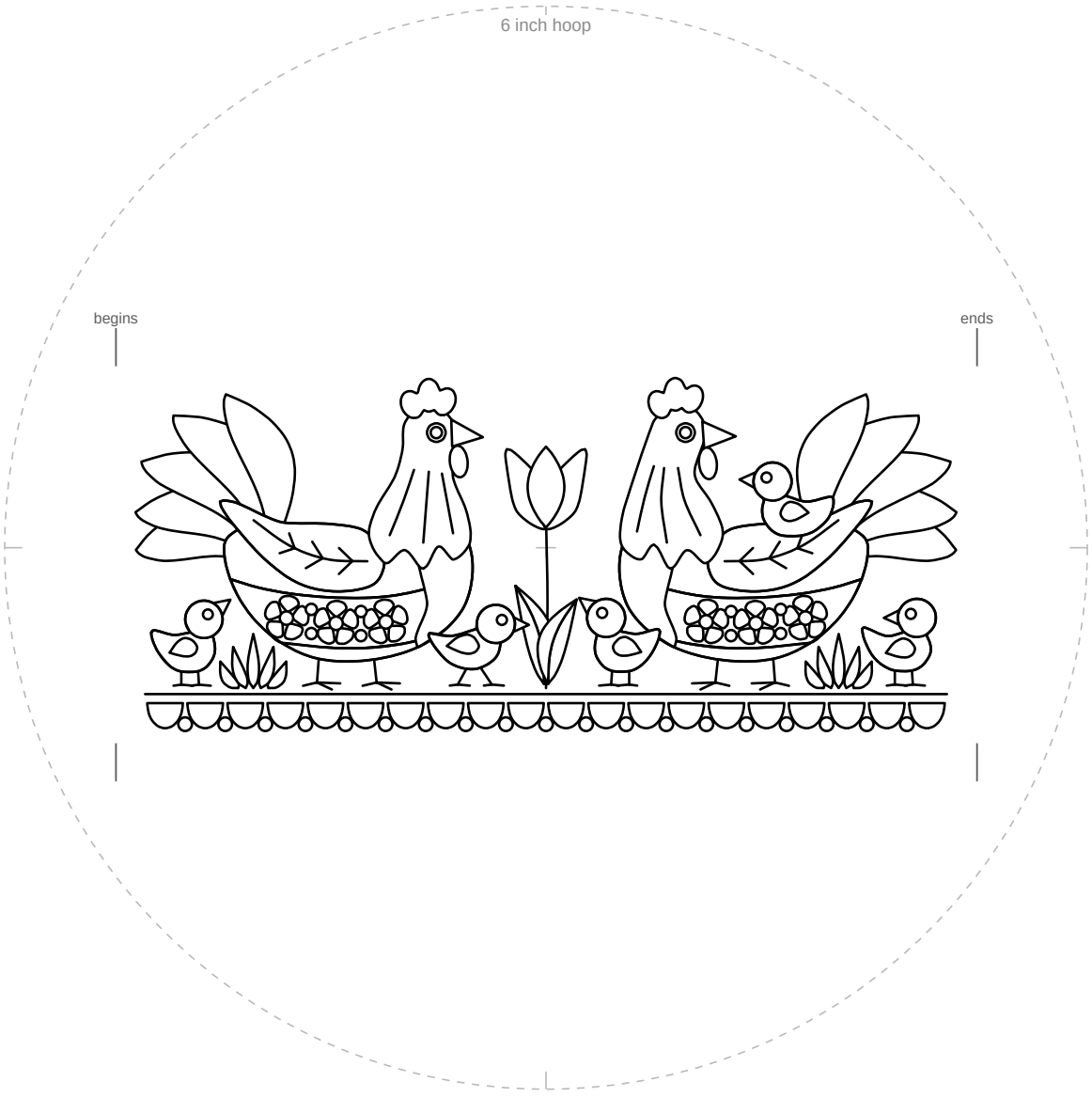
Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

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6 inch hoop

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1 in
25.4 mm

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

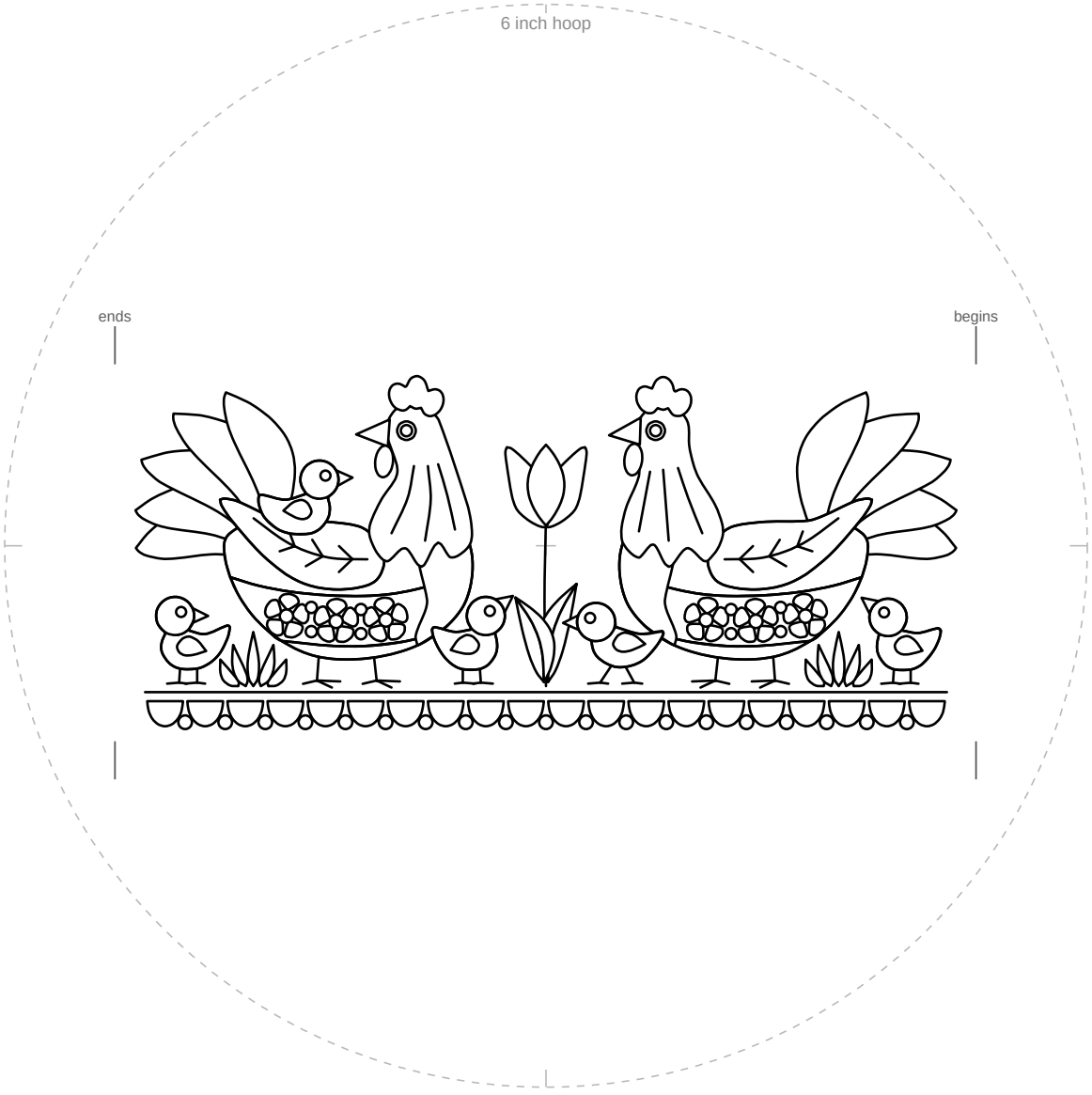
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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