Highland cow and calf by a loch

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.8 in (12.2 × 12.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: blush pink cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Far hills, near hills, loch, grassy bank, mother coat, mother ears, mother face, mother muzzle, mother nose, mother cheeks, horns, horn tips, forelock, calf coat, calf ears, calf face, calf muzzle, calf nose, calf forelock, foreground grass



2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Evening sun, clouds, sun on the water, far shore, gleams on the water, pine islet, nostrils, eyes



3. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
   Pines (color 9)



4. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Mouth, eyelids

5. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Eye highlights, grass blades



6. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: pines (color 9)
   2 strands: heather stems
   3 strands: rim

7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Heather



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

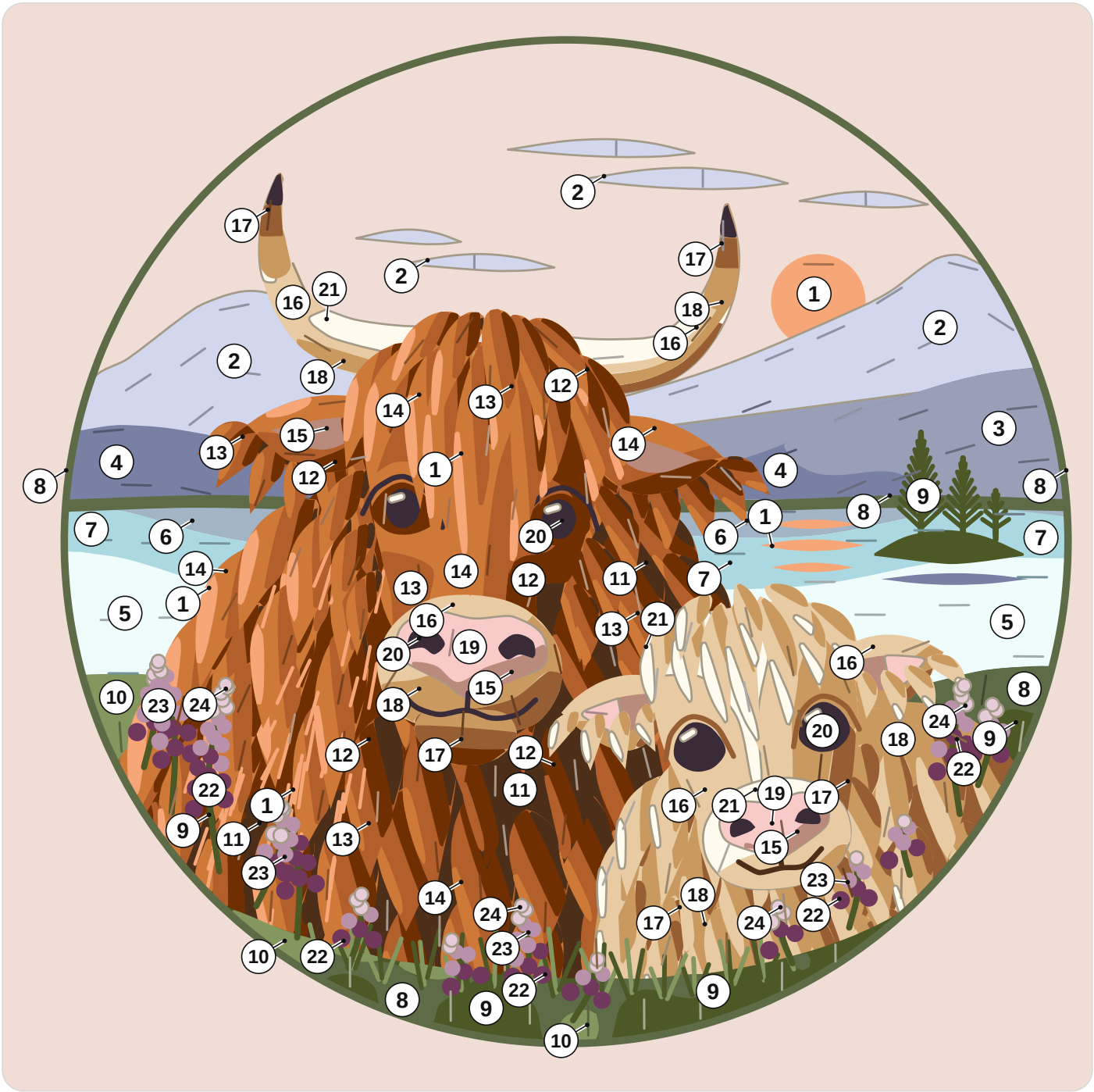
Buy: 24 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of blush pink cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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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 402 Very Light Mahogany	9	DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green	17	DMC 434 Light Brown
2	DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet	10	DMC 3364 Pine Green	18	DMC 436 Tan
3	DMC 160 Medium Gray Blue	11	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	19	DMC 3779 Very Light Rosewood
4	DMC 161 Gray Blue	12	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany	20	DMC 3371 Black Brown
5	DMC 3756 Ultra Very Light Baby Blue	13	DMC 301 Medium Mahogany	21	DMC 712 Cream
6	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	14	DMC 3776 Light Mahogany	22	DMC 3834 Dark Grape
7	DMC 3761 Light Sky Blue	15	DMC 3859 Light Rosewood	23	DMC 3836 Light Grape
8	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	16	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	24	DMC 153 Very Light Violet

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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.



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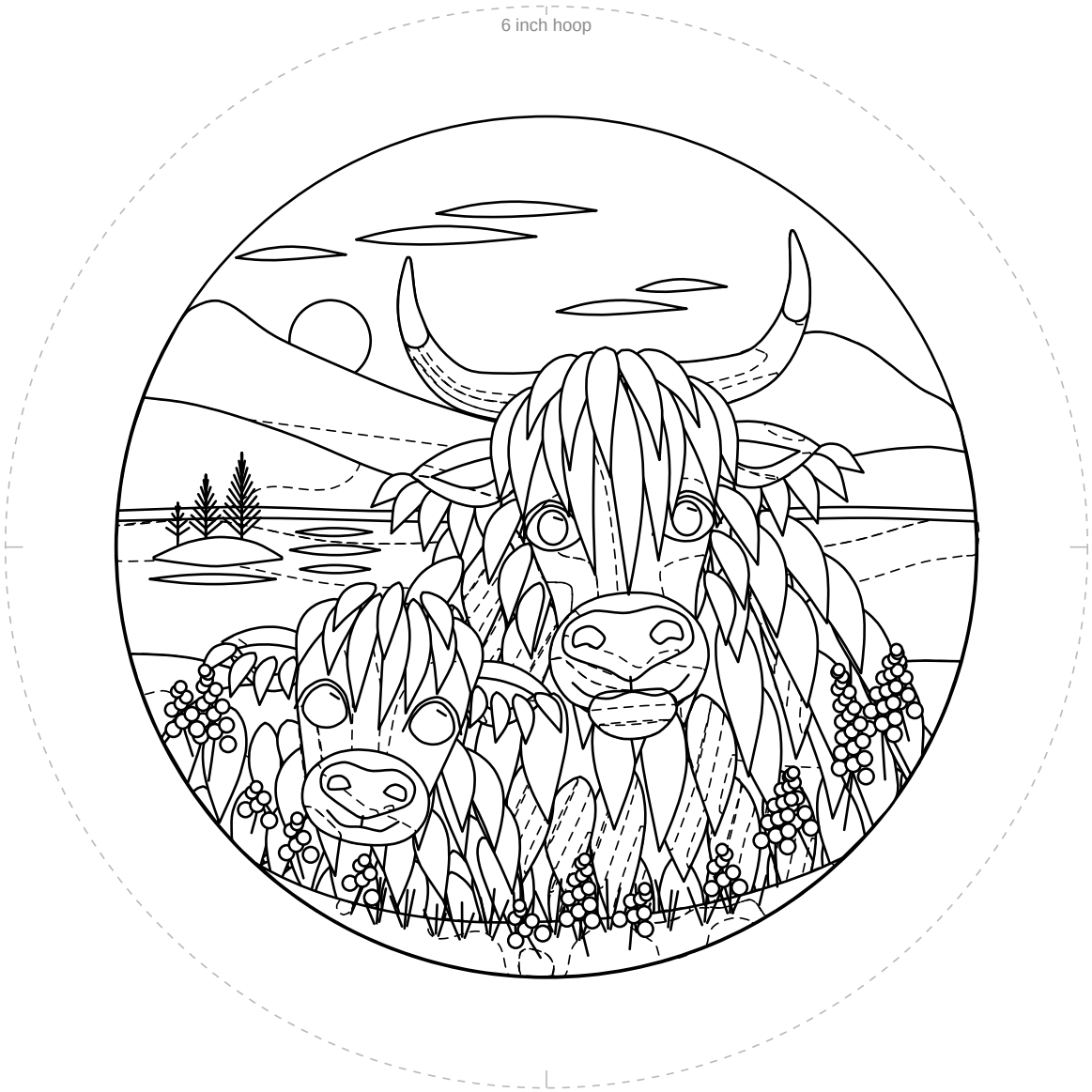
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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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