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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.4 in (11.9 × 11.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

24 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

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.

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.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the butterfly

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Big rabbit, little rabbit



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Grass, bow, daisy petals, daisy centers, clover leaves, butterfly, letters



4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Stem leaves



5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Stems

6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Haunch lines

7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Edges of the big rabbit, edges of the little rabbit, edges of the bow, edges of the butterfly

8. **Turkey work**, 2 strands
   Tails



9. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: knots of the daisy centers
   2 strands: moss, clover heads, knots of the butterfly



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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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 3363 Medium Pine Green	9	DMC 437 Light Tan	17	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
2	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	10	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	18	DMC 3687 Mauve
3	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	11	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	19	DMC 3688 Medium Mauve
4	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	12	DMC 712 Cream	20	DMC 3689 Light Mauve
5	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	13	DMC 3865 Winter White	21	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green
6	DMC 433 Medium Brown	14	DMC 349 Dark Coral	22	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue
7	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	15	DMC 351 Coral	23	DMC 792 Dark Cornflower Blue
8	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	16	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	24	DMC 793 Medium Cornflower Blue

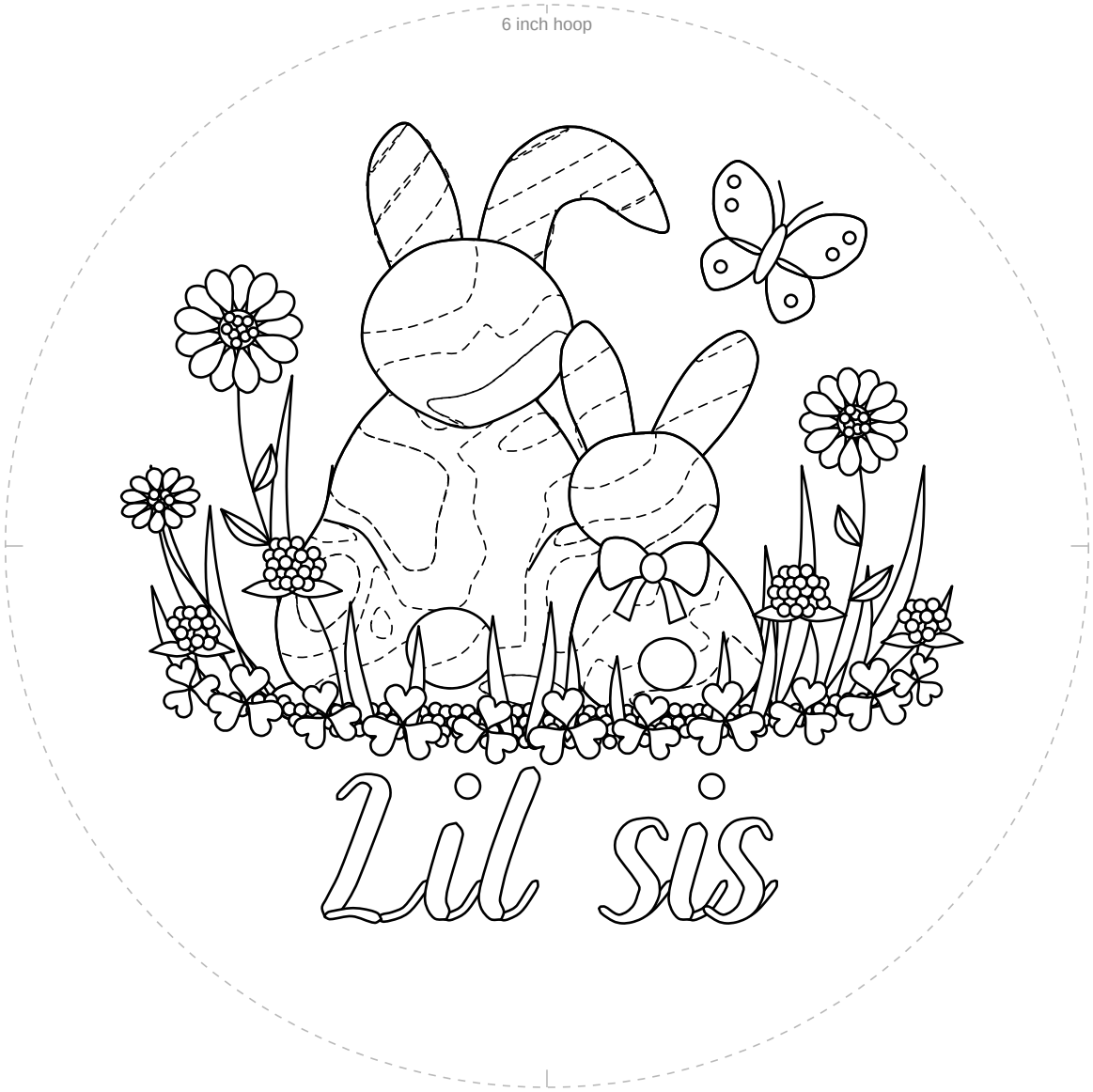
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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