Longhorn cow and calf in bluebonnets

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 4 in (11.2 × 10.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Cow, cow patches, tail, horns, inner ears, noses, topknots, calf, calf chin, white blaze, meadow
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Nostrils, eye rims, eyes, irises, eyelids, grasses, leaves, bluebonnet tips, bluebonnets, primroses, primrose hearts, sepals
3. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Mouths, eyelids, primrose edges
4. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Lashes
5. **Stem stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
   Stems, grasses
6. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Eye lights, bluebonnets, bluebonnet spots, primrose hearts

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

- **1 DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown** Cow (middle), eye rims
- **2 DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown** Cow (darkest)
- **3 DMC 841 Light Beige Brown** Cow and horns (dark), calf chin
- **4 DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown**
  Cow and horns (light), white blaze (darker)
- **5 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Horns and cow (lightest), white blaze (lighter), primroses (light) and 4 more parts
- **6 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Cow patches (middle), topknots, calf and noses (dark), tail (darker)
- **7 DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown**
  Eyes, mouths, lashes and nostrils, horns (darkest), cow patches (dark), eyelids (darker)
- **8 DMC 435 Very Light Brown**
  Cow patches and topknots (light), tail, eyelids and irises (lighter)
- **9 DMC 3859 Light Rosewood** Noses (middle), inner ears (darker)
- **10 DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta**
  Noses (light), inner ears (lighter)
- **11 DMC 400 Dark Mahogany** Calf (darkest), irises (darker)
- **12 DMC 301 Medium Mahogany** Calf (light), topknots (middle)
- **13 DMC 3776 Light Mahogany** Calf (lightest)
- **14 DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green**
  Meadow and leaves (dark)
- **15 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Meadow and leaves (middle), stems, grasses (dark)
- **16 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Meadow and leaves (light), grasses (middle), sepals
- **17 DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue** Bluebonnets (middle)
- **18 DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue** Bluebonnets (dark)
- **19 DMC 791 Very Dark Cornflower Blue** Bluebonnets (darkest)
- **20 DMC 3840 Light Lavender Blue**
  Bluebonnets (light), bluebonnet tips (darker)
- **21 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green** Grasses (light)
- **22 DMC 3689 Light Mauve** Primroses (middle)
- **23 DMC 3688 Medium Mauve** Primrose edges, primroses (dark)
- **24 DMC 744 Pale Yellow** Primrose hearts

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

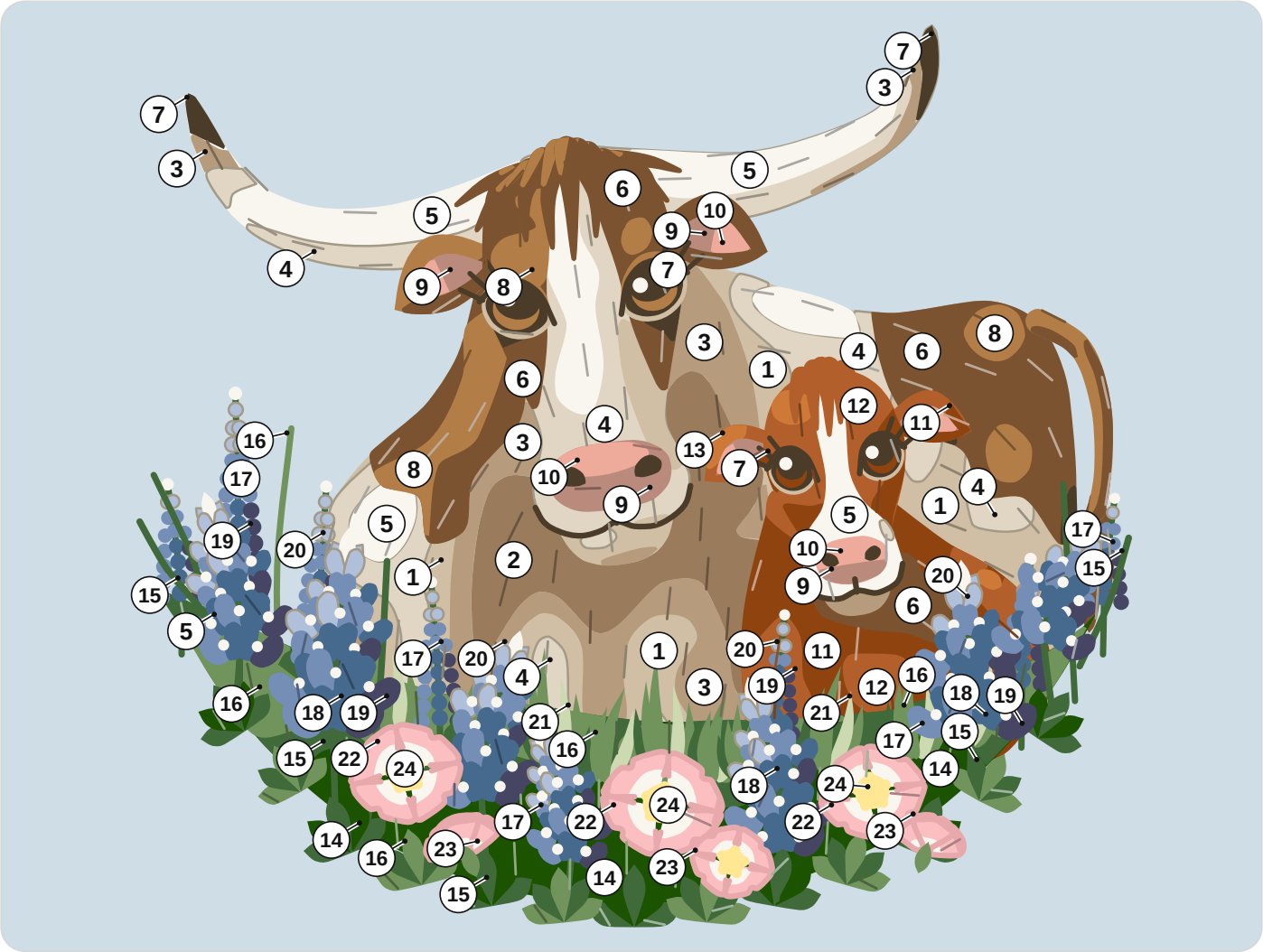
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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. 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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How many strands

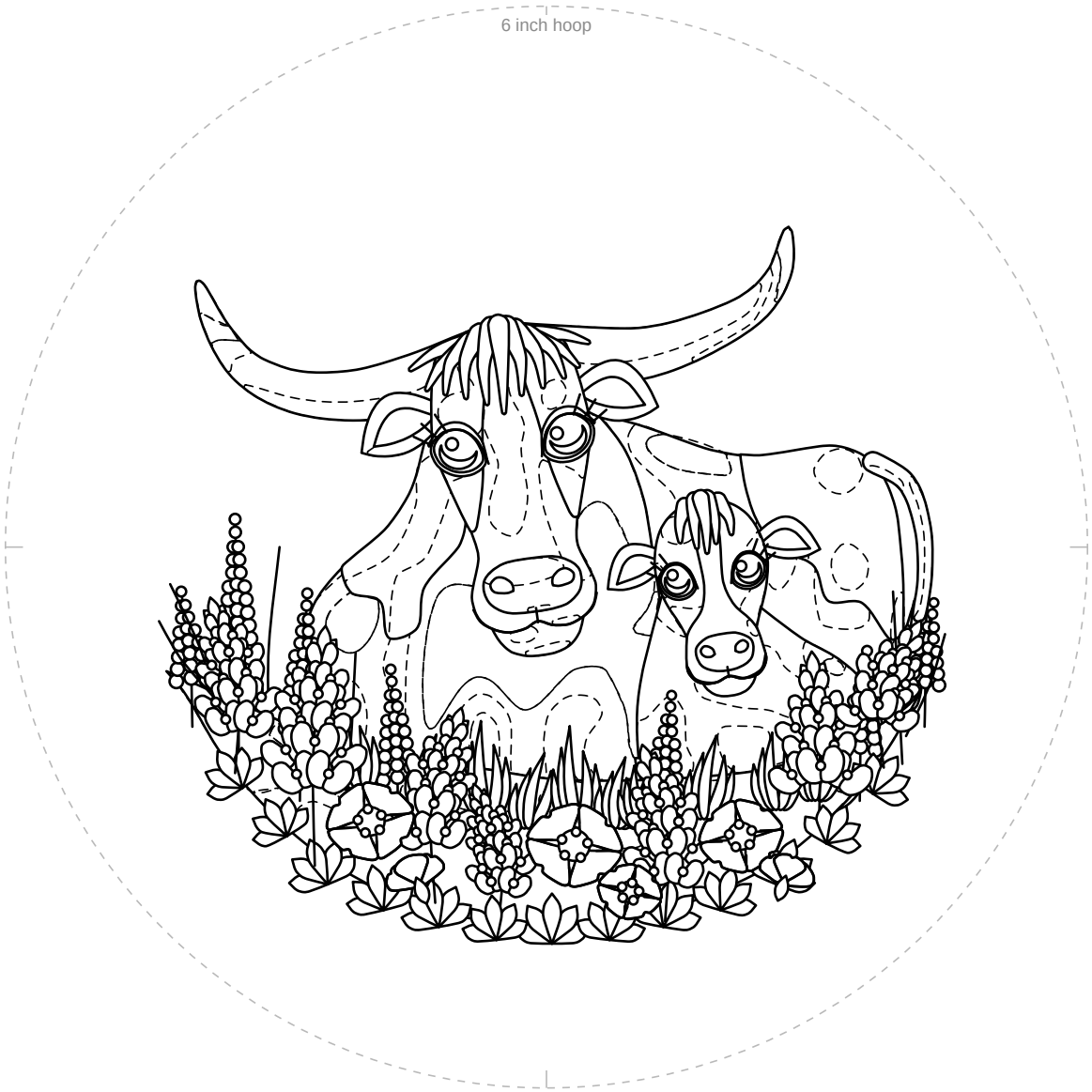
Split stitch. 2 strands: eyelids; 1 strand: mouths, primrose edges.
French knot. 1 or 2 strands: bluebonnets; 1 strand: eye lights, bluebonnet spots, primrose hearts.

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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

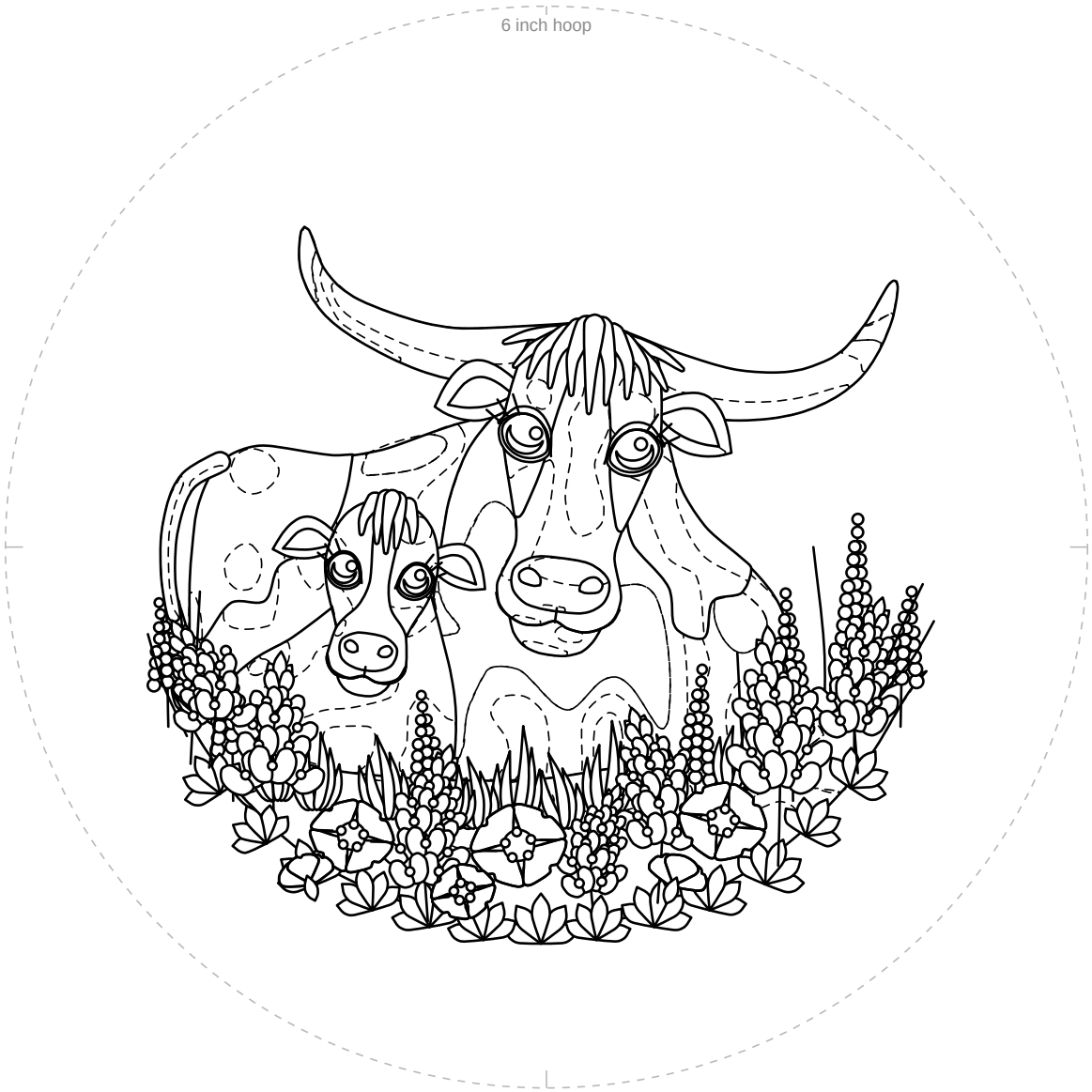
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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