Longhorn steer on the autumn prairie

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 4.7 in (11.9 × 11.9 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 and knots.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Sky, far hills, near hills, plain, river, back grasses, far legs, tail, coat, white markings, ears, inner ears, horns, horn cuffs, head, and 6 more
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Nostrils, eyes, egret, egret bill, seed heads, aster leaves, asters, aster sepals
3. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   River banks, muscle lines, dewlap edges, ear edges, horn edges, mouth, head edges, eyelids, egret edges, egret wing
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Eye colors, eye lights, egret legs, egret plumes, seed heads
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Egret legs, grass blades, seed stalks, seed heads, aster stems, border
6. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Egret eye, aster hearts

Floss

- **1 DMC 3855 Light Autumn Gold**
  Sky (light), grass blades, front grasses and seed heads (lightest)
- **2 DMC 3824 Light Apricot** Sky (middle light)
- **3 DMC 948 Very Light Peach** Sky (lightest), inner ears
- **4 DMC 3743 Very Light Antique Violet**
  Sky and river (dark), white markings (darker), far hills (lighter), tail (light)
- **5 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue**
  Sky (middle dark), river (light), egret (darker), egret wing (middle)
- **6 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Sky and river (darkest), egret edges, egret wing (dark)
- **7 DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet**
  Far hills (darker), far legs (lightest), near hills and dewlap edges (lighter)
- **8 DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet** Near hills (darker), far legs (light)
- **9 DMC 3046 Medium Yellow Beige** Plain (darker), back grasses (middle)
- **10 DMC 3047 Light Yellow Beige**
  Plain (lighter), back grasses, horns and seed heads (light)
- **11 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  White markings and egret (lighter), tail and horns (lightest) and 4 more parts
- **12 DMC 3828 Hazelnut Brown**
  Front grasses (middle light), grass blades and back grasses (dark) and 3 more parts
- **13 DMC 918 Dark Red Copper**
  Coat, far legs, front grasses, horn cuffs, ears and head (dark)
- **14 DMC 3857 Dark Rosewood**
  Coat, far legs and front grasses (darkest), border and head edges and 6 more parts
- **15 DMC 920 Medium Copper**
  Coat and head (middle), front grasses (middle dark) and 7 more parts
- **16 DMC 922 Light Copper**
  Coat, horn cuffs, ears and head (light), tail (dark), forelock (middle)
- **17 DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany** Coat (lightest), forelock (light)
- **18 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Horns (darkest), egret legs, eyes, nostrils and egret eye
- **19 DMC 3045 Dark Yellow Beige** Horn edges
- **20 DMC 3859 Light Rosewood** Muzzle (lighter)
- **21 DMC 729 Medium Old Gold**
  Front grasses and grass blades (light), seed heads (dark), aster hearts and egret bill
- **22 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Aster stems, aster leaves and aster sepals
- **23 DMC 333 Very Dark Blue Violet** Asters (darker)
- **24 DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet** Asters (lighter)

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

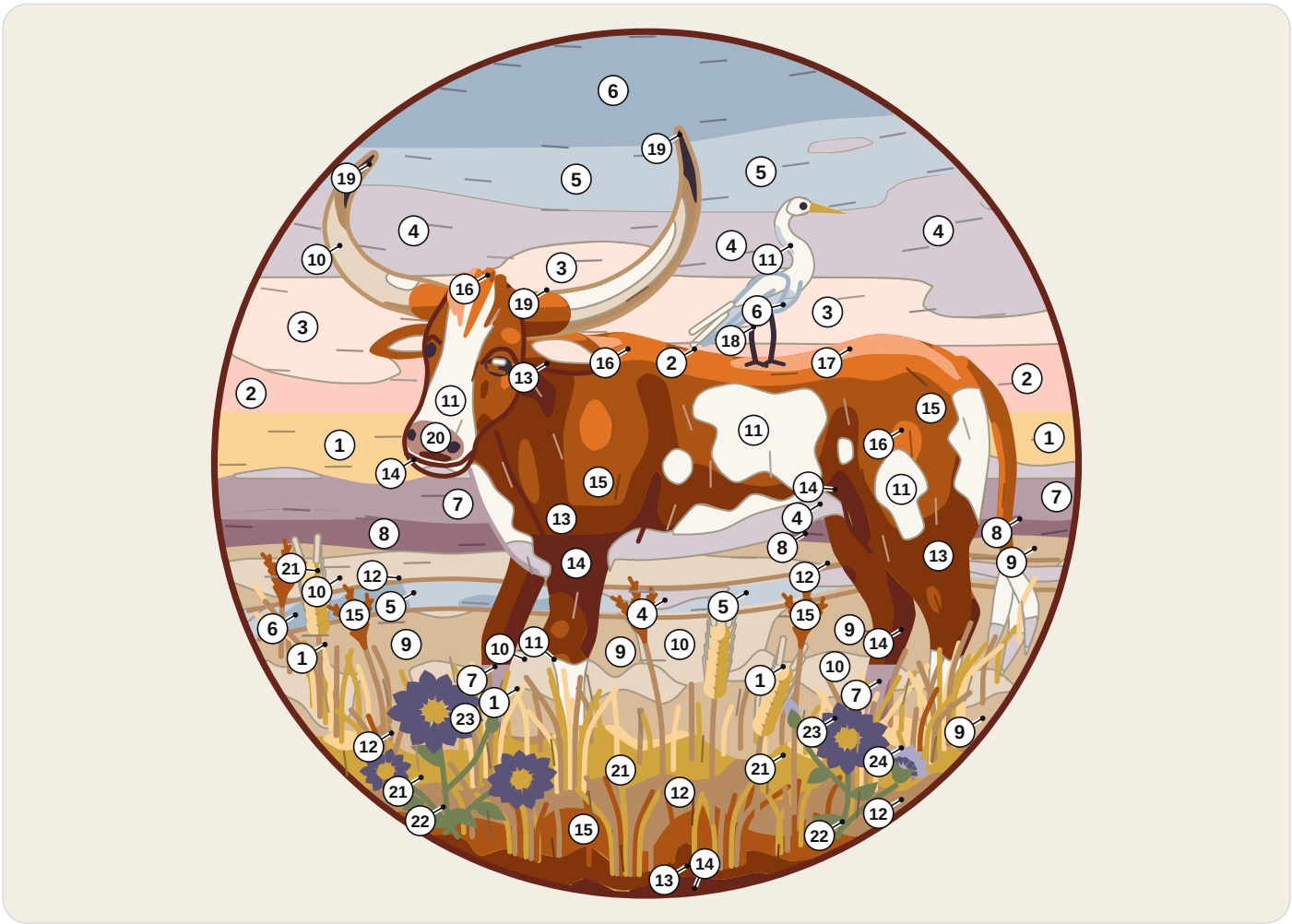
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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

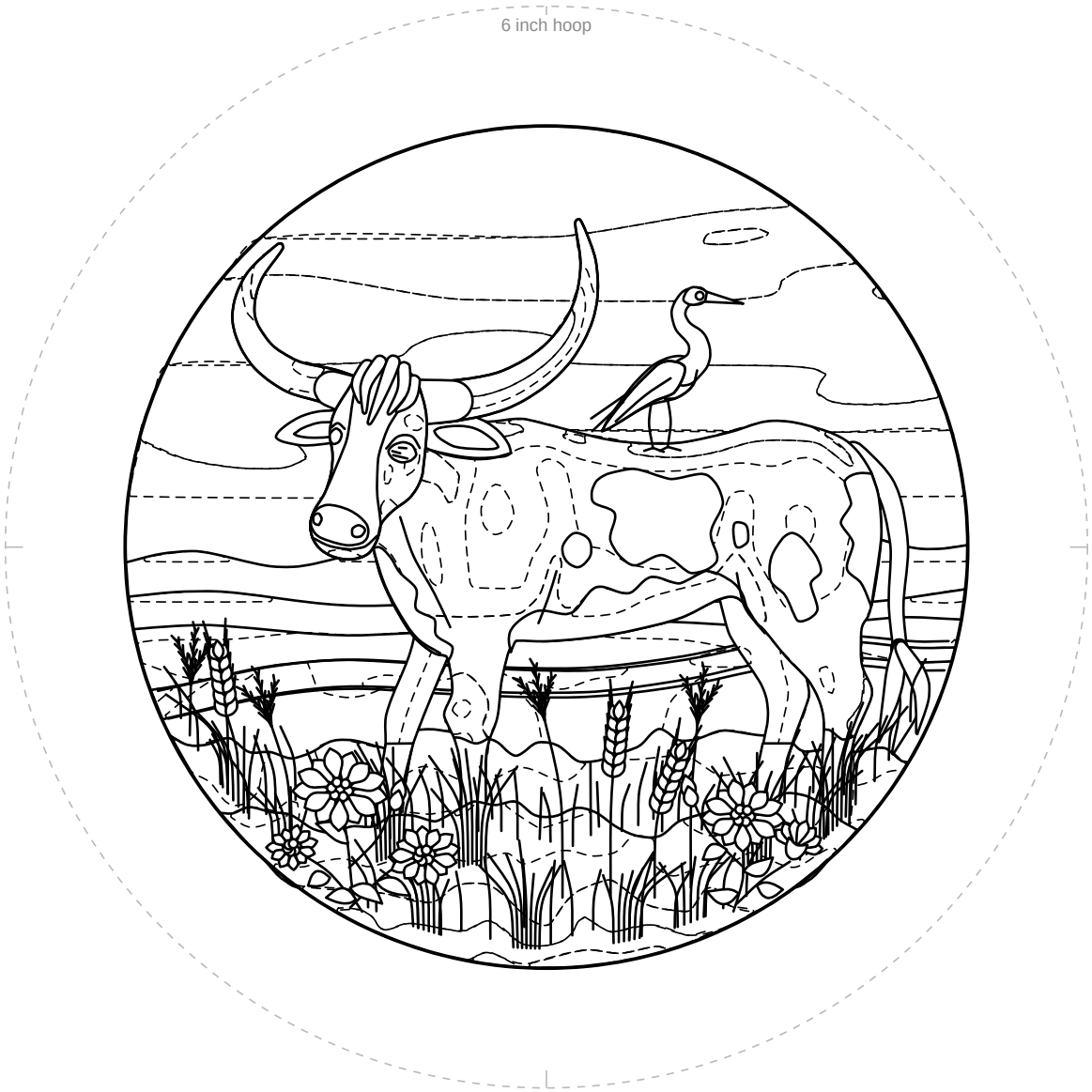
Split stitch. 1 or 2 strands: eyelids; 1 strand: river banks, muscle lines, dewlap edges, ear edges, horn edges, mouth, head edges, egret edges, egret wing.
Straight stitch. 1 or 2 strands: seed heads; 1 strand: eye colors, eye lights, egret legs, egret plumes.
Stem stitch. 3 strands: border; 2 strands: egret legs, seed stalks, aster stems; 1 or 2 strands: grass blades; 1 strand: seed heads.

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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.



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25.4 mm

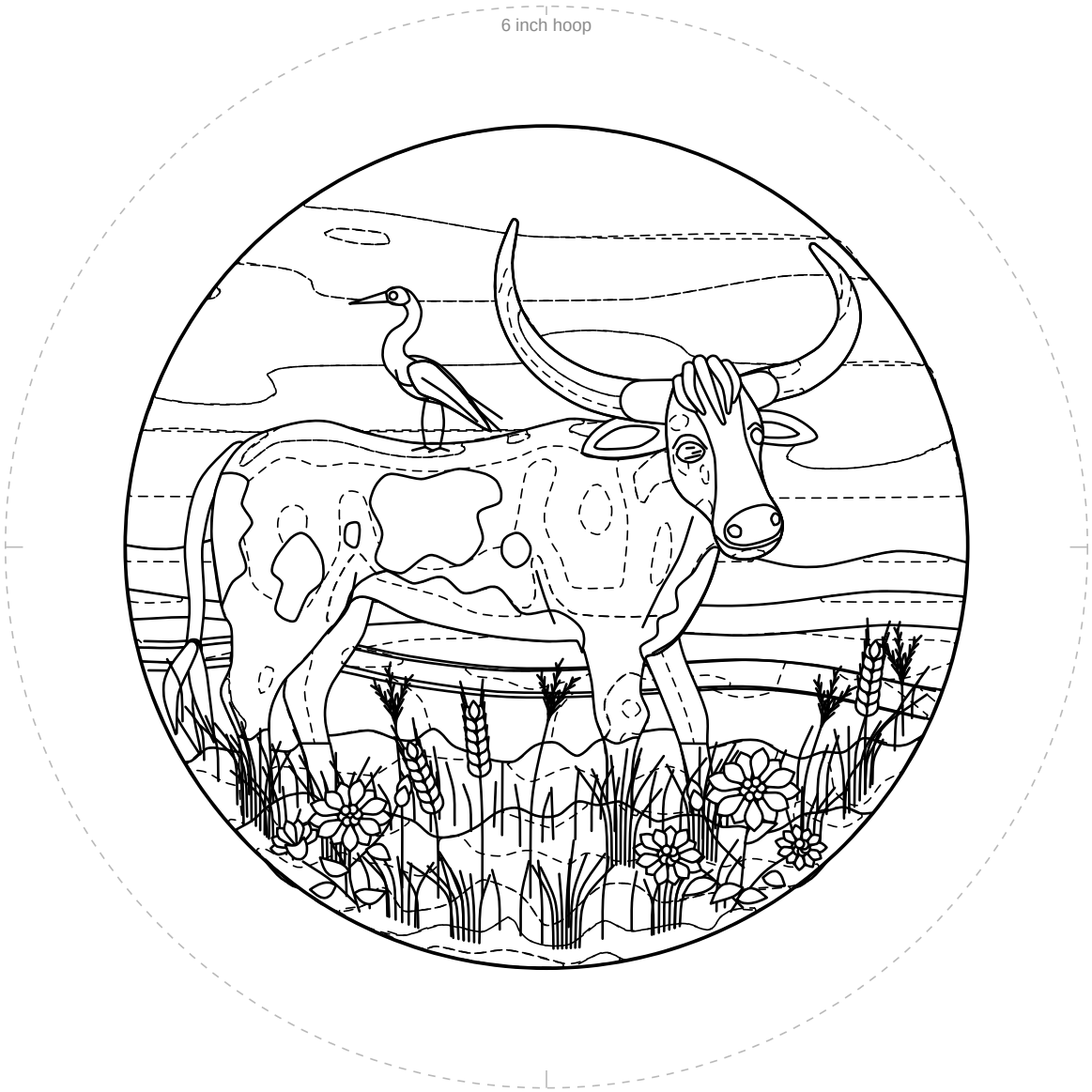
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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