Primitive Canada goose and maple leaf

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.6 × 3.1 in (9.1 × 7.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

5 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. **Chain stitch**, 4 strands
   Neck and head (color 1)
2. **Back stitch**, 3 strands
   Neck and head (color 1)
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Legs, feet, tail, head by the eye, cheek strap, bill, eye, maple leaf
4. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Moss line (color 2), breast, under the tail
5. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: moss line (color 2), pale rims, leaf stem
   4 strands: long feathers
6. **Running stitch**
   3 strands: flank
   4 strands: wing
7. **Back stitch**
   3 strands: outline
   2 strands: feather rims, leaf veins
8. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaf edge
9. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Grass
10. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
    Knots of the eye

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 310 Black
2 DMC 3346 Hunter Green
3 DMC 712 Cream
4 DMC 433 Medium Brown
5 DMC 498 Dark Red

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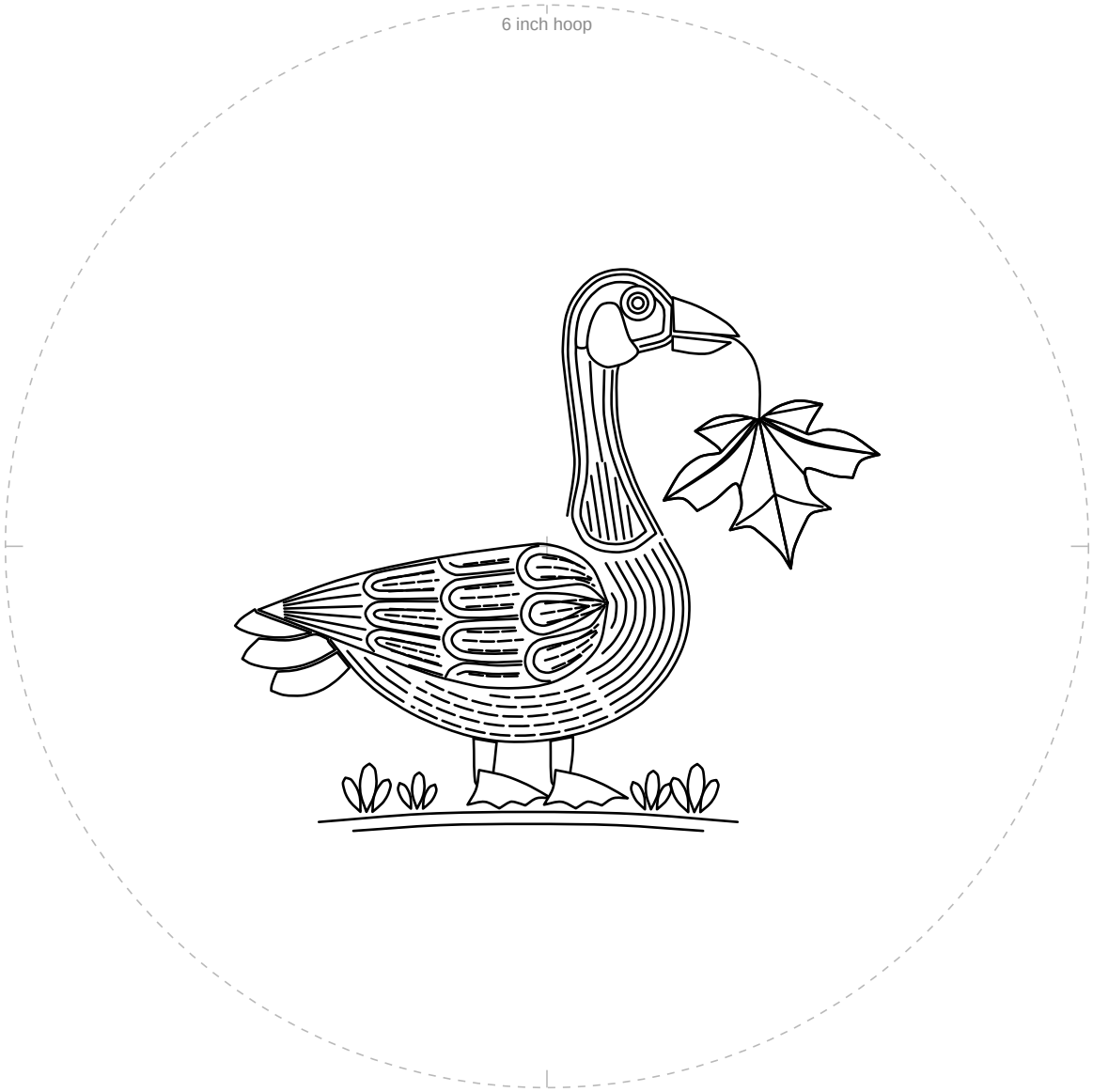
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a dashed line is running stitch.



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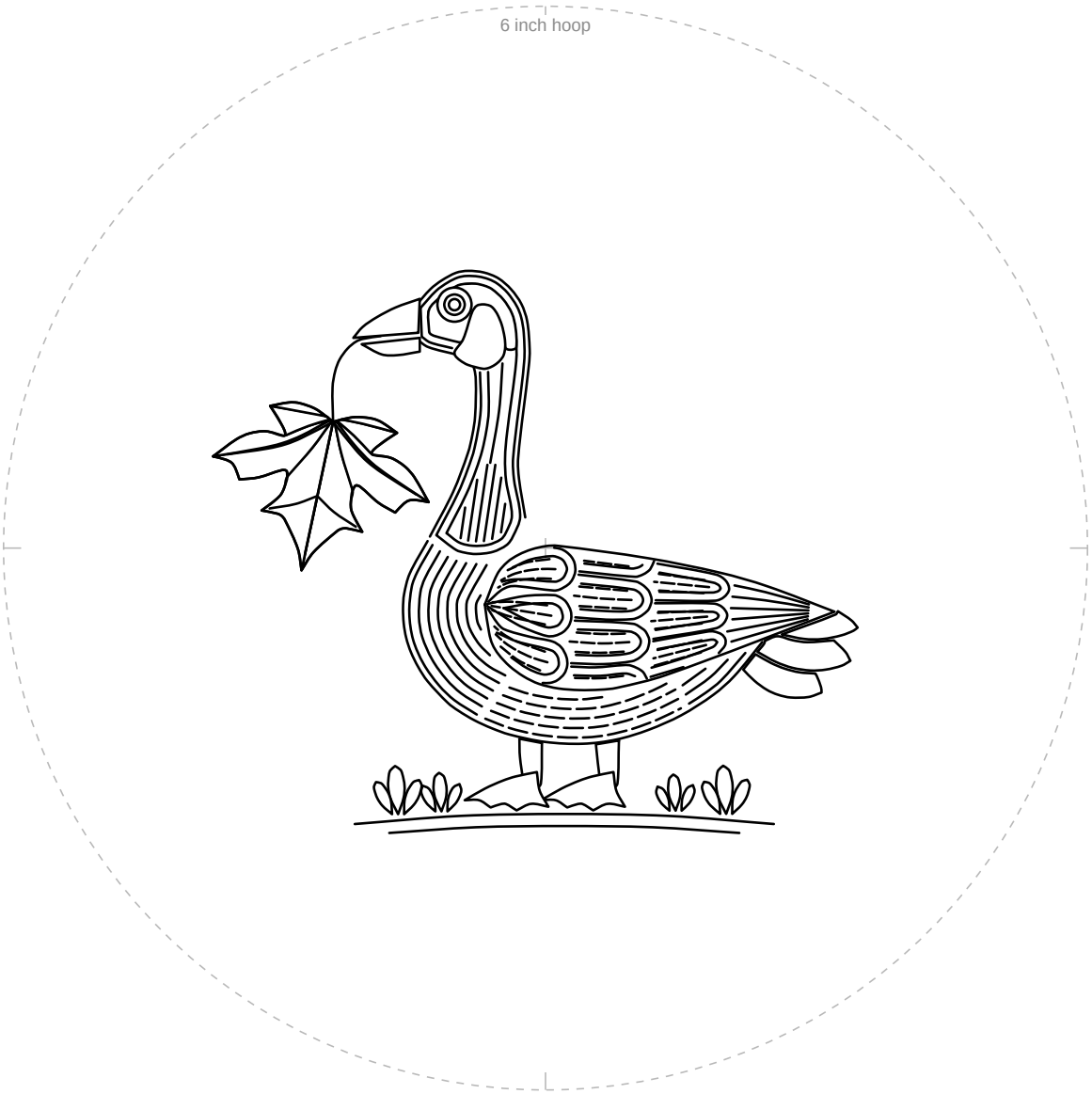
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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