Easy primitive St Patrick’s sheep border

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 1.4 in (11.9 × 3.6 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3011 Dark Khaki Green**
  Hill (dark), shamrock leaves and low leaves (darker), stems and leaf veins
- **2 DMC 3829 Very Dark Old Gold**
  Hill (light), bells, star flower (lighter)
- **3 DMC 3012 Medium Khaki Green**
  Shamrock leaves and low leaves (lighter), hill (lightest), star flower leaves
- **4 DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta**
  Hill (darkest), star flower (darker), collars
- **5 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Legs, faces, black wool, body outlines and ears
- **6 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Wool curls and eyes

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Shamrock leaves, legs, faces, ears, collars, star flower
2. **Running stitch**, 2 to 4 strands
   Hill
3. **Stem stitch**, 3 to 4 strands
   Stems
4. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaf veins
5. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Body outlines
6. **Chain stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Wool curls, black wool
7. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Low leaves, star flower leaves
8. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Bells, eyes, star flower

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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.

Begin with no knot on the back where it is seen and washed, as on a towel, a napkin or clothes; for a piece in a hoop a small knot is fine. End each thread by whipping it around the backs of four or five stitches, with one small hitch.

Each small ring is one French knot. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point. A dashed line is running stitch.

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

Chain stitch. 3 strands: black wool; 2 or 3 strands: wool curls.
French knot. 2 strands: bells, star flower; 1 strand: eyes.

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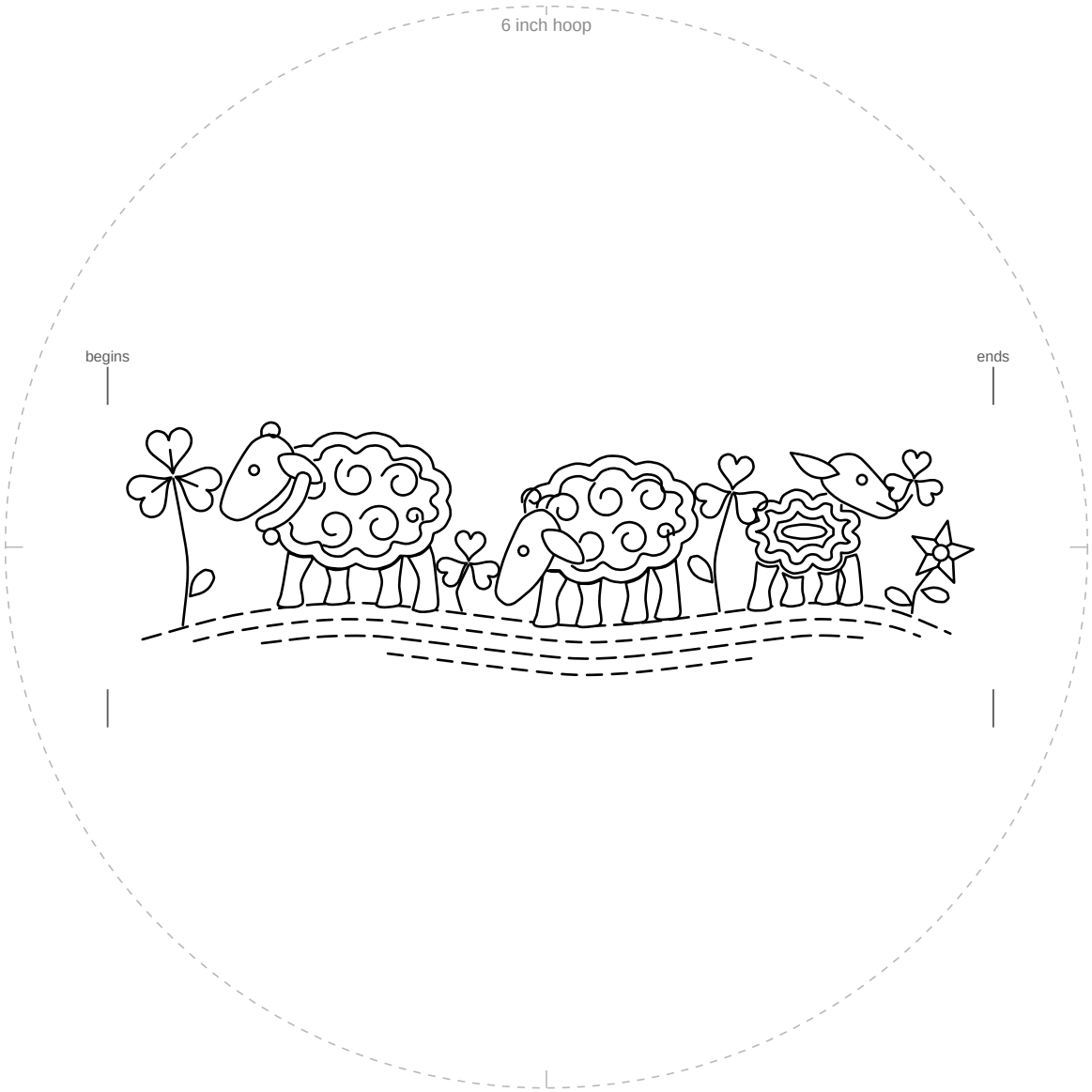
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

For a longer border, trace it again with the mark “begins” on the mark “ends”.

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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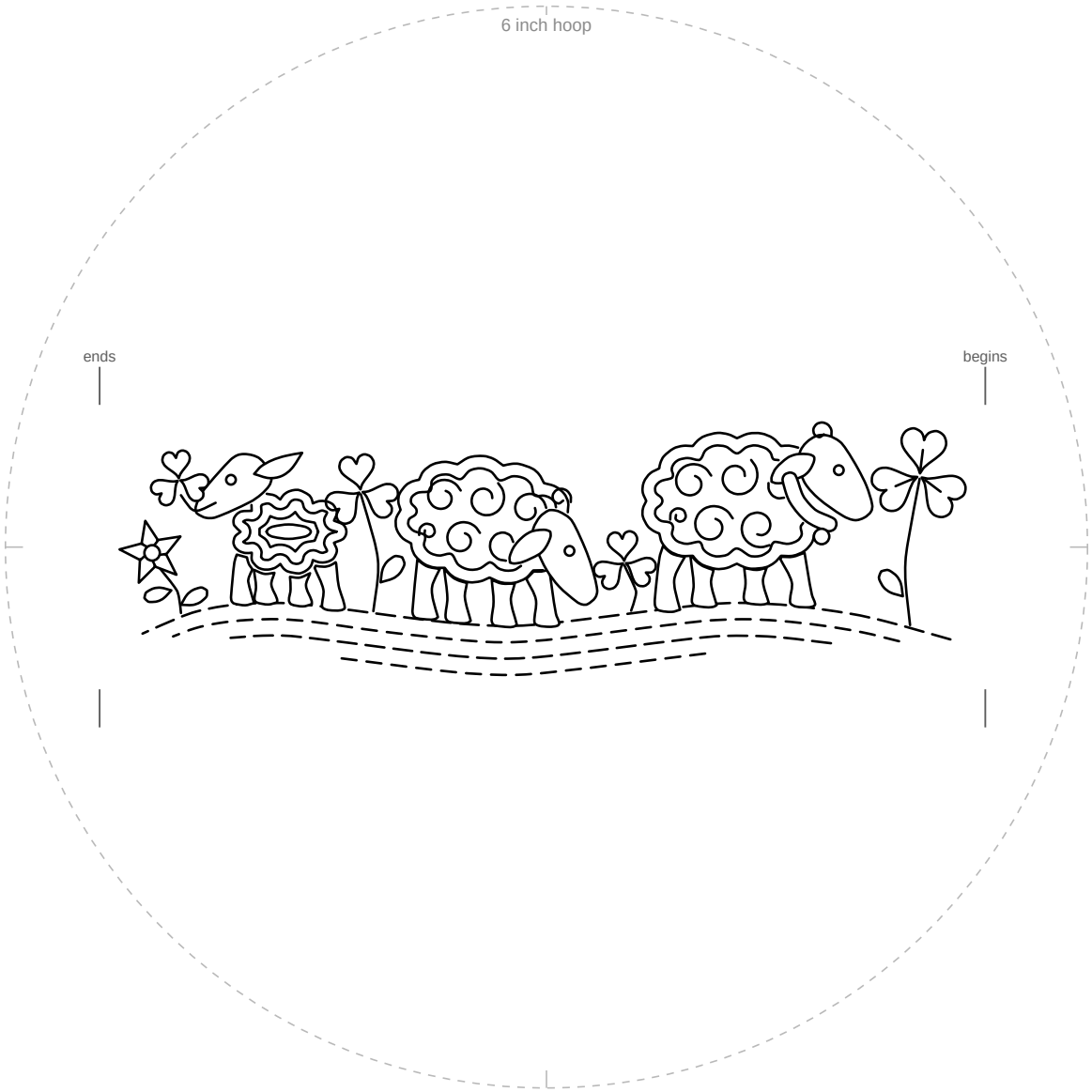
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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