Puffin portrait in thread painting

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 cm)



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

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Sea, wing, flight feathers, long small wing feathers, small wing feathers, breast, crown, collar and back, cheek, bill base, bill tip, bill edge, eye patch (color 2), turf



2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Thrift leaves, thrift cups, thrift flowers, bill grooves, bill rim, gape, eye patch (color 10), eye ring, eye, thrift buds



3. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: cheek crease, bill groove shade, edges of the eye
   2 strands: mouth

4. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Gape folds, eye highlight



5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: thrift stems
   3 strands: ring

6. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Thrift flower centers



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

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.

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.

Buy: 23 colors of floss (page 2), 2 skeins of DMC 310; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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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 932 Light Antique Blue	9	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	17	DMC 498 Dark Red
2	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	10	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue	18	DMC 349 Dark Coral
3	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green	11	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	19	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow
4	DMC 522 Fern Green	12	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	20	DMC 351 Coral
5	DMC 3326 Light Rose	13	DMC 415 Pearl Gray	21	DMC 742 Light Tangerine
6	DMC 3687 Mauve	14	DMC 712 Cream	22	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
7	DMC 3716 Very Light Rose	15	DMC 3865 Winter White	23	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown
8	DMC 310 Black	16	DMC 350 Medium Coral		

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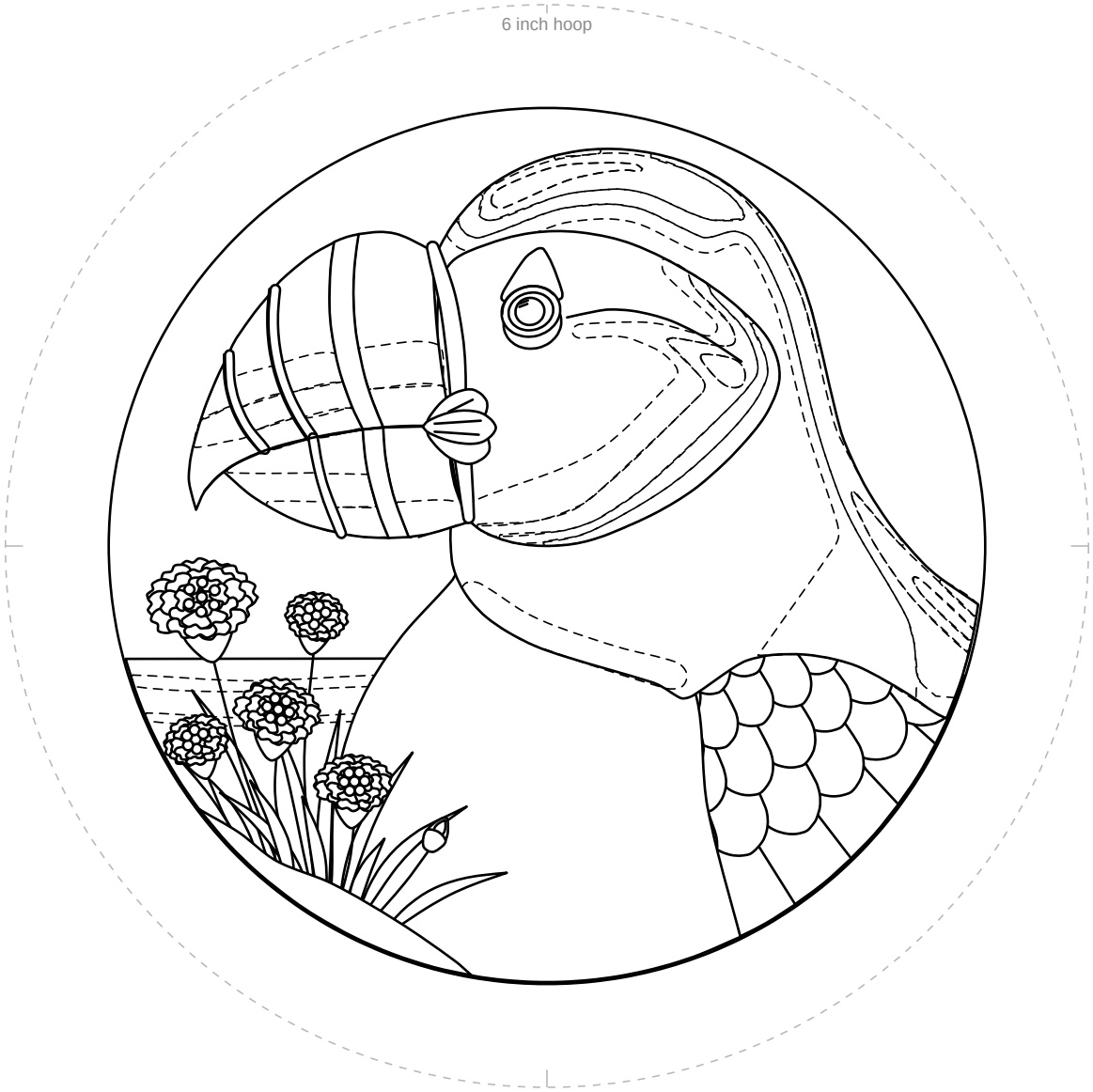
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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.



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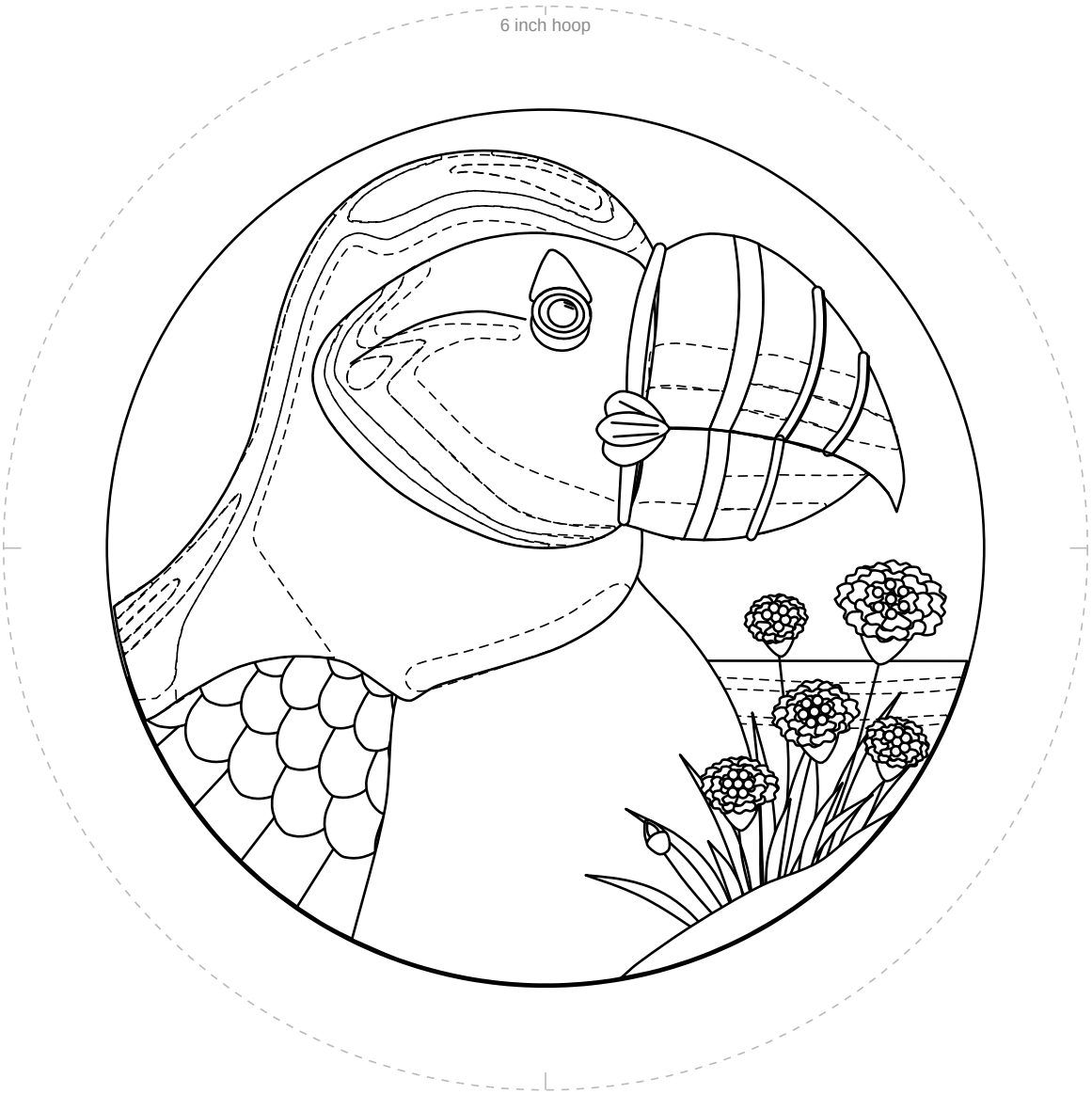
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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