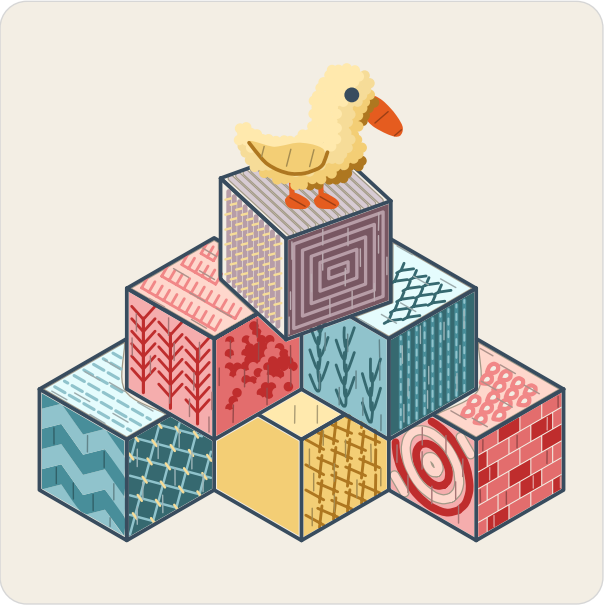
Pyramid of six toy blocks

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.2 × 3.8 in (10.7 × 9.7 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 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

18 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. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: stem rows
   4 strands: lines of the feet
2. **Woven filling stitch**, 4 strands
   Basket weave
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Satin chevrons, flat satin, satin bricks, feet, bill, wing
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Block faces
5. **Trellis stitch**, 2 strands
   Trellis
6. **Running stitch**, 3 strands
   Running rows
7. **Herringbone stitch**, 3 strands
   Herringbone
8. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Chain rings
9. **Fern stitch**, 2 strands
   Fern rows
10. **Blanket stitch**, 2 strands
    Blanket rows
11. **Feather stitch**, 2 strands
    Feather rows
12. **Whipped back stitch**, 3 strands
    Whipped stripes
13. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
    Fly rows
14. **Couching**, 6 strands
    Couched cords
15. **Split stitch**, 3 strands
    Split squares
16. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
    Block edges, edges of the wing
17. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
    Lazy daisy rows
18. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: knot filling, duckling
    3 strands: 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 598 Light Turquoise	7	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	13	DMC 3712 Medium Salmon
2	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	8	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	14	DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet
3	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	9	DMC 760 Salmon	15	DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet
4	DMC 3822 Light Straw	10	DMC 353 Peach	16	DMC 3743 Very Light Antique Violet
5	DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue	11	DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon	17	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue
6	DMC 3821 Straw	12	DMC 3328 Dark Salmon	18	DMC 720 Dark Orange Spice

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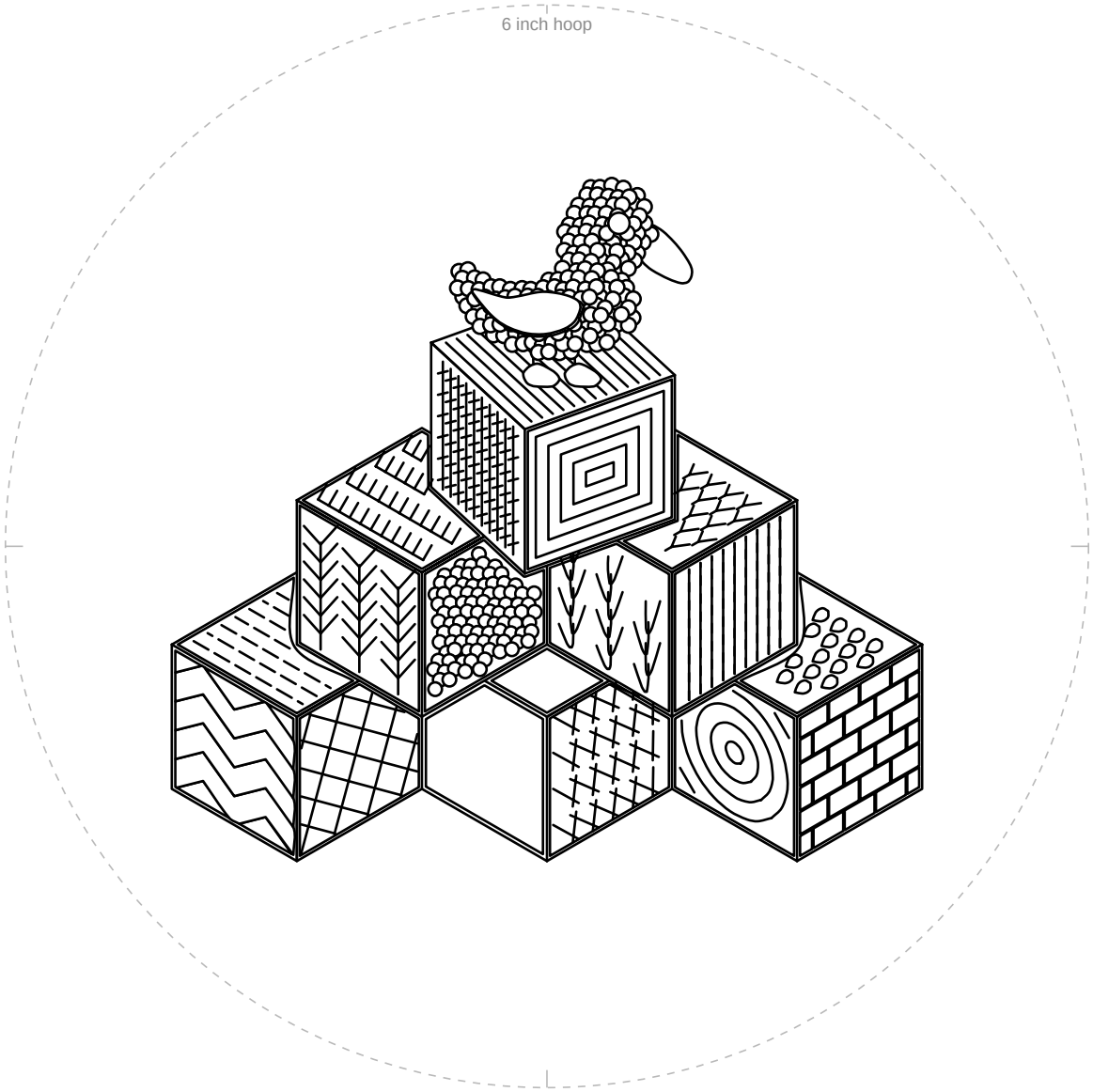
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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



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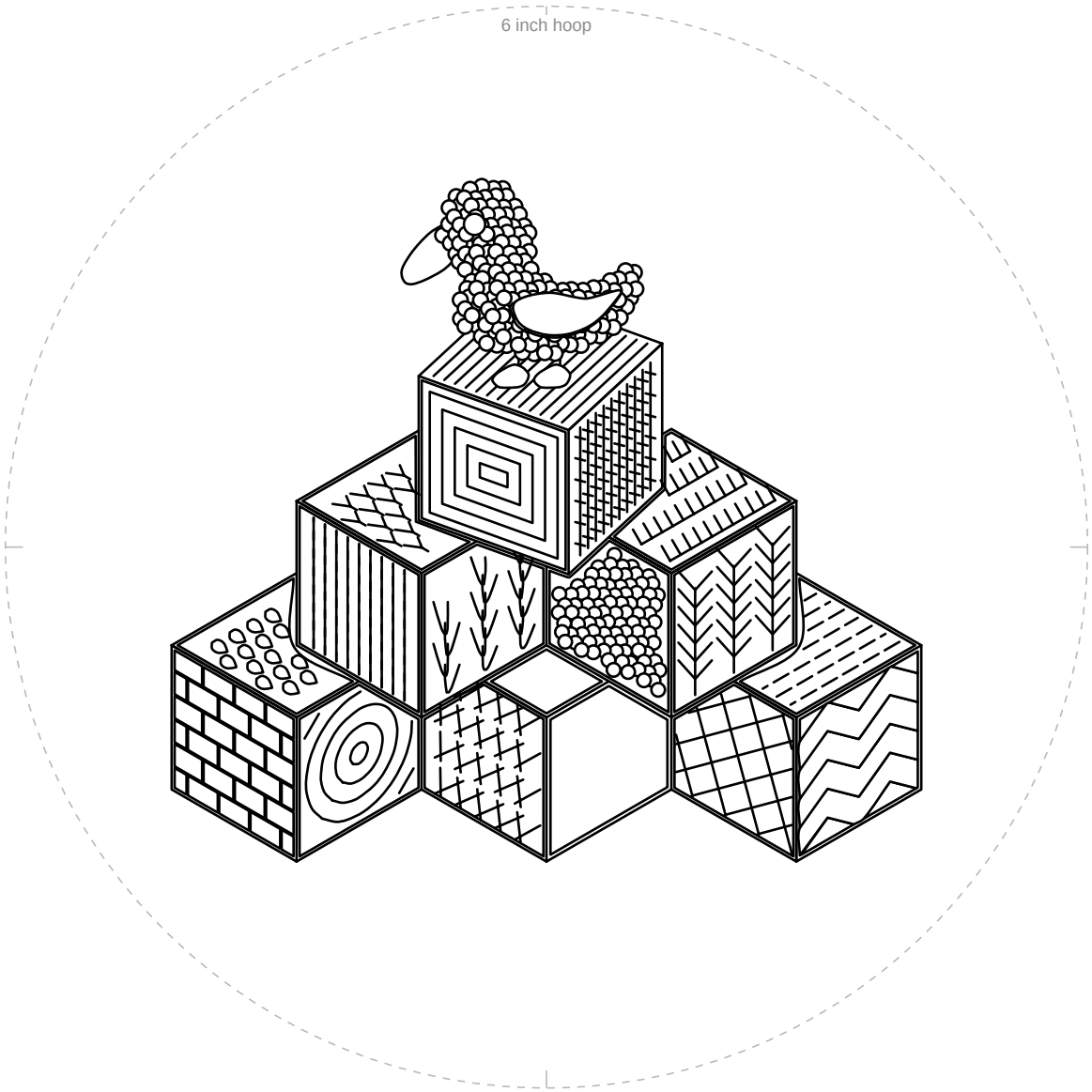
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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