Rainbow stacking rings

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.2 × 4.1 in (10.7 × 10.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: sage green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of sage green cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

24 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 712; one of each other 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. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
   Rug hem, gingham rug, wooden base (color 5), red ring, orange ring, yellow ring, green ring, blue ring, violet ring, post hollow, post, post collar, ball, ball cap, soles, bow



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 23, 24
   Wooden base (color 7), post knob, ear lining, pink ring, muzzle



3. **Running stitch**
   3 strands, color 3
   Hem stitching

4. **Stem stitch**, colors 6, 22
   2 strands: eye rims
   1 strand: eyelids

5. **Back stitch**, 2 strands, color 22
   Mouth

6. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 22, 24
   Eyes, nose



7. **Turkey work**
   2 strands, colors 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 23
   Ears, body, shading, legs, feet, arms, head, cheeks



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, color 1
   Eye highlights



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 712 Cream	9	DMC 349 Dark Coral	17	DMC 986 Very Dark Forest Green
2	DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue	10	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red	18	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green
3	DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue	11	DMC 3688 Medium Mauve	19	DMC 553 Violet
4	DMC 797 Royal Blue	12	DMC 740 Tangerine	20	DMC 552 Medium Violet
5	DMC 437 Light Tan	13	DMC 720 Dark Orange Spice	21	DMC 554 Light Violet
6	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	14	DMC 742 Light Tangerine	22	DMC 3371 Black Brown
7	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	15	DMC 726 Light Topaz	23	DMC 3689 Light Mauve
8	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	16	DMC 988 Medium Forest Green	24	DMC 3687 Mauve

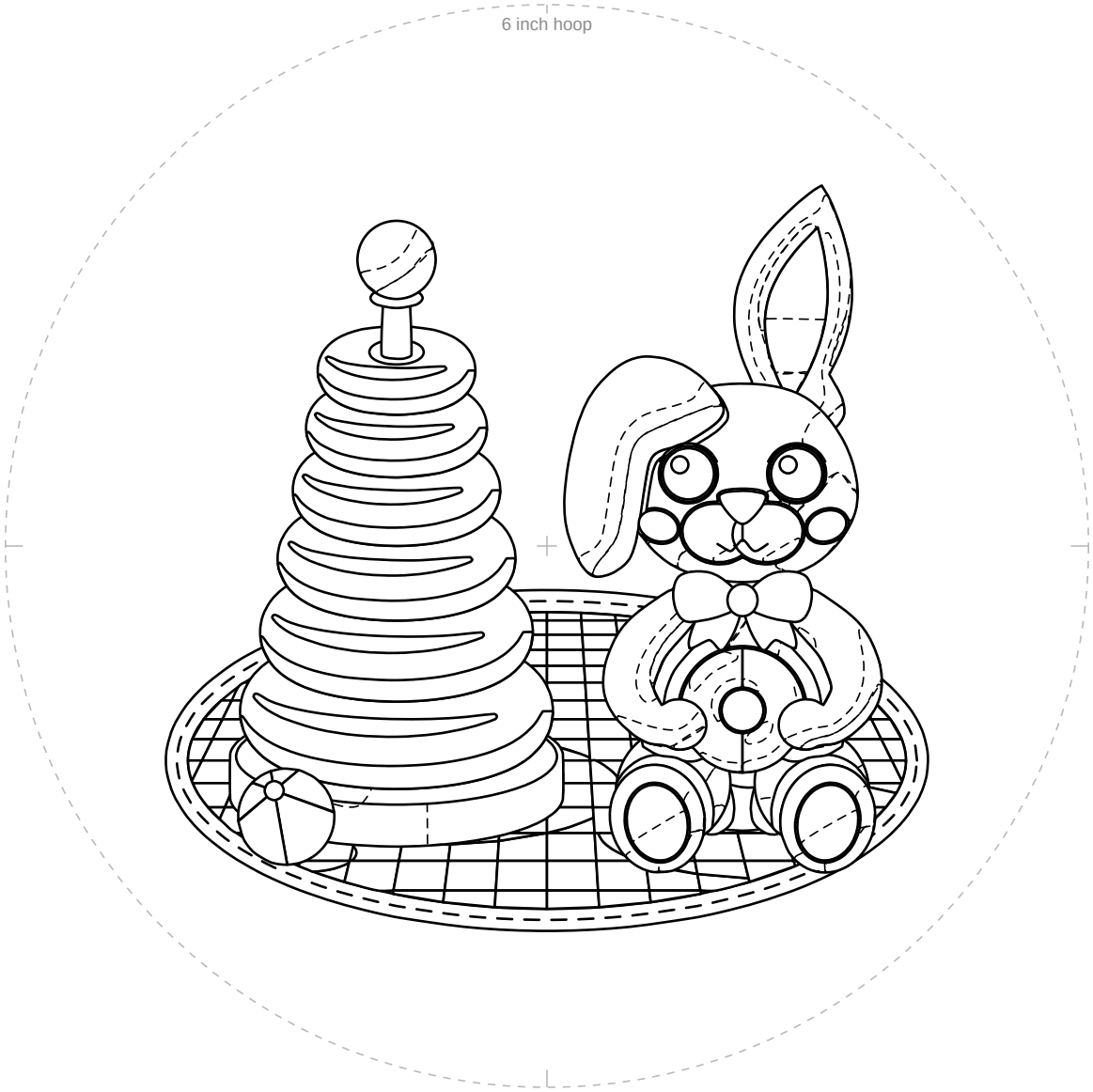
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a dashed line is running stitch; a finer one inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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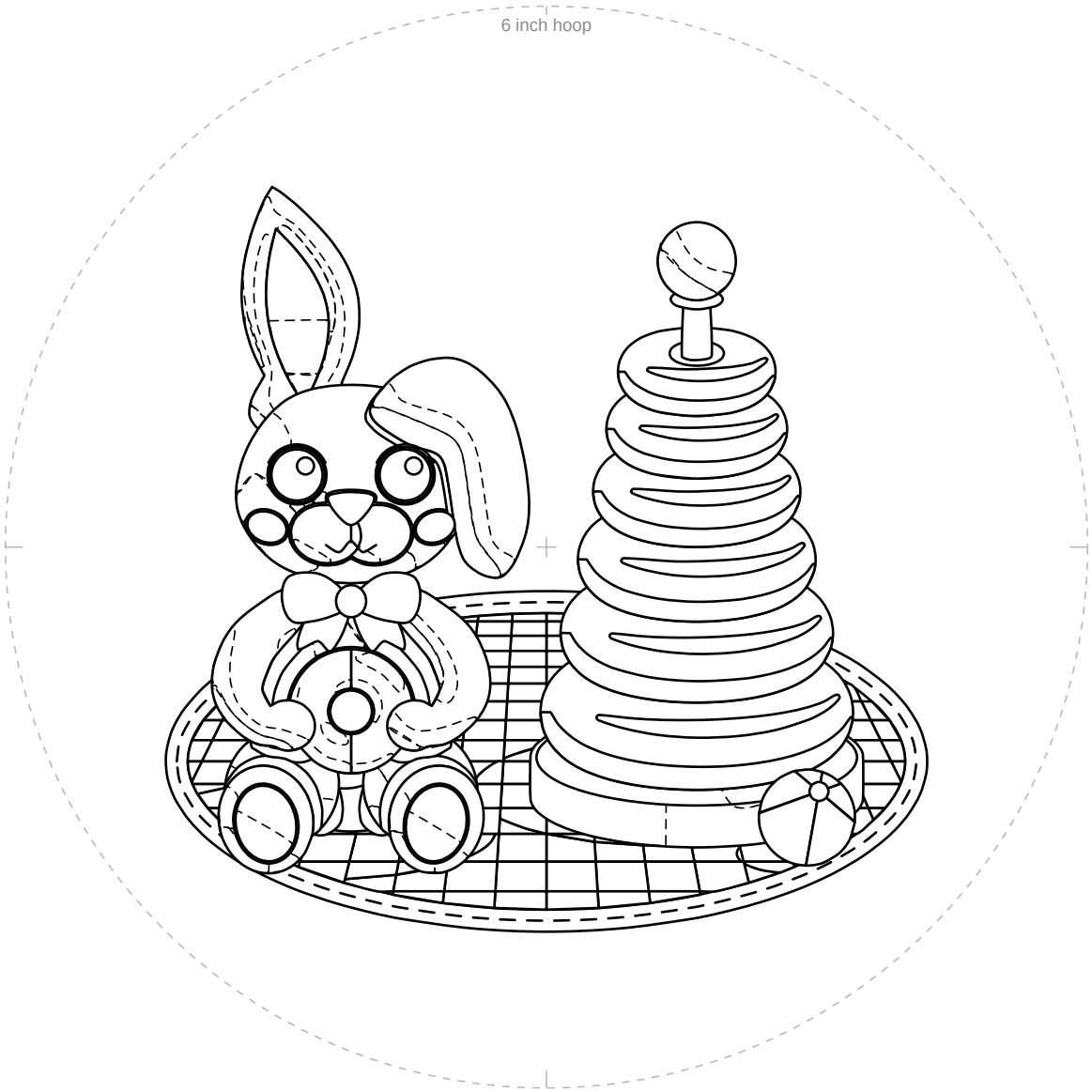
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