Easy red barn birdhouse

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.3 × 4.7 in (10.9 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Fishbone stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaves, sunflower petals
2. **Satin stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Sunflower hearts, red boards, cream trim, roof, entry hole, bluebird breasts, bluebird heads, entry trim, beaks, perch, brass ball, arrow, and 3 more
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Sunflower stems, brackets, shelf, board seams, weathervane, legs, wing feathers, small flower stems
4. **Chain stitch**, 5 strands
   Sunflower centers
5. **Split stitch**, 3 strands
   Post, shelf, barn door
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Eye lights, small flowers, grass
7. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 3 strands
   Small flowers
8. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Eyes, small flower hearts

Floss

- **1 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Leaves, sunflower stems, grass and small flower stems
- **2 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Sunflower petals, small flower hearts, beaks and brass ball
- **3 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Roof, entry hole, weathervane, arrow and sunflower hearts and 5 more parts
- **4 DMC 632 Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand**
  Board seams, post and sunflower centers, shelf (lighter) and 3 more parts
- **5 DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon**
  Red boards, barn door (lighter)
- **6 DMC 712 Cream**
  Cream trim, entry trim, bluebird belly and eye lights
- **7 DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue**
  Bluebird heads, bluebird wing, small flowers and bluebird tail

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.

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6 inch hoop

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 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

Fishbone stitch. 3 or 4 strands: sunflower petals; 2 or 3 strands: leaves.
Satin stitch. 3 strands: red boards, cream trim, roof, entry trim; 2 strands: sunflower hearts, entry hole, bluebird breasts, bluebird heads, beaks, perch, brass ball, arrow, bluebird tail, bluebird belly, bluebird wing.
Stem stitch. 4 strands: sunflower stems; 3 or 4 strands: weathervane; 3 strands: brackets, shelf, legs; 2 strands: board seams, wing feathers, small flower stems.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: grass; 2 strands: small flowers; 1 strand: eye lights.

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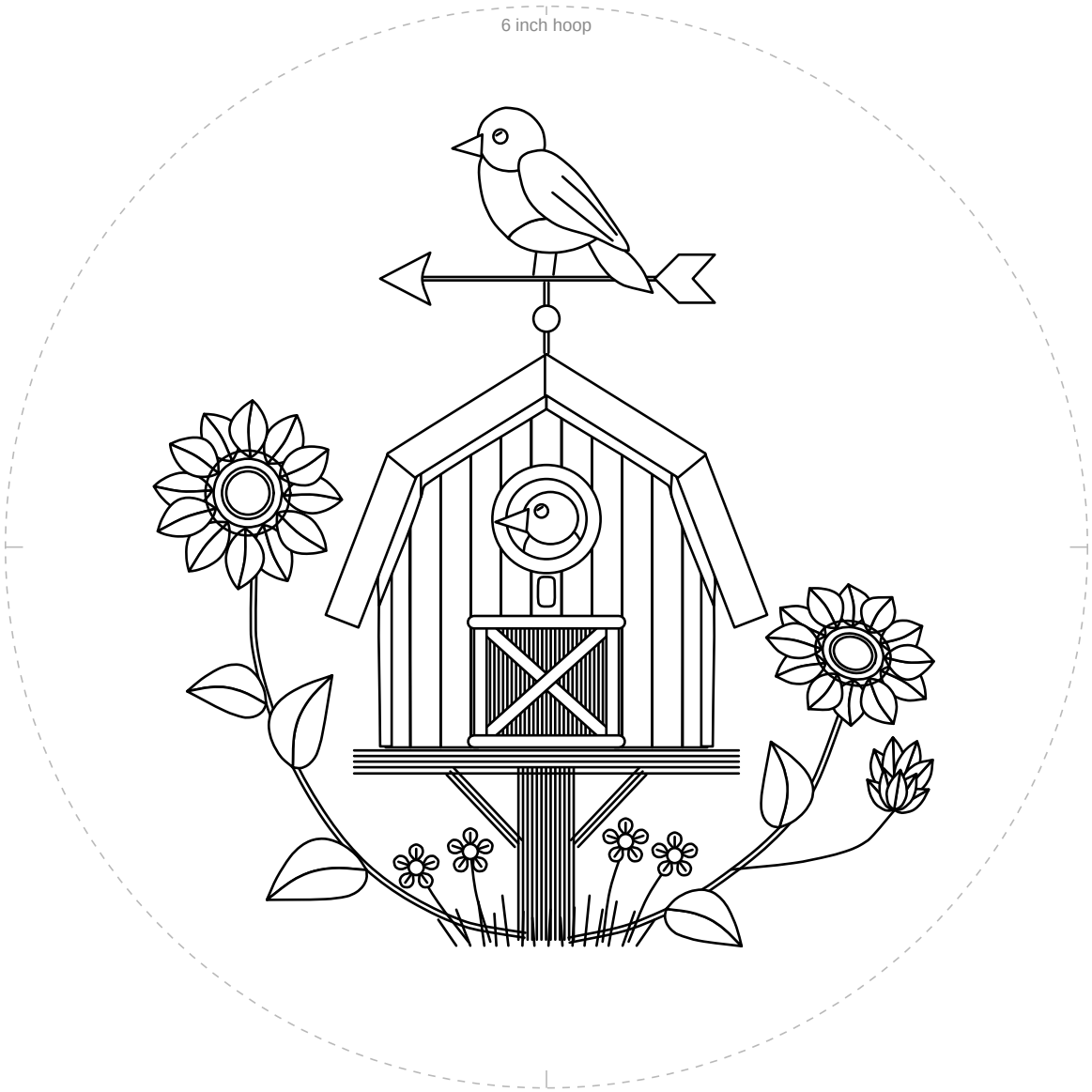
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

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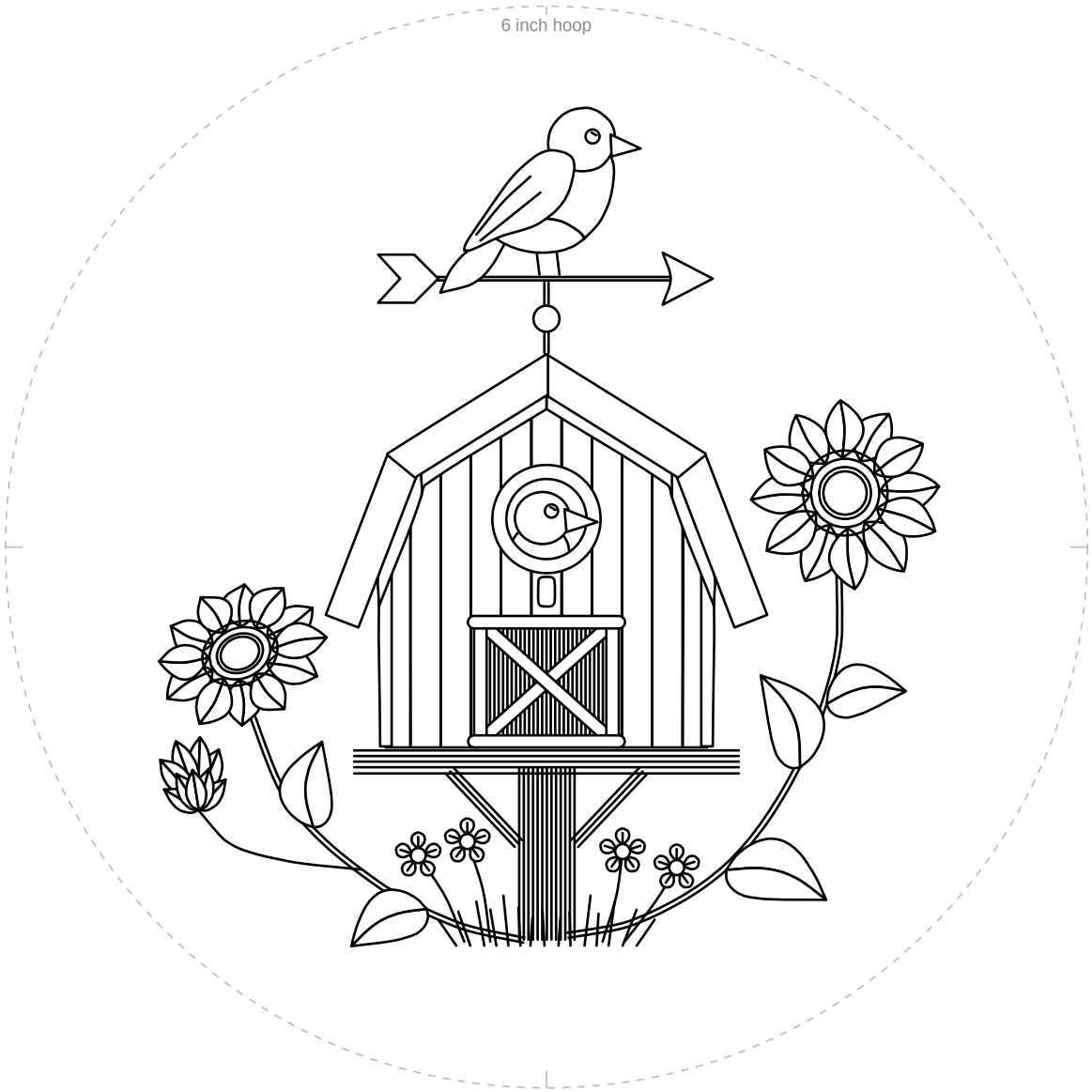
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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