Red Dala horse

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 4.6 in (11.4 × 11.7 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 and knots.

1. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tulip hearts, tulip petals, rosette petals, rosette inner petals, rosette center, far hooves, far hoof bands, ears, saddle scallops, and 15 more
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Far legs, body, neck and chest, head, saddle cloth
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Stems, tulip edges, far leg edges, ear edges, horse outline, saddle braid, bridle cheek strap, eyebrow, mouth, hoof band edges
5. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Tulip stamens, eye light
6. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Tulip dots, berries, rosette center dots, breast collar buttons, girth buttons, saddle flower center dots, saddle dots, bridle buttons, and 2 more

Floss

- **1 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green**
  Leaves (darker), stems
- **2 DMC 988 Medium Forest Green** Leaves (lighter)
- **3 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Tulip hearts, bridle, breast collar, saddle braid and girth and 6 more parts
- **4 DMC 321 Red**
  Neck and chest and body (light), tulip petals and ears (middle), head (darker)
- **5 DMC 498 Dark Red**
  Neck and chest, body, tulip petals and ears (dark)
- **6 DMC 666 Bright Red**
  Neck and chest and body (lightest), head (lighter), ears (light) and 2 more parts
- **7 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Horse outline, far legs and tulip edges, body (darkest) and 3 more parts
- **8 DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Hooves, rosette petals and tulip stamens, saddle cloth (middle) and 5 more parts
- **9 DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue**
  Mane strokes (darker), kurbits strokes (middle), far hoof bands and 3 more parts
- **10 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Saddle scallops, hoof bands and saddle flower petals and 7 more parts
- **11 DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue**
  Saddle cloth (dark), far hooves, eye, eyebrow, mouth and nostril
- **12 DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue**
  Saddle cloth (light)
- **13 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Hoof band edges and bridle cheek strap

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.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

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

Stem stitch. 3 or 4 strands: stems; 3 strands: horse outline, saddle braid, bridle cheek strap; 2 strands: tulip edges, ear edges, eyebrow, mouth, hoof band edges; 1 strand: far leg edges.
French knot. 2 strands: tulip dots, berries, breast collar buttons, girth buttons, saddle dots, bridle buttons, kurbits hearts, hoof dots; 1 strand: rosette center dots, saddle flower center dots.

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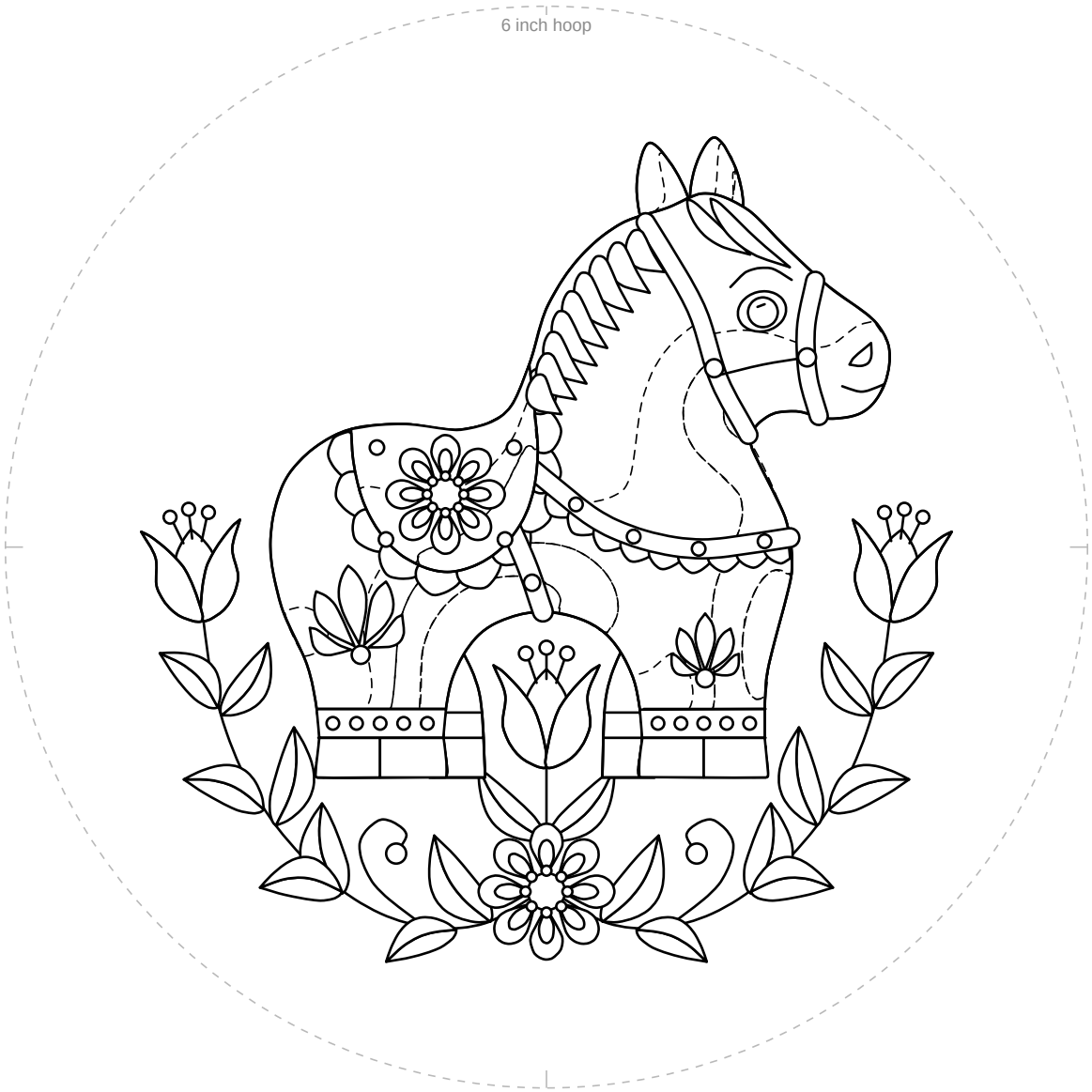
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

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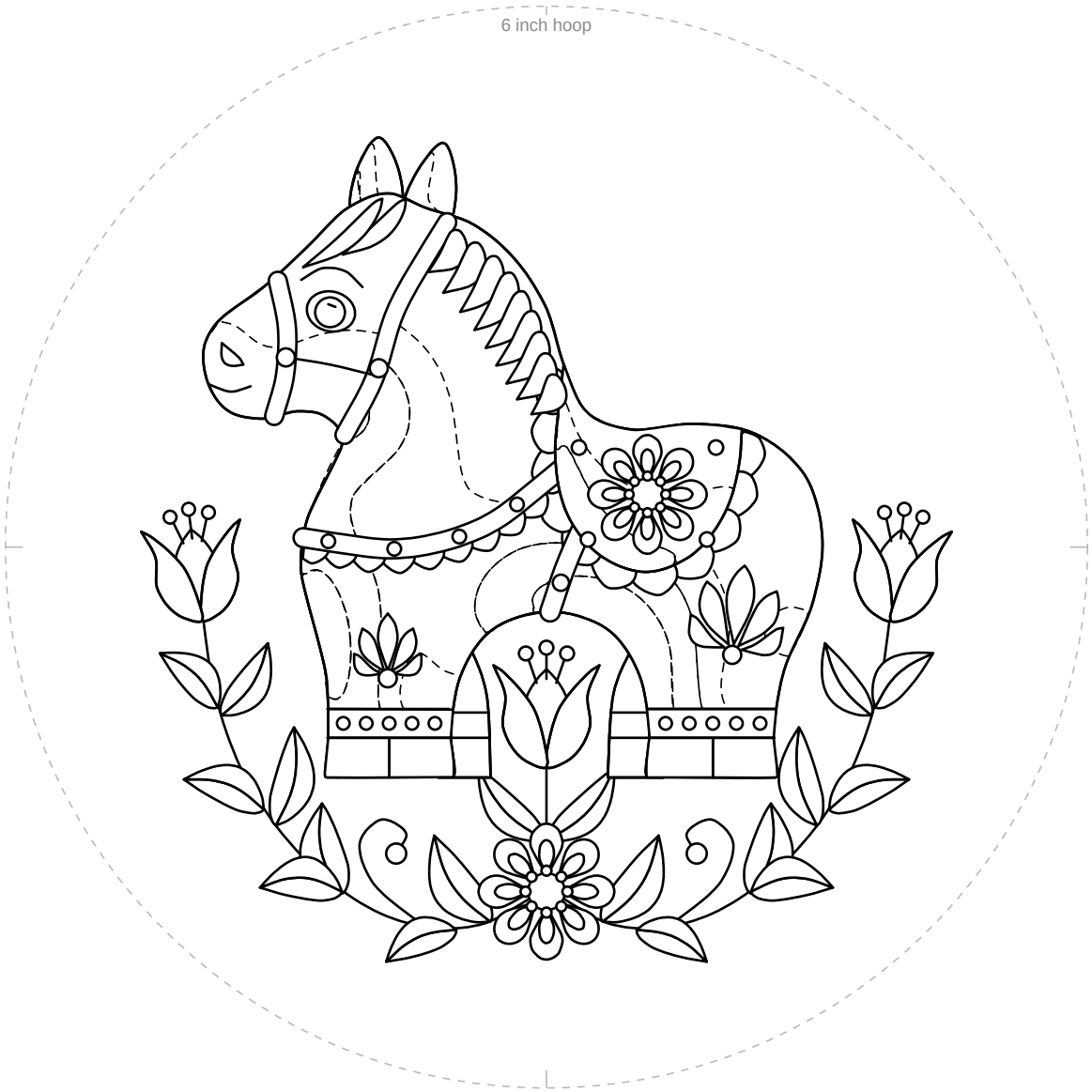
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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