Red double decker bus, small and easy

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4 × 3 in (10.2 × 7.6 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Underside, tires, platform, road, bumper, grille, cat and sheep and 9 more parts
- **2 DMC 321 Red**
  Bus side
- **3 DMC 666 Bright Red**
  Bus front, poppies, corner, poppy buds, heart, hub caps and scarf, noses (lighter)
- **4 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Roof, roof rail, edges and wheel arches
- **5 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Window frames, cream band, daisies, sign and hubs, badger (lighter) and 15 more parts
- **6 DMC 977 Light Golden Brown**
  Corgi, daisy hearts, lamp rings, goose feet, cat eyes and goose bill
- **7 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Leaves, stems and grass

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tires, bus side, bus front, roof, cream band, grille, lamps, sign, heart, platform, hub caps, corgi, corgi face, noses, badger, cat, and 7 more
2. **Back stitch**, 3 strands
   Underside
3. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Roof rail, bus front, bus side, grille frame, lamp rings, bumper, sign edge, tires, hubs, window frames, platform edge, edges, road
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Cream line, corner, wheel arches, pole, grass, stems
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Grille bars, smiles, whiskers, noses, gleams, corgi paws, badger paws, cat paws, rabbit paws, sheep hooves, goose feet
6. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, daisies
7. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Eyes, eye lights, cat eyes, wool, daisy hearts, poppy hearts

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

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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. 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

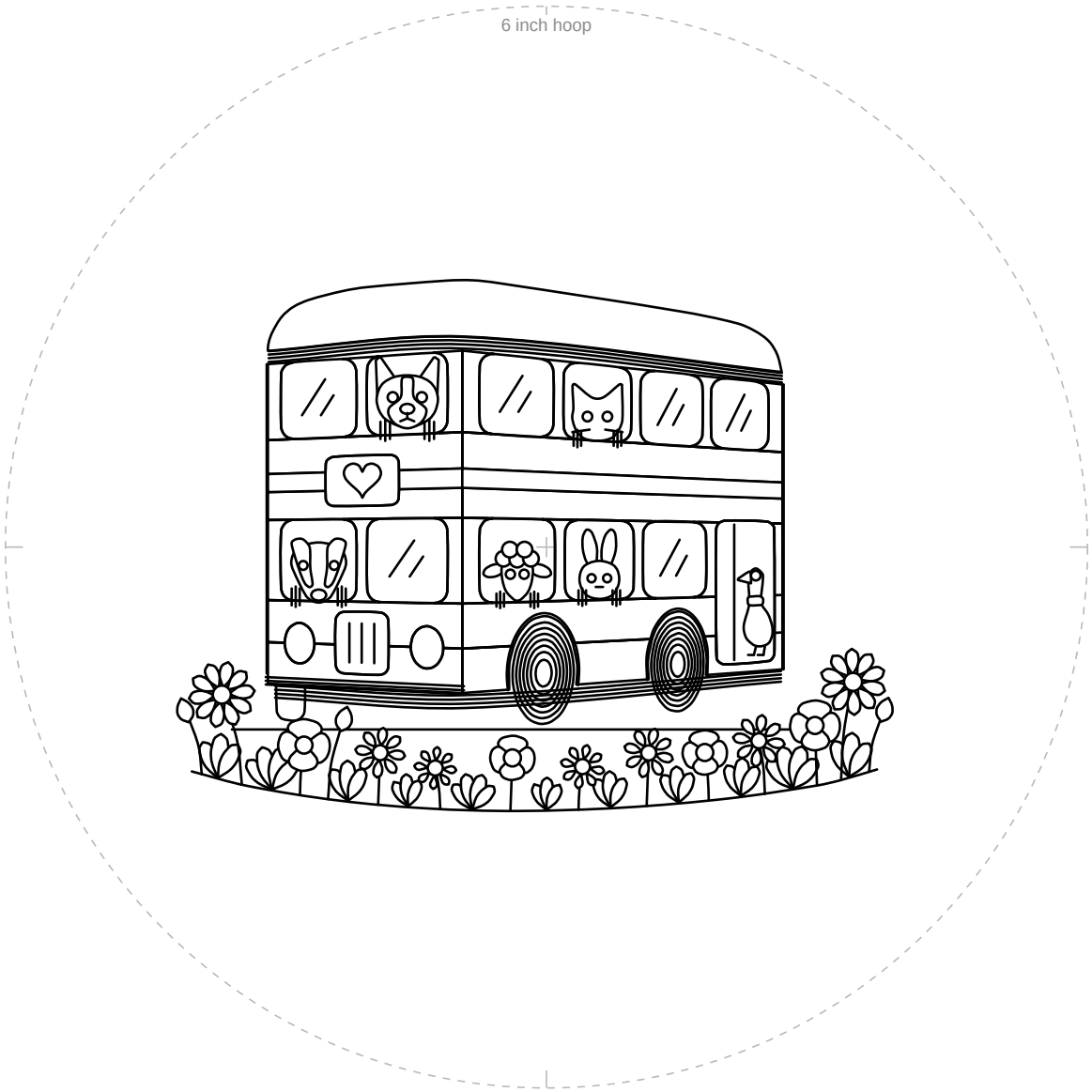
Split stitch. 4 strands: lamp rings, tires, hubs; 3 strands: roof rail, grille frame, bumper, window frames, platform edge, edges, road; 2 strands: sign edge; 1 strand: bus front, bus side.
Stem stitch. 3 strands: wheel arches, pole, grass; 2 strands: cream line, corner, stems.
Straight stitch. 6 strands: corgi paws, badger paws, cat paws, rabbit paws, sheep hooves; 3 strands: grille bars, goose feet; 2 strands: noses, gleams; 1 strand: smiles, whiskers.
French knot. 2 strands: wool, daisy hearts, poppy hearts; 1 or 2 strands: eyes; 1 strand: eye lights, cat eyes.

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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

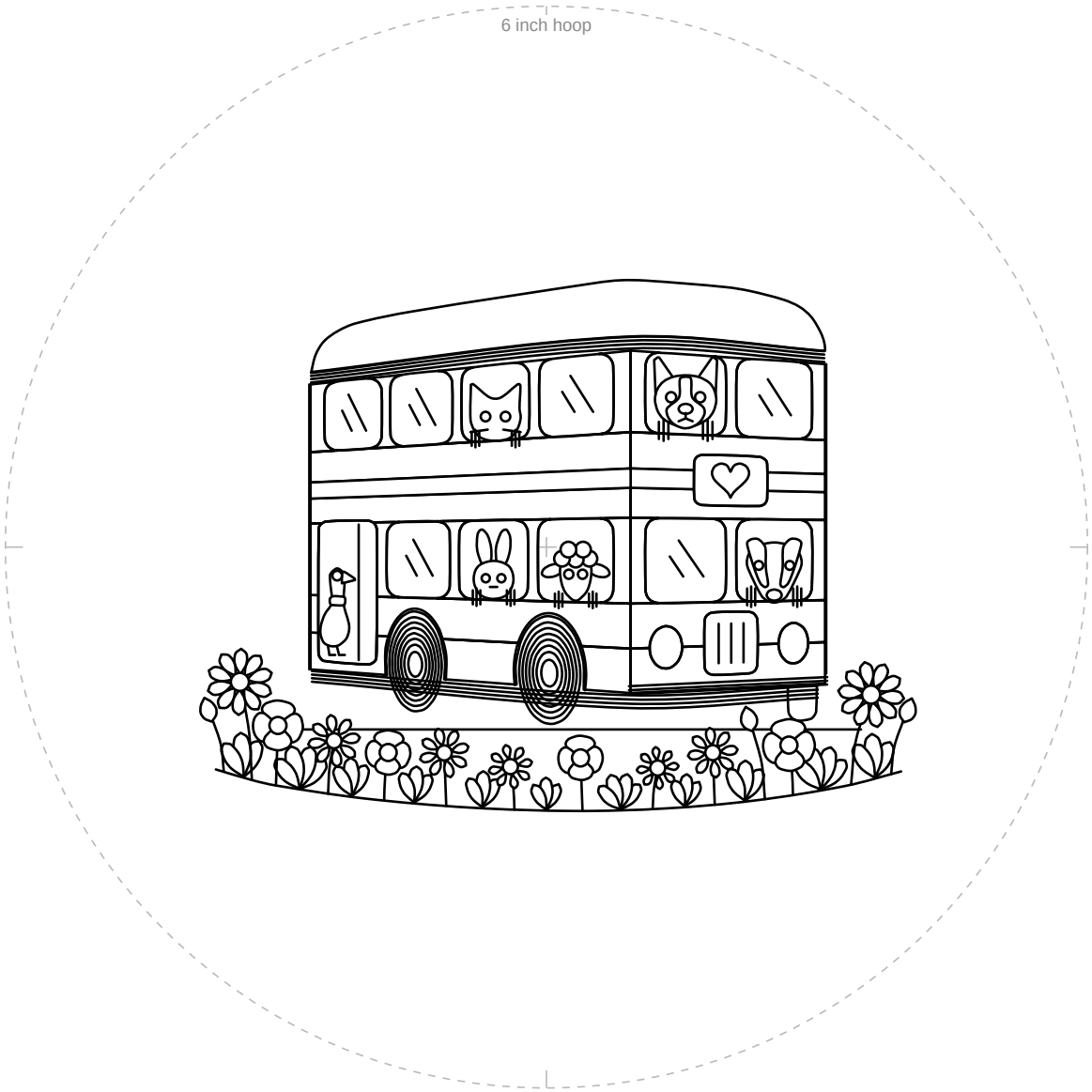
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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