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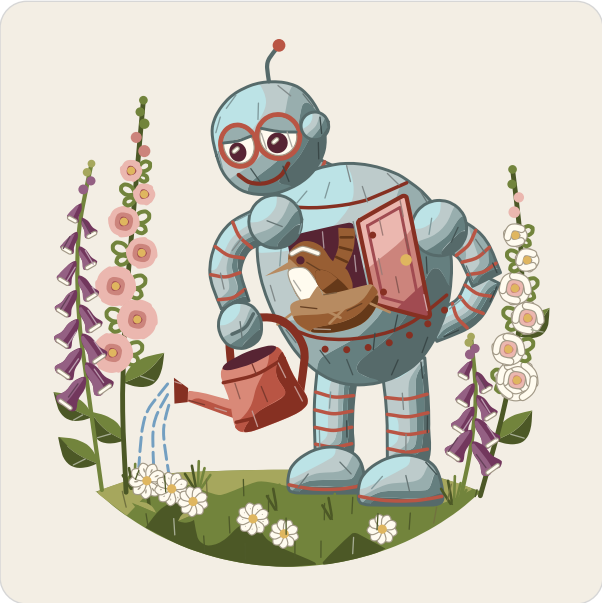
6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.2 × 4.5 in (10.7 × 11.4 cm)



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 5 for 4 strands.

23 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**
   4 strands: hollyhock stems
   3 strands: foxglove stems
2. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands: grass
   1 strand: legs, boots, arms, neck, body, chest hollow, shoulders, chest door, head, ear knob, wren tail, wren, wren breast, wren wing, nest, can spout, watering can, mittens
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Flower leaves
4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Foxglove bells, eye rims, eyes, pupils, eyelids, wren bill, can handle, can rose, can mouth
5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: tin edges, door panel
   2 strands: edges of the eyelids
6. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: joint rings, seams, wren brow, can bands, mitten thumb, daisy stems
   3 strands: door edge, smile, lines of the aerial
7. **Running stitch**, 3 strands
   Water
8. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: foxglove lips, eye highlights, loose straw, grass tufts
   1 strand: wren bars
9. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Sepals, daisies
10. **Bullion knot**, 3 strands
    Hollyhocks
11. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Hollyhock centers, hollyhock buds, foxglove buds, rivets, door latch, knots of the aerial, wren eye, daisy centers

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

In a 6 inch hoop the knots and the shortest lazy daisy loops 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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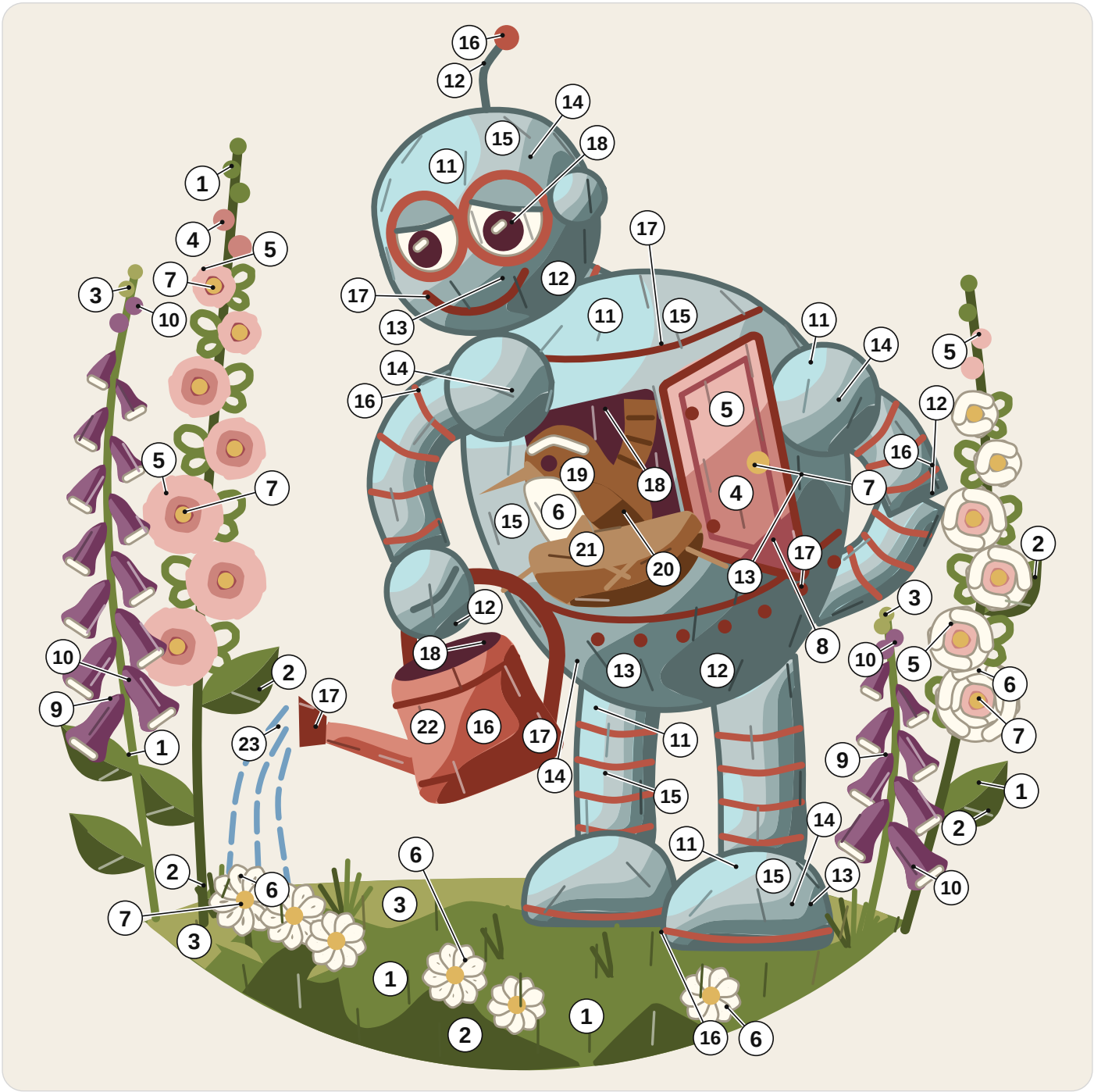
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 469 Avocado Green	9	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	17	DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta
2	DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green	10	DMC 3835 Medium Grape	18	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape
3	DMC 3012 Medium Khaki Green	11	DMC 3811 Very Light Turquoise	19	DMC 434 Light Brown
4	DMC 223 Light Shell Pink	12	DMC 924 Very Dark Gray Green	20	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown
5	DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink	13	DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green	21	DMC 3828 Hazelnut Brown
6	DMC 712 Cream	14	DMC 926 Medium Gray Green	22	DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta
7	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	15	DMC 927 Light Gray Green	23	DMC 334 Medium Baby Blue
8	DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink	16	DMC 3830 Terra Cotta		

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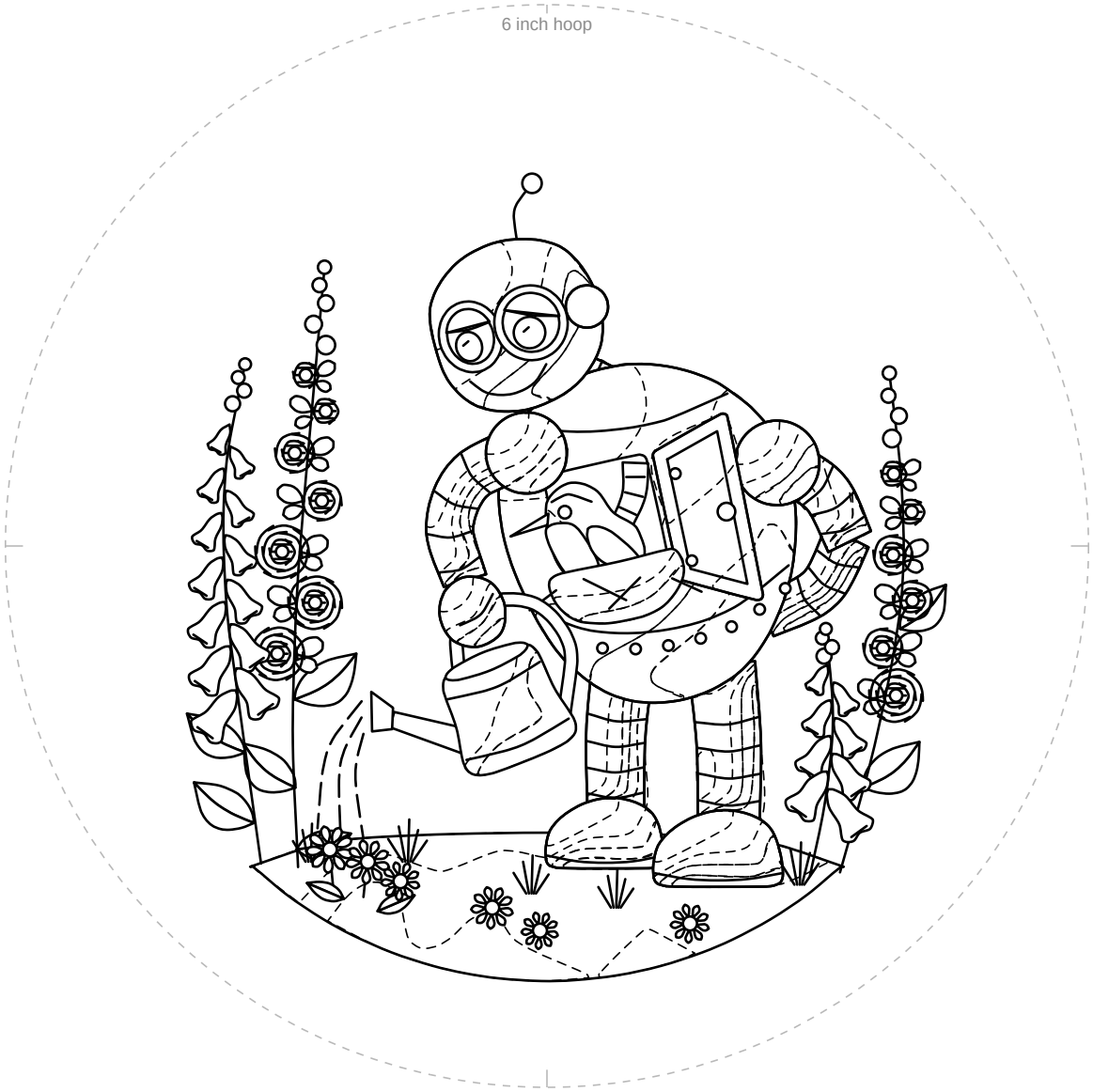
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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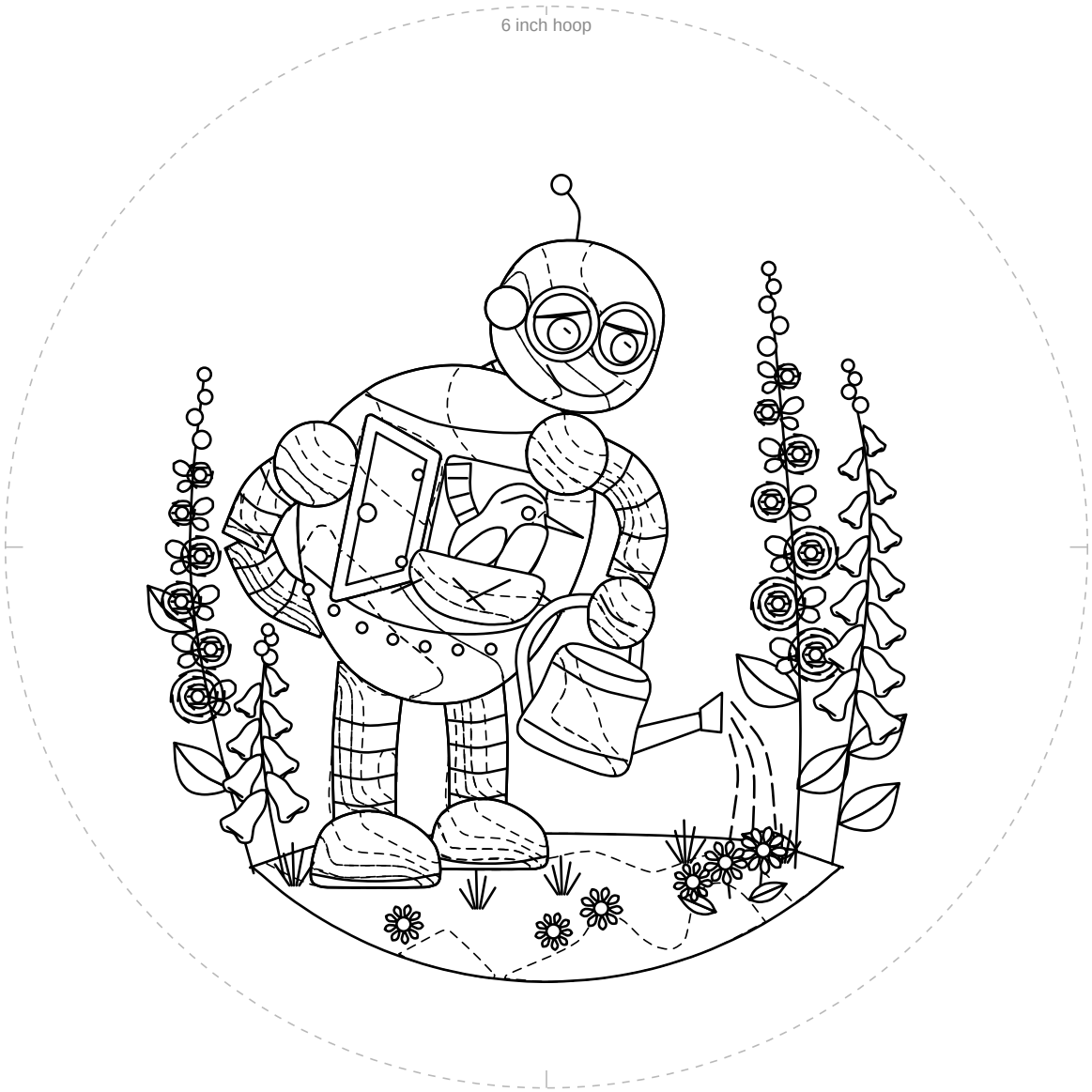

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