Small border collie herding

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Clouds, distant fells, near fells, far hill, tree trunk, pasture, far hind leg, far foreleg, tail, tail tip, near foreleg, coat, thigh, and 4 more
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Sheep legs, sheep faces, eye, nose, long grass, buttercups
3. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Distant fells, near fells, ears, mouth
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Tree trunk, buttercup stems, daisy stems, border
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Sheep eyes, toes, eye light, grass
6. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Daisies
7. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Tree leaves, wool, buttercup hearts, daisy hearts

In a 6 inch hoop the French 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.

Floss

- **1 DMC BLANC White**
  Clouds (lighter), wool (light), ruff and head (lightest) and 7 more parts
- **2 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Far foreleg (middle), near foreleg and clouds (darker), ruff (light) and 4 more parts
- **3 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Distant fells (darker), near fells (middle)
- **4 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Distant fells (lighter), near fells (light)
- **5 DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue** Near fells (dark)
- **6 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green**
  Far hill (light), long grass (lightest), buttercup stems
- **7 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green** Far hill (dark)
- **8 DMC 3364 Pine Green**
  Pasture (lightest), far hill (middle), long grass (light)
- **9 DMC 433 Medium Brown** Tree trunk
- **10 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green**
  Pasture and long grass (darkest), border, grass (darker), tree leaves (dark)
- **11 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Pasture and long grass (dark), tree leaves (middle)
- **12 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Pasture and tree leaves (light), long grass (middle), grass (lighter), daisy stems
- **13 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Coat, tail and thigh (middle), head and ears (dark), sheep faces, sheep legs and mouth
- **14 DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown** Wool (dark)
- **15 DMC 712 Cream** Wool (middle)
- **16 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Buttercup hearts and sheep eyes, eye (lighter)
- **17 DMC 310 Black**
  Coat, thigh, far hind leg and tail (dark), ears and head (darkest), nose, eye (darker)
- **18 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Far foreleg and ruff (dark), head (middle)
- **19 DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray** Coat, tail, thigh and ears (light)
- **20 DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray** Ruff (darkest), toes
- **21 DMC 317 Pewter Gray** Ears (lightest)
- **22 DMC 743 Medium Yellow** Buttercups and daisy hearts

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

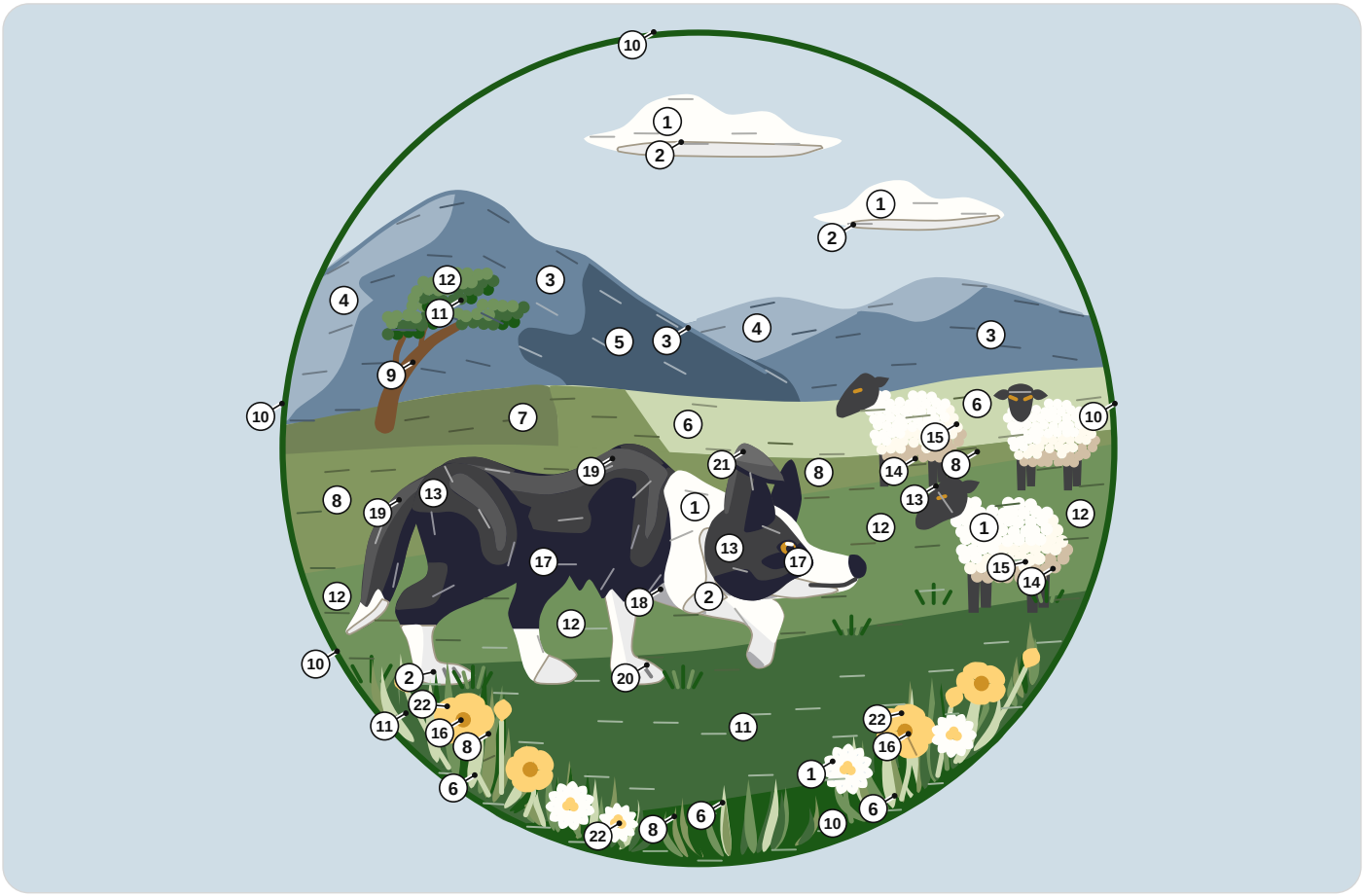
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point. 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

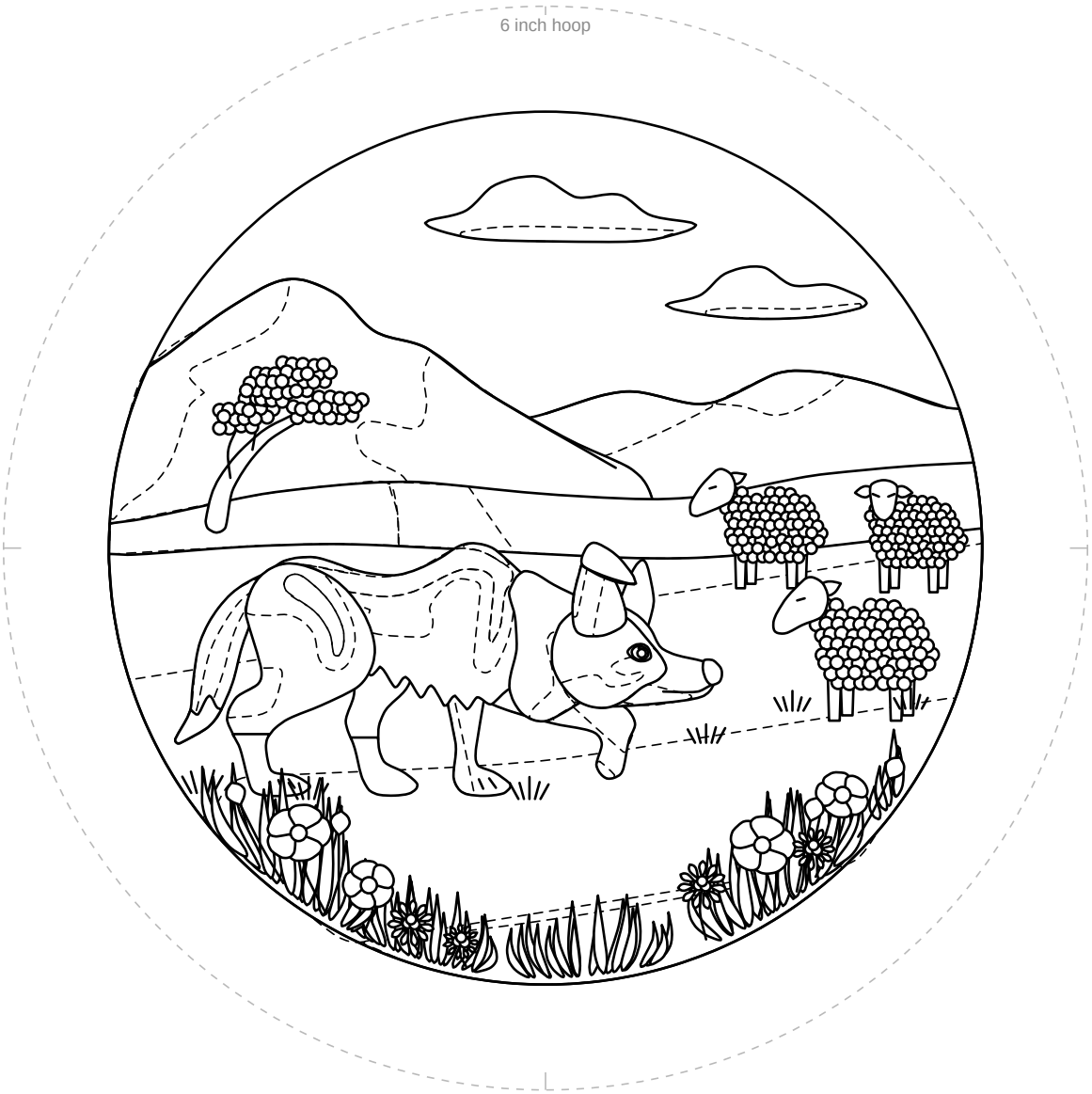
Long and short stitch. 2 strands: clouds, distant fells, near fells, far hill, pasture; 1 strand: tree trunk, far hind leg, far foreleg, tail, tail tip, near foreleg, coat, thigh, hind foot, ruff, ears, head.
Split stitch. 2 strands: distant fells, near fells; 1 strand: ears, mouth.
Stem stitch. 3 strands: border; 2 or 3 strands: tree trunk; 2 strands: buttercup stems, daisy stems.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: sheep eyes, grass; 1 strand: toes, eye light.
French knot. 2 strands: tree leaves, wool, buttercup hearts; 1 strand: daisy hearts.

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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

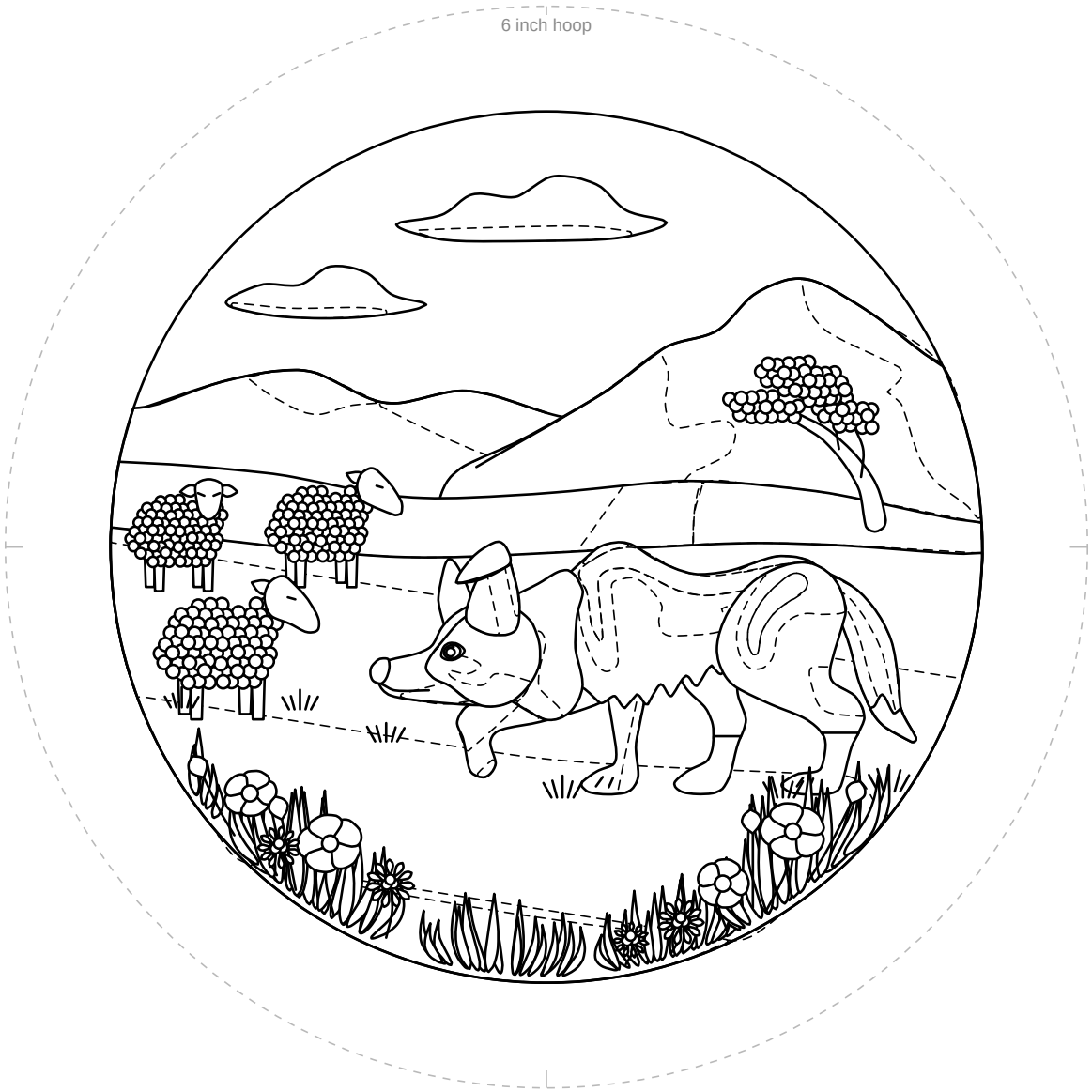
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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