Small bow-top caravan sketch

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.1 × 3.8 in (10.4 × 9.7 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.

7 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**
   3 strands: wagon body
   2 strands: canvas seams, swags, flower stems, hen legs
   4 strands: canvas top

2. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Wall boards



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Wheel rims, wheel hubs, painted arch, curtains, geranium leaves, flower pot, door, scallops, ledges, swag leaves, step rails, steps, footboard, chimney, chimney collar, poppies, flower leaves, hen, hen wing, comb, beak



4. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: ground, door frame (color 4), hen outline, hen wing edge
   4 strands: wheel tires
   3 strands: arch edge, smoke

5. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: wheel spokes, wall ribs
   2 strands: grass, hen feet



6. **Back stitch**
   2 strands: edges of the wheel hubs, birds
   1 strand: door frame (color 4)

7. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Daisies



8. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: arch knots, geranium, door knob, swag berries, poppy centers, daisy centers
   1 strand: hen eye



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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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 840 Medium Beige Brown
2 DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon
3 DMC 783 Medium Topaz
4 DMC 3371 Black Brown
5 DMC 3712 Medium Salmon
6 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green
7 DMC 435 Very Light Brown

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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.



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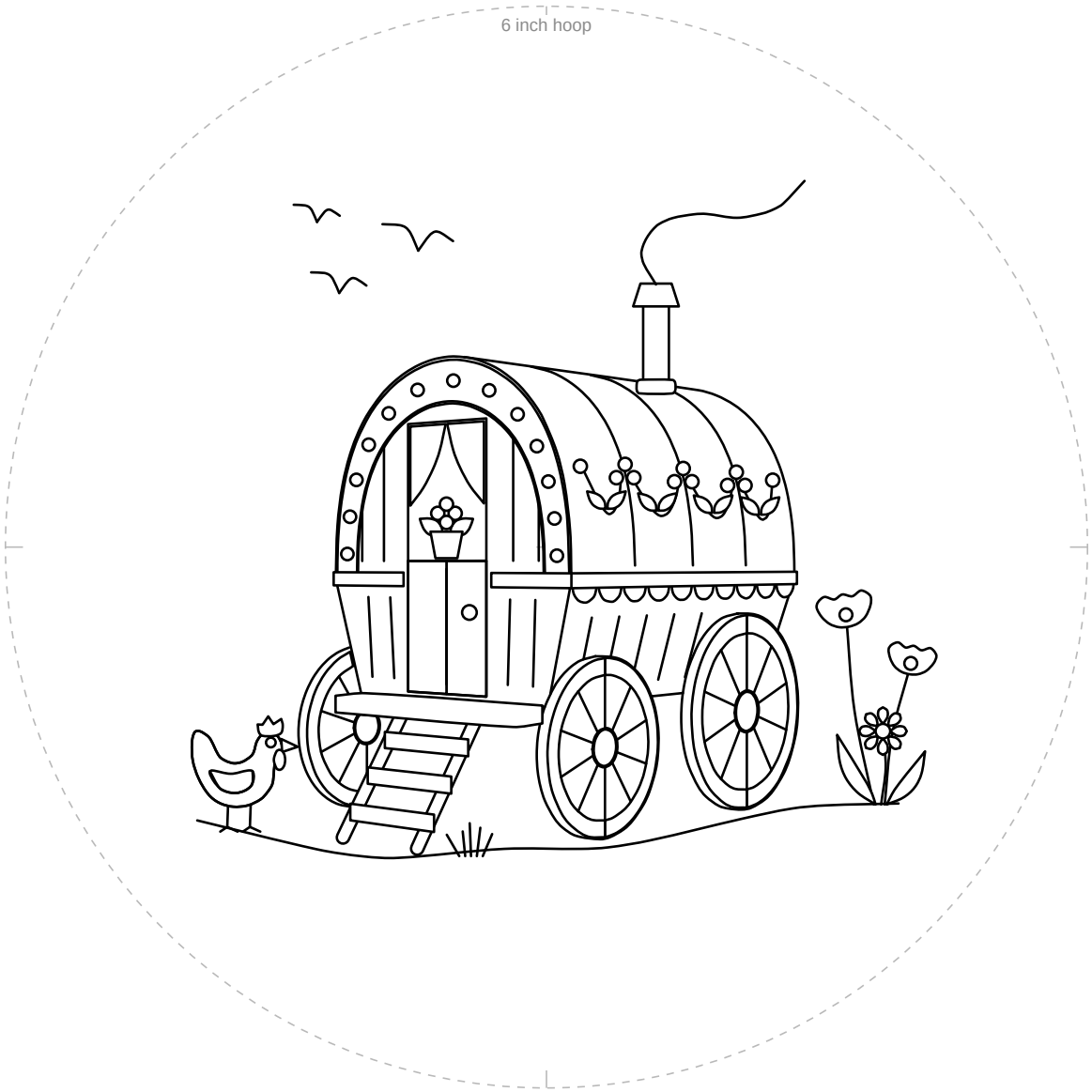
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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