Small school bus full of cats

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 3.7 in (11.7 × 9.4 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 and knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Road, roof light, bus roof, bus body, hood, skirt, stripe, window glass, white cat, inner ears, blush, noses, kitten, eyes, grey cat, and 16 more
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   White cat, kitten, grey cat, driver cat, stop sign, black cat
3. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Road line, tabby stripes, toes, whiskers
4. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Roof light, rails, cat outlines, closed eyes, bumpers, stop sign, headlight, tail light, hub centers, black cat
5. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Mouths, stop sign, butterfly
6. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Eye lights, noses, cap badge, paw print

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray**
  Road, grey cat (darker), tabby stripes (lighter)
- **2 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  White cat, hubcaps, muzzles and road line, headlight (lighter) and 3 more parts
- **3 DMC 321 Red**
  Stop sign (middle), hub centers, roof light and tail light (lighter)
- **4 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Bus edge, window frames, cat outlines, stripe and rails and 12 more parts
- **5 DMC 727 Very Light Topaz** Bus roof and hood
- **6 DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz**
  Bus body and cap badge
- **7 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Skirt
- **8 DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue**
  Window glass, closed eyes (lighter)
- **9 DMC 3706 Medium Melon**
  Inner ears, noses and blush, butterfly (light)
- **10 DMC 3854 Medium Autumn Gold**
  Kitten, butterfly (middle)
- **11 DMC 921 Copper** Tabby stripes (darker)
- **12 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Grey cat, bumpers and toes (lighter)
- **13 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan** Driver cat (lighter)
- **14 DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown**
  Ears and mask, driver cat (darker)
- **15 DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue**
  Cap and eyes (lighter)
- **16 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Black cat (lighter), tires
- **17 DMC 310 Black** Black cat (darker)
- **18 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Whiskers, mouths (lighter)

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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2	DMC 3865 Winter White	8	DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue	14	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown
3	DMC 321 Red	9	DMC 3706 Medium Melon	15	DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue
4	DMC 3371 Black Brown	10	DMC 3854 Medium Autumn Gold	16	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray
5	DMC 727 Very Light Topaz	11	DMC 921 Copper	17	DMC 310 Black
6	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz	12	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	18	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray

How many strands

Satin stitch. 3 strands: road, bus roof, bus body, hood, skirt, stripe, window glass, window frames, bus edge, bumpers, tires, hubcaps; 2 or 3 strands: white cat, kitten, grey cat, driver cat, black cat; 2 strands: roof light, inner ears, blush, noses, eyes, muzzles, ears, mask, cap, paw print, headlight, tail light, hub centers, butterfly.
Straight stitch. 3 or 4 strands: tabby stripes; 3 strands: road line; 1 strand: toes, whiskers.
Back stitch. 2 strands: stop sign; 1 strand: mouths, butterfly.

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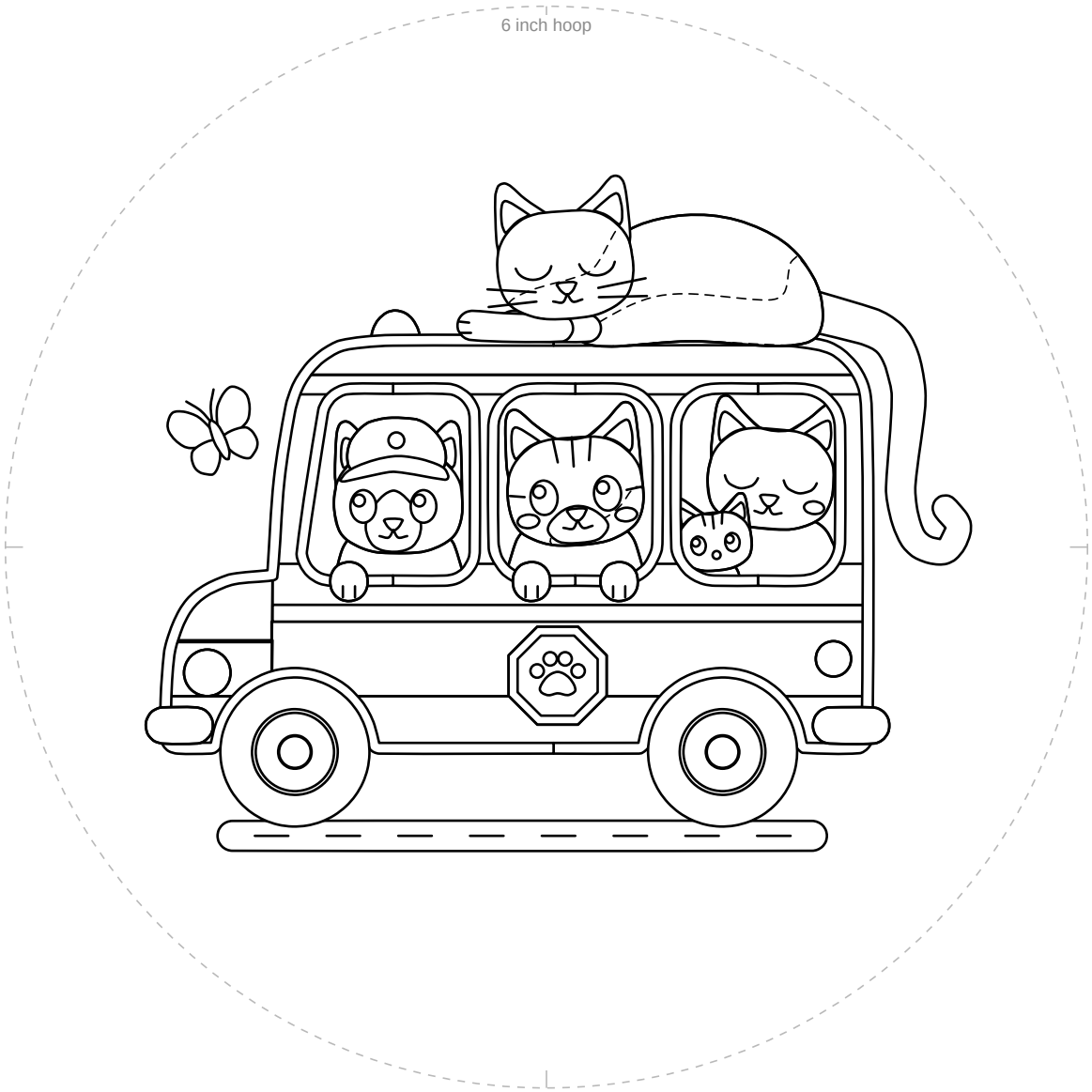
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

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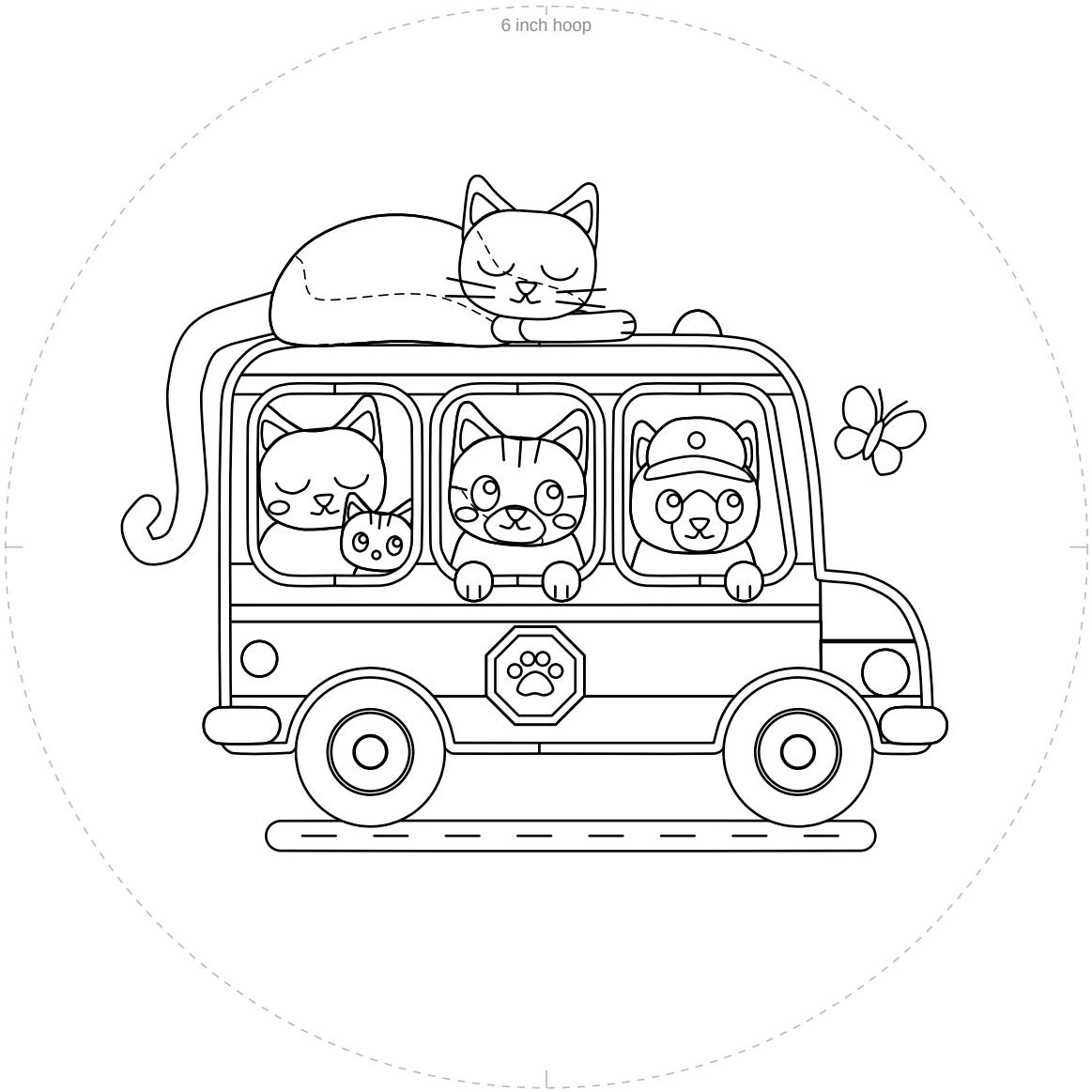
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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