Stars and stripes letters, letter A

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The letter is 3.5 in (8.9 cm) tall; the stitched design is about 3.2 × 3.6 in (8.1 × 9.1 cm).



Which color goes where.

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 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 2 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on**
   Go over the lines of page 3, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron.

Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

Work it in this order

1. Stitch the filled parts first, what lies behind before what lies in front of it.
2. Then stitch the lines: stems, veins and outlines over the edges of the filled parts.

Floss

- **DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Shadow
- **DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Red stripes (dark)
- **DMC 498 Dark Red**
  Red stripes (middle)
- **DMC 321 Red**
  Red stripes (light)
- **DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Ivory stripes (darker)
- **DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Ivory stripes (lighter), ivory stars
- **DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Navy top
- **DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Gold stars, gold cord (lighter)
- **DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Gold cord (darker)
- **DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue**
  Outline

Stitches

- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Shadow, gold stars, ivory stars
- **Long and short stitch**, 2 strands
  Red stripes, ivory stripes, navy top
- **Couching**, 6 strands
  Gold cord
- **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
  Outline

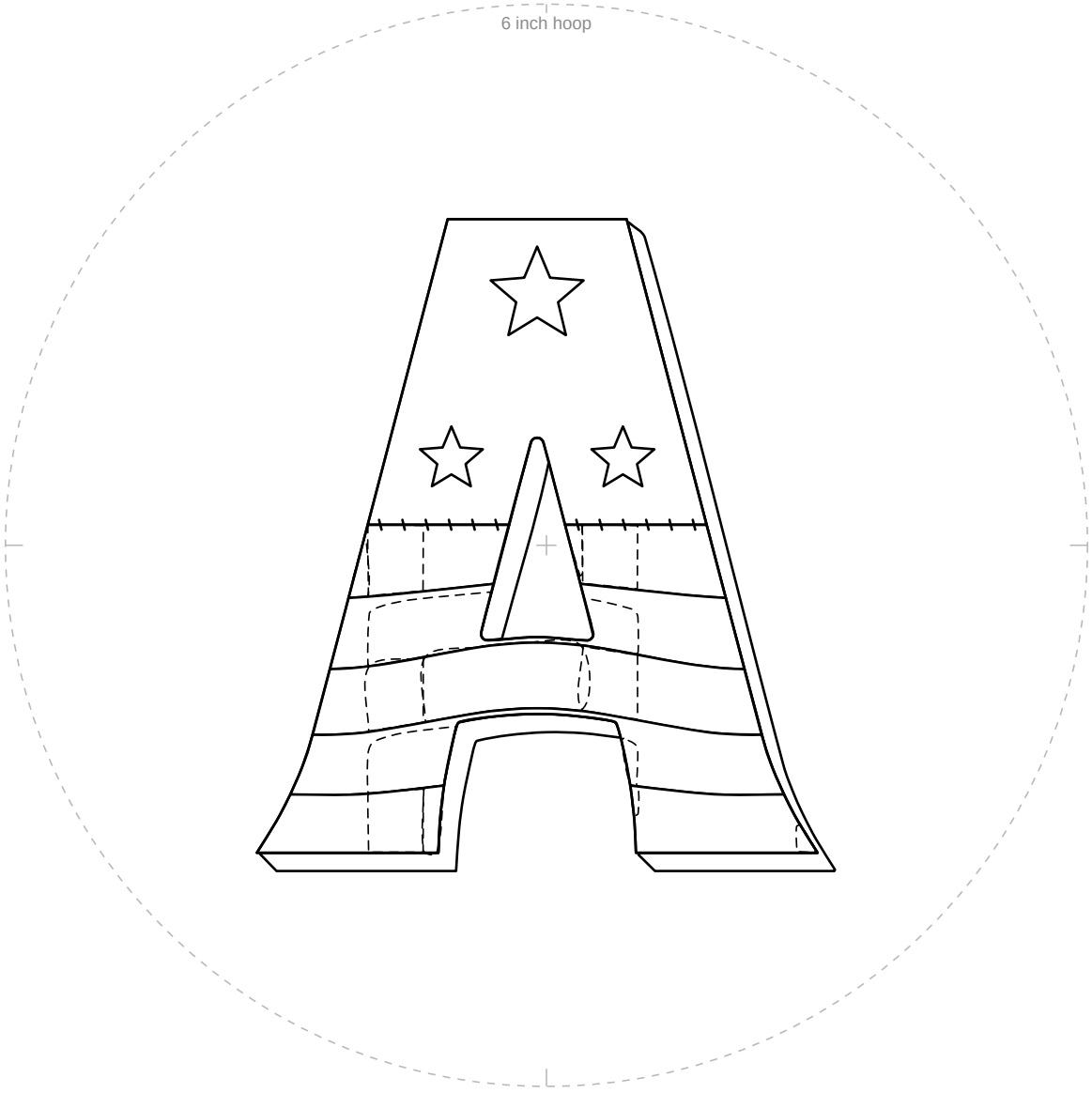
The thread
Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers: a knot shows as a bump. A line may start with a small knot on the back or one of the knotless starts. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

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Letter 3.5 in, 6 inch hoop

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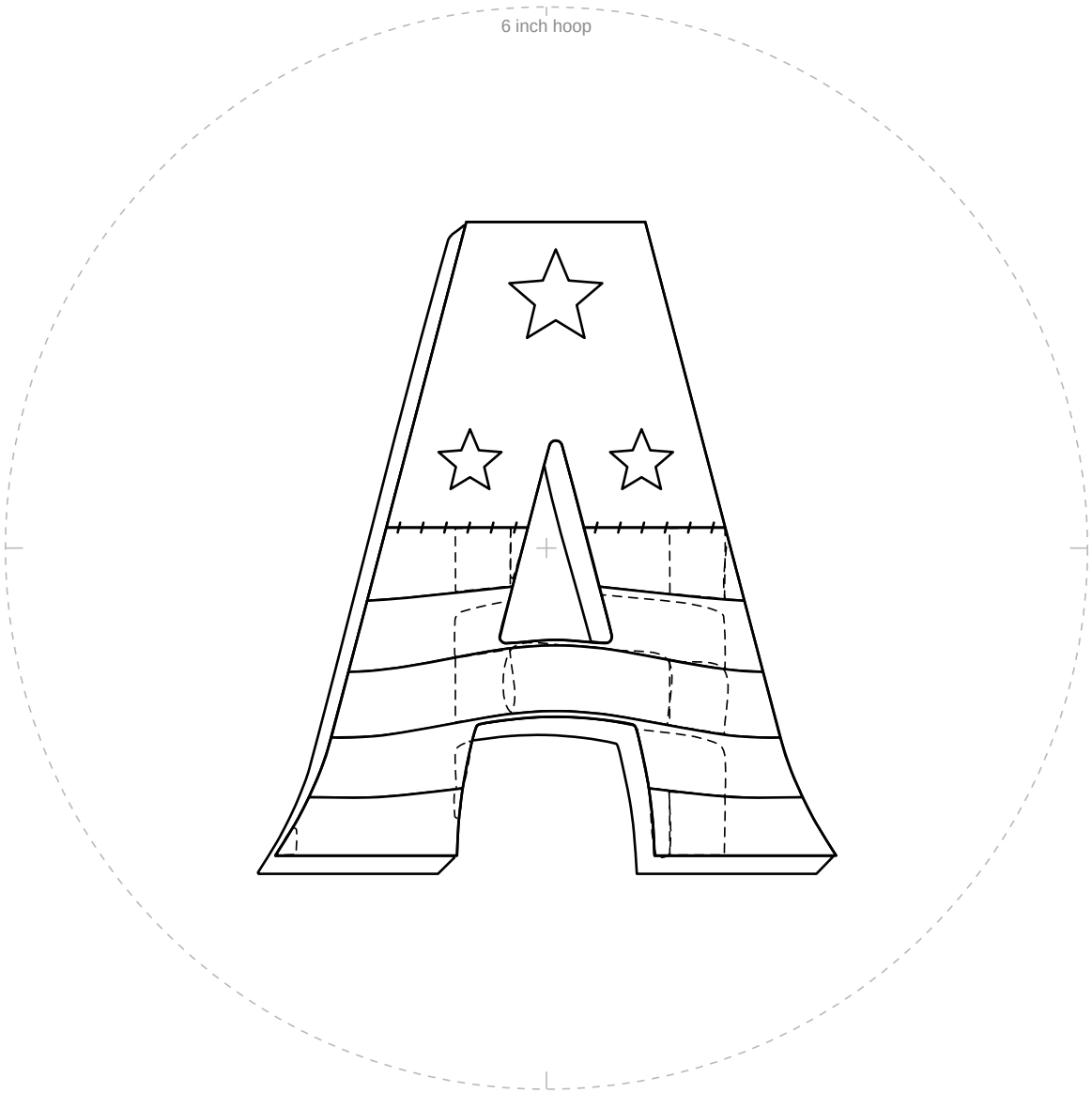
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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