Terrier digging for buried dog bones

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 4.7 in (11.9 × 11.9 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. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Sky, evening clouds, far meadow, hole, topsoil, brown earth, plum earth, ochre earth, deep earth, big bone, bones, burrow, mole, and 10 more
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Foxglove buds, foxglove bells, foxglove lips, earthworm, pebbles, mole tail, mole feet, mole snout, mole hands, bulb shoots, turf, and 3 more
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Foxglove leaves
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Foxglove stems, lines in the earth, roots, carrot tops, outer ring
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Foxglove throats, mole hands, mole claws, carrot lines, carrot tops, grass
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Foxglove edges, bone edges, mole edges, mole eye, toe lines
7. **Chain stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Lines in the earth, seams of the earth, burrow rim

Floss

- **1 DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany**
  Sky (light), evening clouds (lighter)
- **2 DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta** Sky (dark)
- **3 DMC 3824 Light Apricot**
  Sky (middle), evening clouds (darker), mole hands (lighter) and 4 more parts
- **4 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Far meadow (darker), turf, foxglove leaves (lighter)
- **5 DMC 3364 Pine Green**
  Far meadow (lighter), carrot tops, grass and bulb shoots, foxglove buds (darker)
- **6 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green** Foxglove stems, foxglove leaves (darker)
- **7 DMC 3688 Medium Mauve**
  Foxglove bells and foxglove buds (lighter), foxglove lips
- **8 DMC 3687 Mauve** Foxglove bells, mole hands and earthworm (darker)
- **9 DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet**
  Plum earth (darker), mole (middle), outer ring, deep earth (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **10 DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown**
  Brown earth and deep earth (darker), hole, seams of the earth (dark) and 4 more parts
- **11 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Topsoil (darker), brown earth (lighter), flying soil (middle) and 3 more parts
- **12 DMC 3862 Dark Mocha Beige**
  Coat and shaggy coat (darkest), bone edges, topsoil (lighter) and 7 more parts
- **13 DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet**
  Plum earth (lighter), lines in the earth (middle), mole (light), pebbles (darker)
- **14 DMC 436 Tan**
  Ochre earth (lighter), coat, shaggy coat and legs (dark) and 7 more parts
- **15 DMC 437 Light Tan**
  Coat and legs (light), burrow (lighter), head (dark) and 5 more parts
- **16 DMC 3864 Light Mocha Beige**
  Bones and big bone (dark), roots, pebbles (lighter)
- **17 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Bones and big bone (middle), shaggy coat and head (light) and 3 more parts
- **18 DMC 712 Cream**
  Bones and big bone (light), tail and head (lightest), mole claws and 2 more parts
- **19 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Mole (dark), nose, mole edges and eye
- **20 DMC 3853 Dark Autumn Gold** Carrots (lighter)
- **21 DMC 921 Copper** Carrots (darker)

Stitches, continued

8. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Clods of soil

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

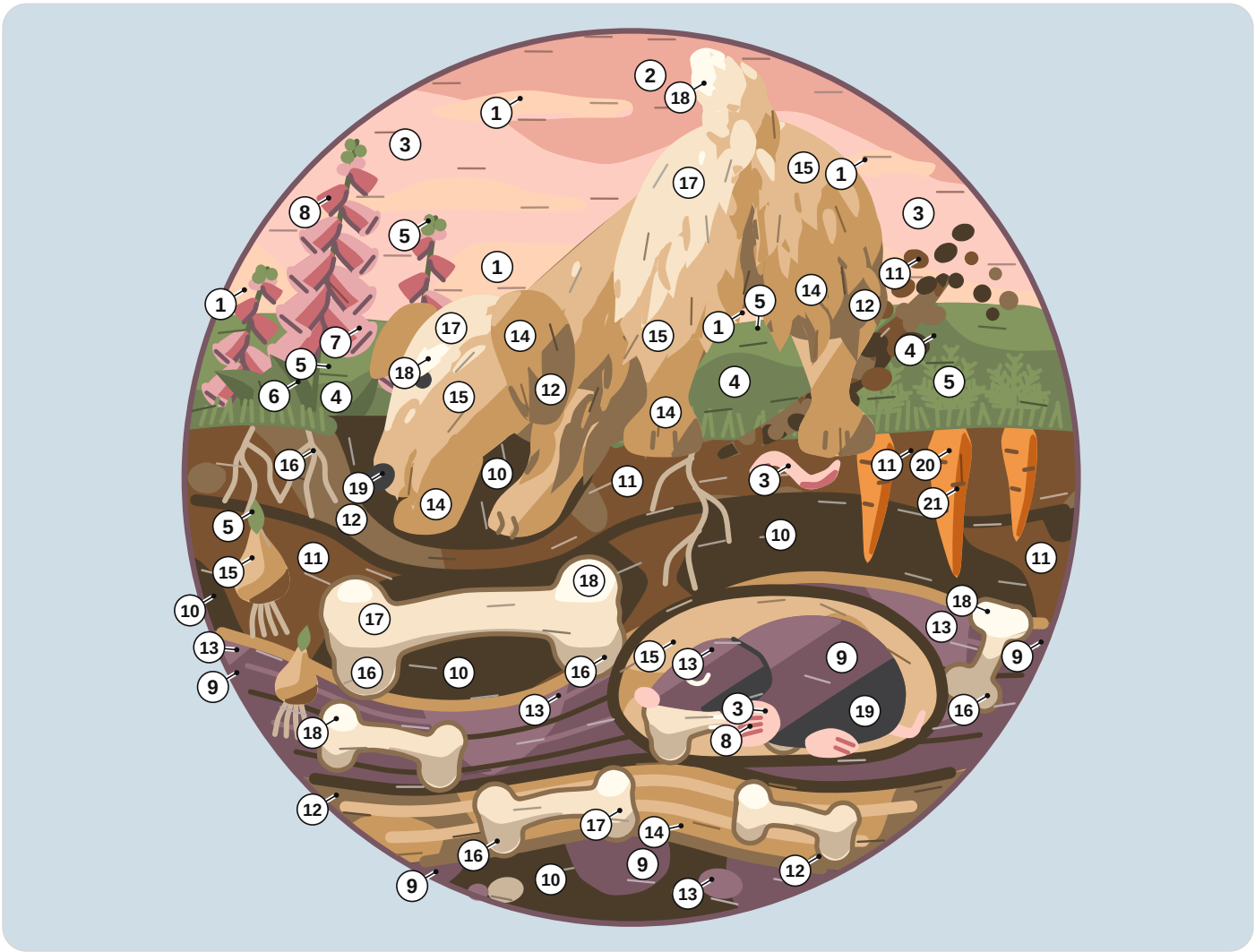
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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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How many strands

Stem stitch. 2 strands: foxglove stems, outer ring; 1 or 2 strands: roots; 1 strand: lines in the earth, carrot tops.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: foxglove throats, mole claws; 1 strand: mole hands, carrot lines, carrot tops, grass.
Chain stitch. 2 strands: seams of the earth, burrow rim; 1 strand: lines in the earth.

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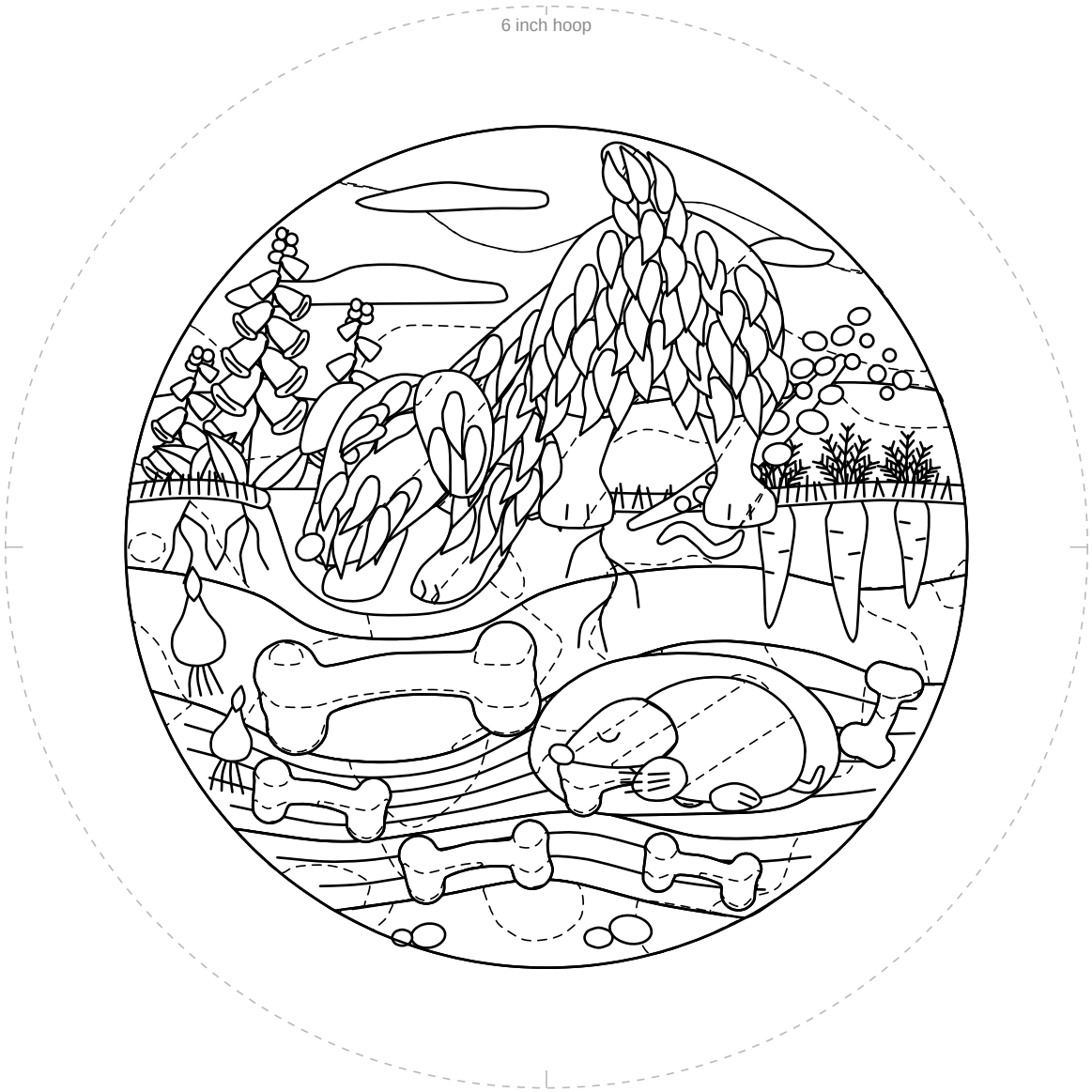
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



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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