The Fool tarot card, a funny goose

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4 × 4.5 in (10.2 × 11.4 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**, 2 strands
   Sun rays, sun, far hills, near hills, grass, legs, feet, frame, title, number, bill, eye white, eye, cheek, stick, gosling beak, bundle, and 10 more
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Cloud, cliff, tail, number shield, goose, thigh, wing feathers, wing coverts, shoulder, gosling, bundle
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Sun edge, cloud edge, cliff edge, grass edge, goose outline, leg outline, toe lines, gold line, number edge, bill outline, smile, eye edge, and 9 more
4. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Rock cracks, gosling outline, collar outline, butterfly outline
5. **Running stitch**, 2 strands
   Flight path
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Nostril, eye light, gosling brow

Floss

- **1 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Cap and collar (lighter), collar band, gosling (middle), sun (darker) and 2 more parts
- **2 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Gosling (light), number shield, bells and cap knots, sun (lighter)
- **3 DMC 782 Dark Topaz** Gold line and sun edge, gosling (dark)
- **4 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue** Far hills, wing feathers (dark)
- **5 DMC 3346 Hunter Green** Grass and near hills (darker), leaves
- **6 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green** Grass and near hills (lighter)
- **7 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Goose (lightest), shoulder and wing coverts (light), cloud (lighter) and 6 more parts
- **8 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue**
  Wing feathers (light), goose, wing coverts and tail (dark) and 3 more parts
- **9 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Goose and thigh (darkest), wing feathers (middle), cloud edge
- **10 DMC 436 Tan** Cliff (middle), stick
- **11 DMC 433 Medium Brown** Cliff (dark), rock cracks
- **12 DMC 738 Very Light Tan** Cliff (light)
- **13 DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Frame, goose outline, title, leg outline and collar outline and 16 more parts
- **14 DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green**
  Grass edge and daisy stems
- **15 DMC 350 Medium Coral** Butterfly (darker), flight path
- **16 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Wing coverts, tail and shoulder (middle), goose and thigh (light)
- **17 DMC 741 Medium Tangerine** Feet, legs and bill (light)
- **18 DMC 900 Dark Burnt Orange**
  Toe lines and gosling legs, bill, feet and legs (dark)
- **19 DMC 970 Light Pumpkin**
  Feet, legs and bill (middle), gosling beak
- **20 DMC 321 Red** Bundle (lighter), collar and cap (darker), number
- **21 DMC 352 Light Coral** Butterfly (lighter), cheek
- **22 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Bundle (darker), cap band and bundle knot

Stitches, continued

7. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Gosling eye, bells, cap knots, 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. A dashed line is running stitch. 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. 3 strands: cliff edge, number edge, gosling legs, daisy stems; 2 or 3 strands: goose outline; 2 strands: sun edge, cloud edge, grass edge, leg outline, gold line, bill outline, smile, eye edge, stick outline, gosling outline, gosling wing, bundle outline, collar outline, cap outline; 1 or 2 strands: toe lines; 1 strand: butterfly body.
Back stitch. 2 strands: rock cracks; 1 strand: gosling outline, collar outline, butterfly outline.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: nostril, eye light; 1 strand: gosling brow.

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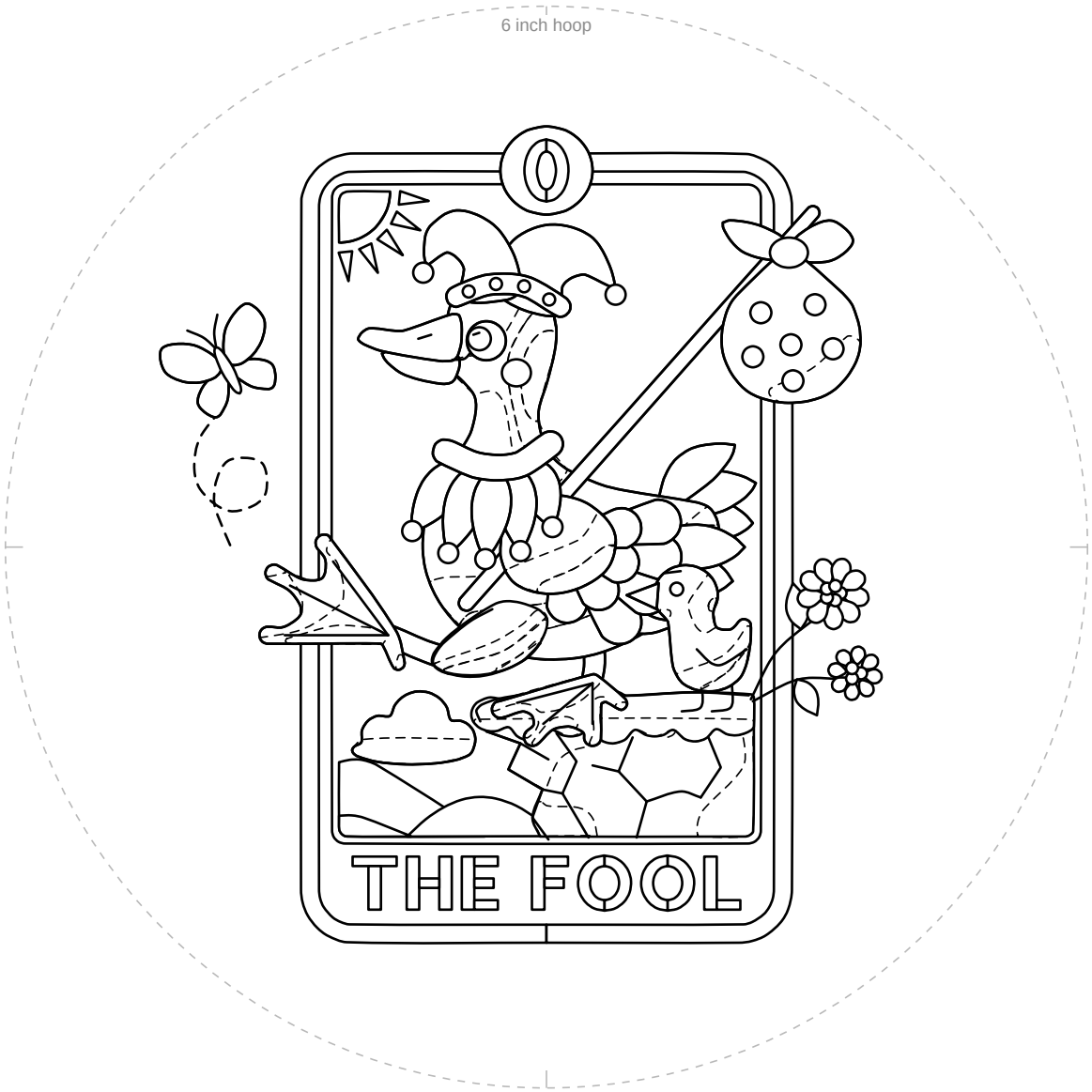
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

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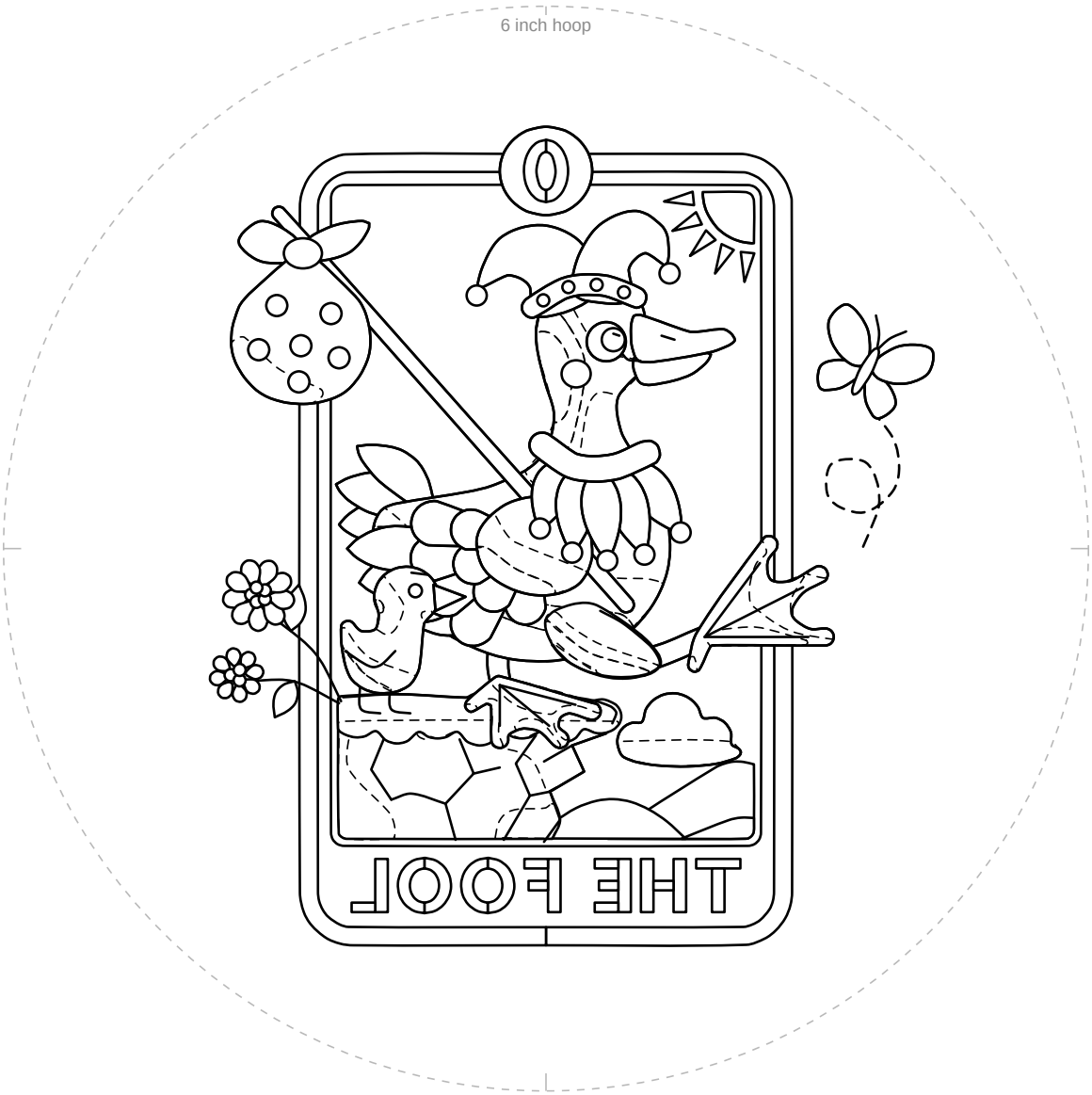
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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