Toy horses at a flowering tree

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.4 in (11.7 × 11.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

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.

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.

Buy: 8 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands: boughs
   3 strands: tulip stems, garland, pull cords

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Trunk, leaves, tulips, blue daisies, daisies, heart, heart tulip, tail, leg rings, hooves, boards, wheels, body, saddlecloths, cloth daisies, mane, ears, eyes, bow



3. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Saddlecloth border

4. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: body edge
   1 strand: mane highlights

5. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Girths, bridle (color 6)



6. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Bridle (color 6)

7. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Wheel spokes



8. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Daisy centers, far legs, legs, body



9. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: wheel hubs, knots of the cloth daisies, cloth knots, knots of the eyes
   1 strand: nostrils



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

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.

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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 936 Very Dark Avocado Green
2 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green
3 DMC 498 Dark Red
4 DMC 783 Medium Topaz
5 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue
6 DMC 712 Cream
7 DMC 336 Navy Blue
8 DMC 814 Dark Garnet

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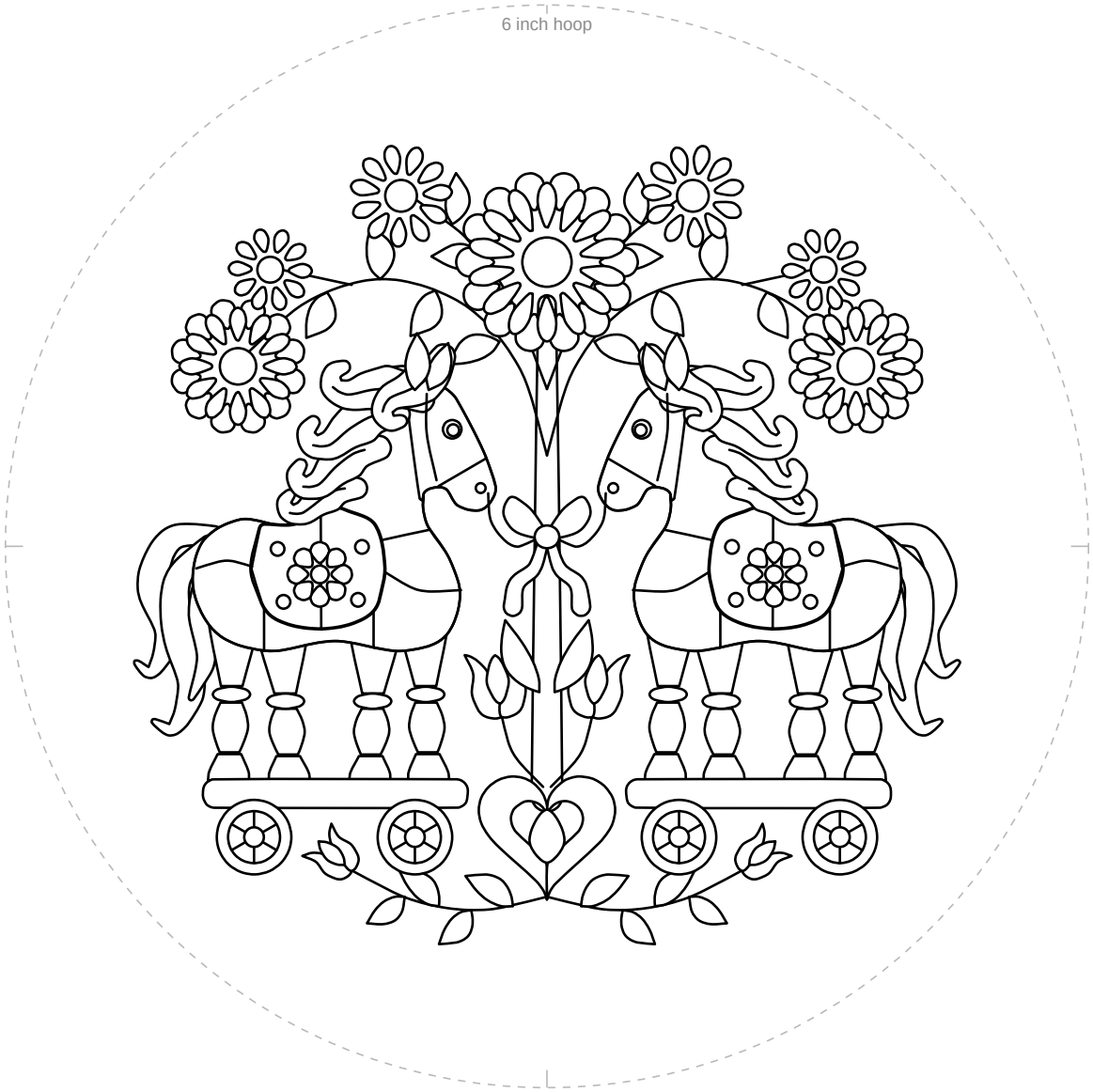
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.
On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot.



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Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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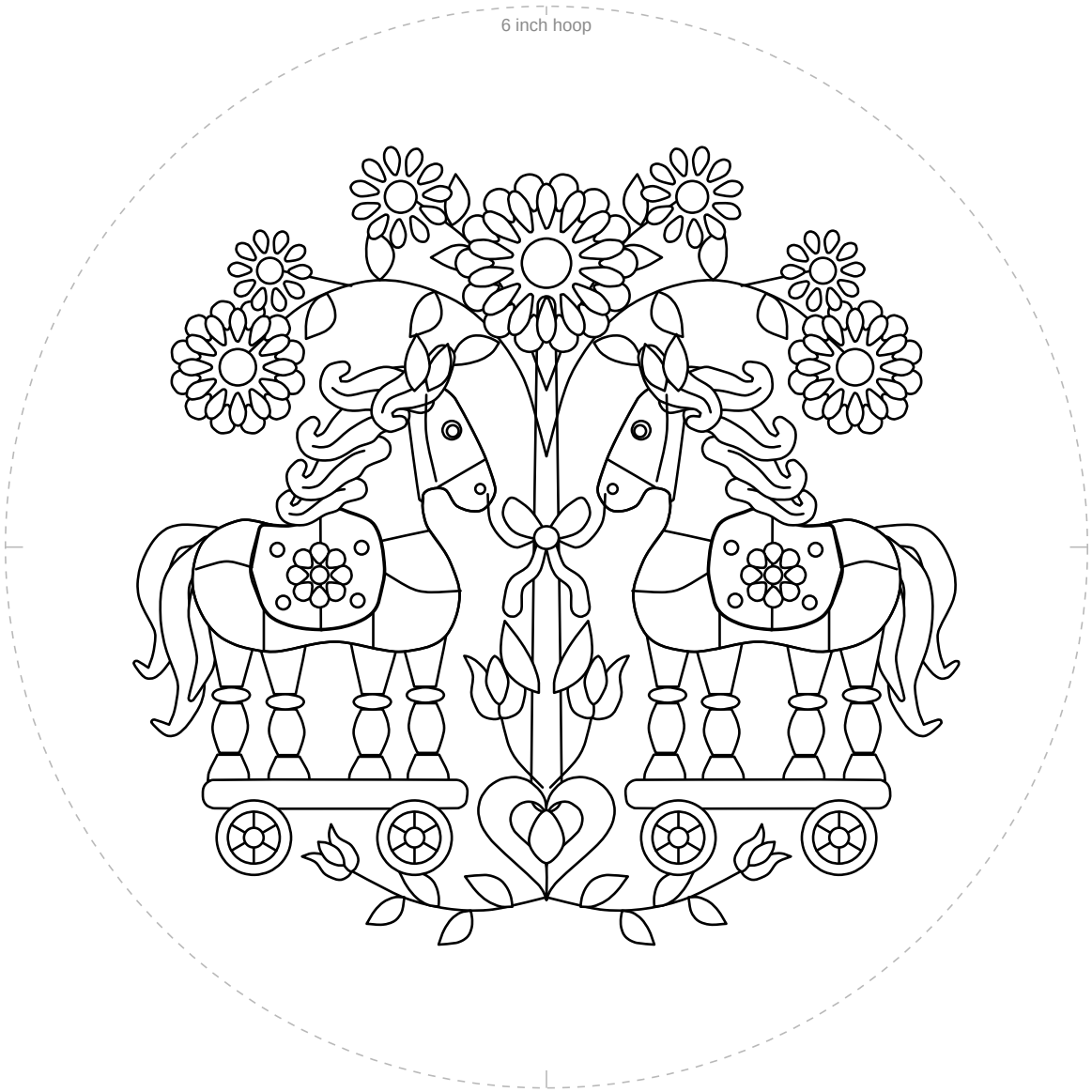
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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