# True friends are forever

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.7 in (11.9 × 11.9 cm)




Colors by number: page 2.

## What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

24 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

## 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.

## 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.

## Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24
   Sun, far hills, near hills, meadow, path, shadow, blue cardigan, rust dress (colors 2 and 18), silver hair, saffron headwrap (color 3)



2. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 7, 8, 9, 11
   Sunflower leaves



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 3, 7, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24
   Skirts, shoes, silver friend, neck, saffron friend, neck, collar, saffron friend, hand, rust dress (color 2), silver friend, ear, saffron friend, ear, saffron headwrap (colors 23 and 24), bench, watering can, sunflower petals, seed heads, sunflower leaves (color 11), phlox leaves, letters



4. **Straight stitch**, colors 15, 16
   1 strand: lines of the saffron friend, hand
   2 strands: hairpin



5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 14, 15, 16, 21, 23
   Seams, hair coils, wrap folds, bench edges



6. **Stem stitch**, colors 7, 11, 15
   3 strands: edges of the watering can, sunflower stalks, hoop edge
   2 strands: phlox stems



7. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, color 22
   Silver hair



8. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 4, 5, 8, 11, 15, 19, 23
   2 strands: far trees, phlox
   1 strand: knots of the seed heads, knots of the letters



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



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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.




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| 1 | DMC 3854 Medium Autumn Gold | 9 | DMC 3364 Pine Green | 17 | DMC 932 Light Antique Blue |
| 2 | DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice | 10 | DMC 834 Very Light Golden Olive | 18 | DMC 920 Medium Copper |
| 3 | DMC 3822 Light Straw | 11 | DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green | 19 | DMC 433 Medium Brown |
| 4 | DMC 3835 Medium Grape | 12 | DMC 950 Light Desert Sand | 20 | DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray |
| 5 | DMC 3836 Light Grape | 13 | DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige | 21 | DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray |
| 6 | DMC 3834 Dark Grape | 14 | DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue | 22 | DMC 415 Pearl Gray |
| 7 | DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green | 15 | DMC 918 Dark Red Copper | 23 | DMC 782 Dark Topaz |
| 8 | DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green | 16 | DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown | 24 | DMC 3820 Dark Straw |



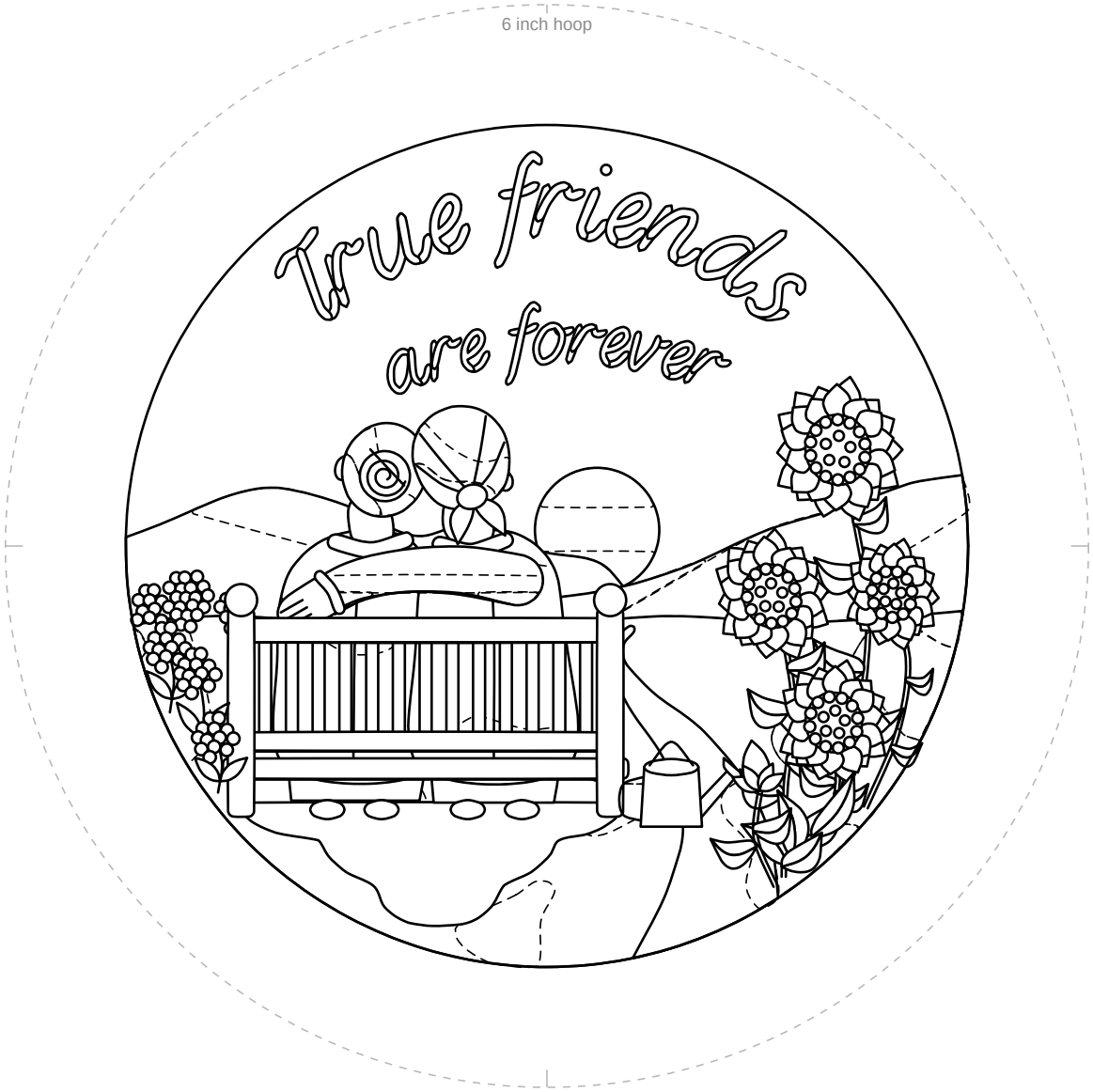
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.




**1 in**
25.4 mm

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



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