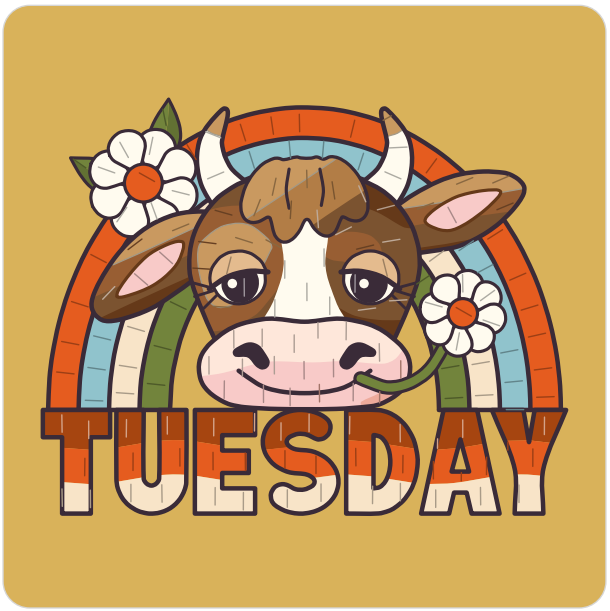
Tuesday with a retro cow

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.2 × 3.3 in (10.7 × 8.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: mustard yellow cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of mustard yellow cotton or linen.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

17 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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

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. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 7
   Leaves



2. **Satin stitch**
   colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 15
   3 strands: outer arch, second arch, third arch, inner arch
   2 strands: letters, daisies, daisy centers, ear linings, horns, horn tips, eyes, irises, eyelids, eye highlights, nostrils, daisy stem



3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17
   Ears, face, blaze, forelock, muzzle



4. **Stem stitch**, color 5
   3 strands: arch edges, letter edges, cow edges (color 5), mouth
   4 strands: eyelashes (color 5)

5. **Split stitch**, colors 5, 10
   2 strands: leaf edges, daisy edges, eye edges
   1 strand: ear lining edges, forelock lines
   3 strands: cow edges (color 5)

6. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands, color 5
   Eyelashes (color 5)



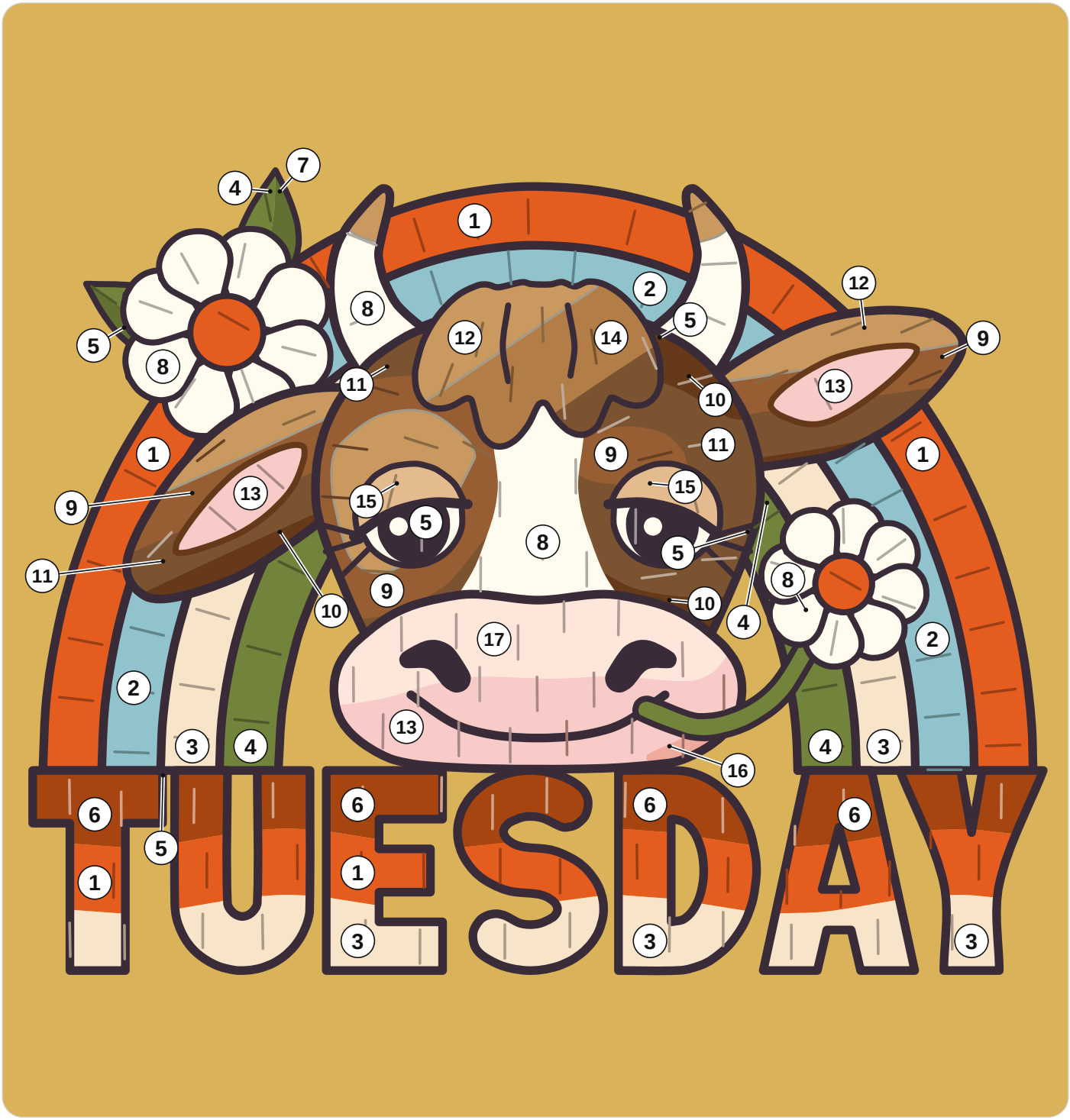
Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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



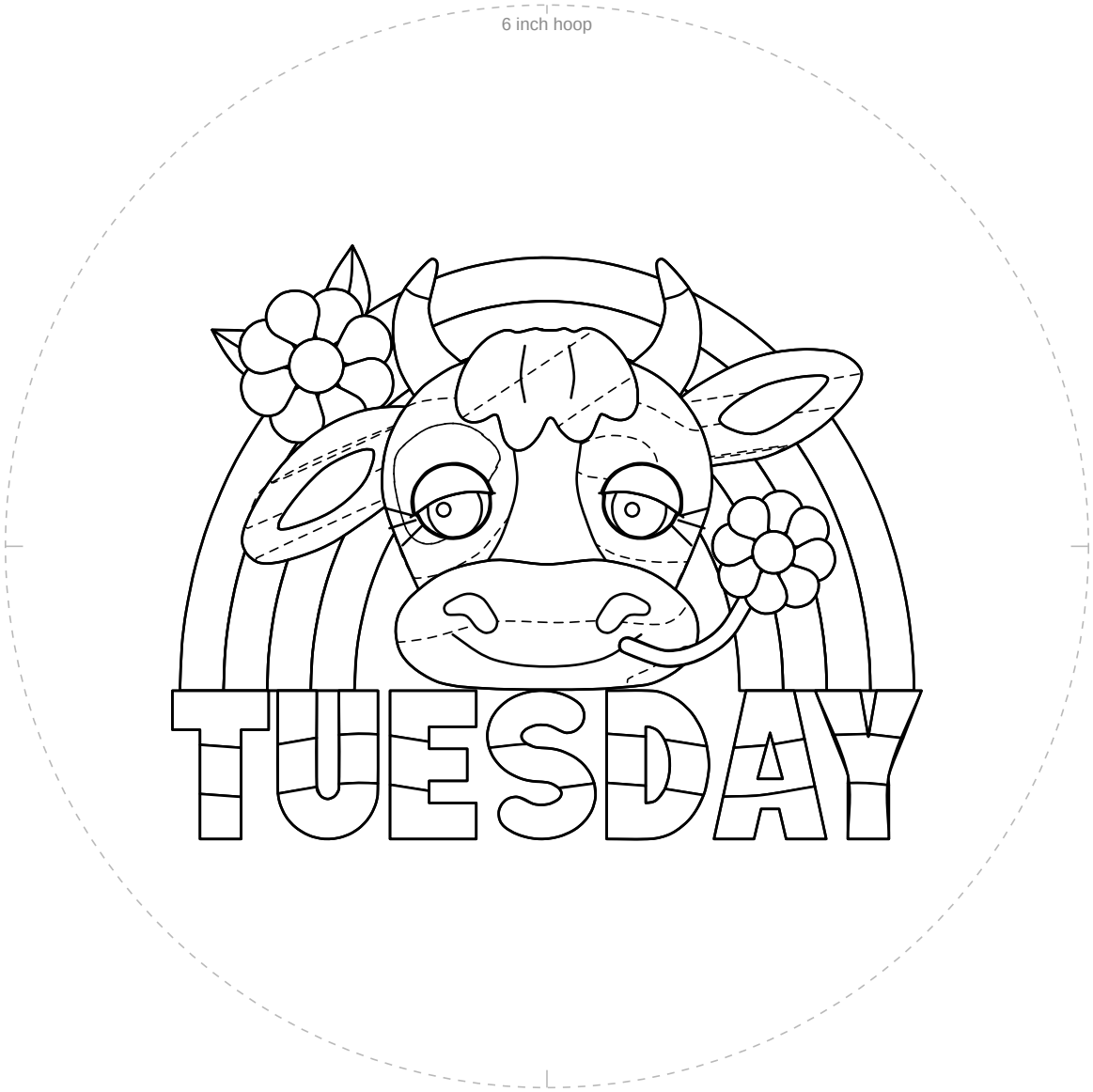
1	DMC 720 Dark Orange Spice	7	DMC 937 Medium Avocado Green	13	DMC 3779 Very Light Rosewood
2	DMC 598 Light Turquoise	8	DMC 712 Cream	14	DMC 435 Very Light Brown
3	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	9	DMC 434 Light Brown	15	DMC 437 Light Tan
4	DMC 469 Avocado Green	10	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	16	DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta
5	DMC 3371 Black Brown	11	DMC 433 Medium Brown	17	DMC 948 Very Light Peach
6	DMC 919 Red Copper	12	DMC 436 Tan		

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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 broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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



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