Valentine truck with heart balloons

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.1 × 4.5 in (10.4 × 11.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: blush pink cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of blush pink cotton or linen.

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

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. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand, color 3
   Strings

2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21
   Heart balloons, cab, fenders, nose



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24
   Bed rails, bed posts, balloon knots, balloon shine, heart balloons (colors 3, 5 and 12), ground, tires, tread, under the truck, windshield, glass shine, sun visor, grille rim, grille, grille bars, hood strip, bumper, bumper shade, bumper guards, lamp rims, lamps, lamp light, bow



4. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 13, 14
   Leaves



5. **Woven wheel stitch**
   4 strands, colors 4, 5, 6, 8
   Roses

6. **Split stitch**
   colors 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 16, 18, 23
   1 strand: balloon edges, truck edges, grille rim edge, bumper edge
   2 strands: windshield frame, nose edge

7. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 16
   Lamp edges

8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, color 9
   Polka knots



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the 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 437 Light Tan	9	DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry	17	DMC 597 Turquoise
2	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	10	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	18	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise
3	DMC 326 Very Dark Rose	11	DMC 712 Cream	19	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise
4	DMC 350 Medium Coral	12	DMC 963 Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose	20	DMC 598 Light Turquoise
5	DMC 352 Light Coral	13	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	21	DMC 3811 Very Light Turquoise
6	DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose	14	DMC 522 Fern Green	22	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue
7	DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose	15	DMC 310 Black	23	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
8	DMC 3733 Dusty Rose	16	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray	24	DMC 3822 Light Straw

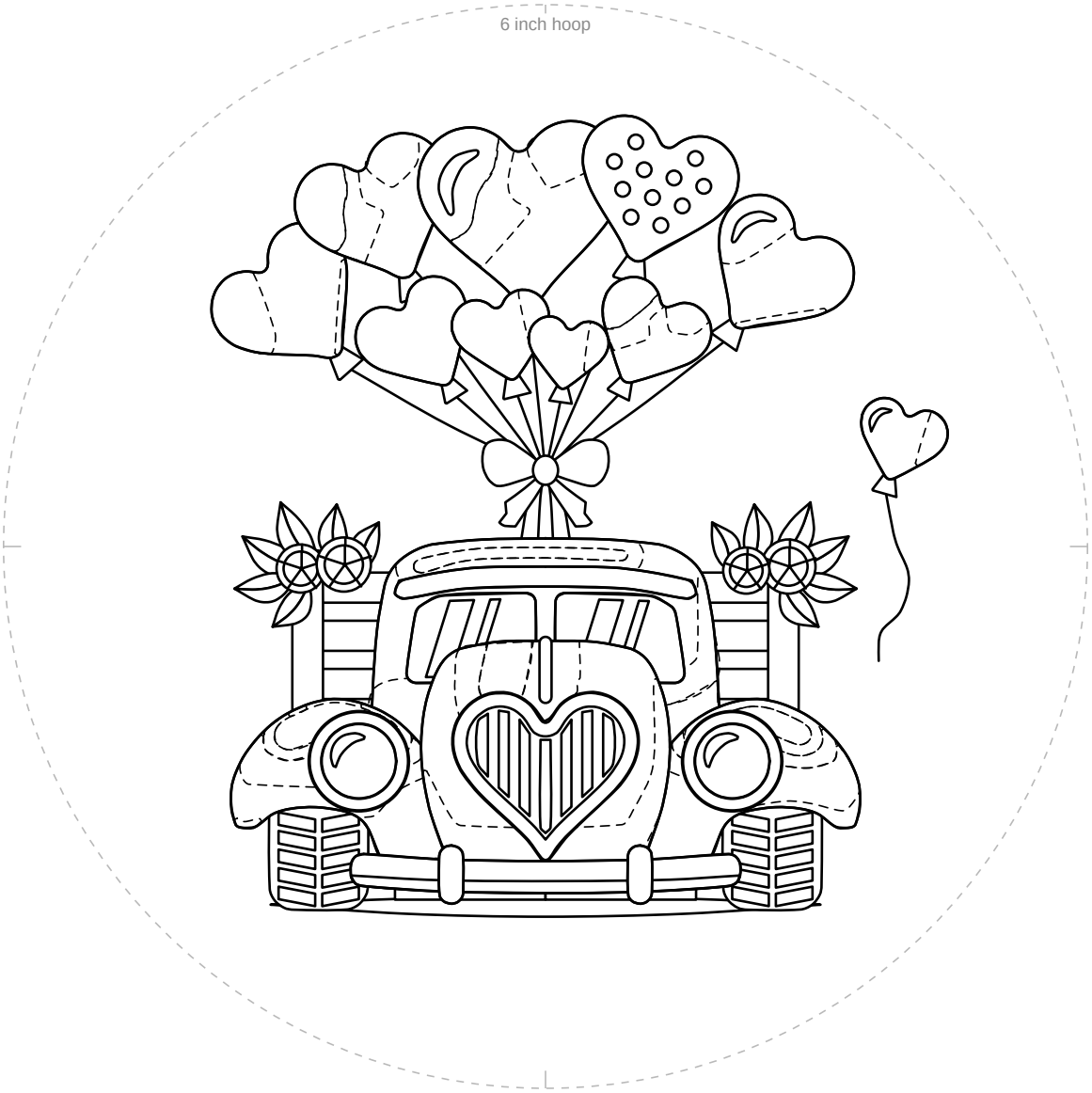
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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.



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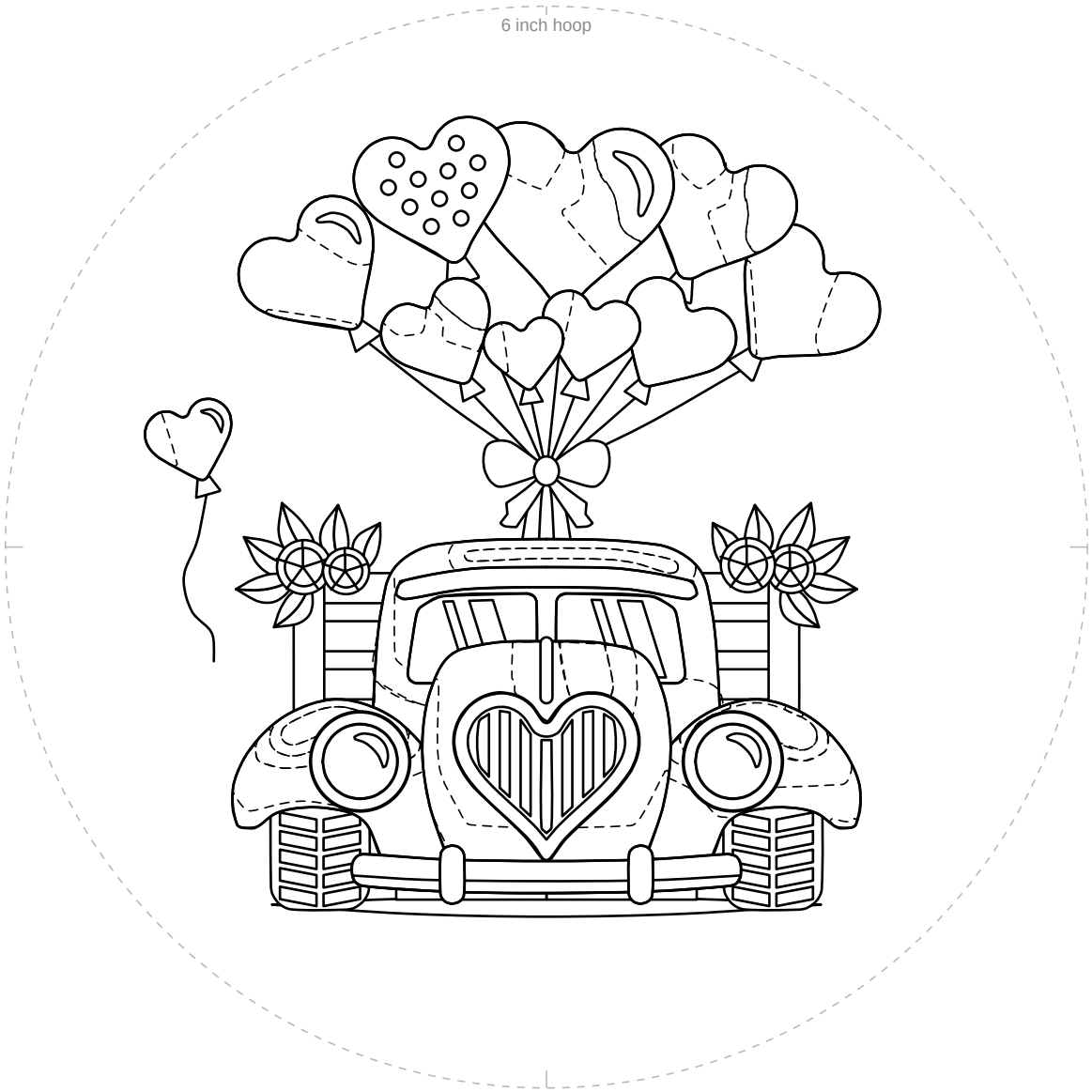
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