Vintage pink poodle skirt border

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 2.3 in (11.9 × 5.8 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: teal cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines, loops and knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bow knot, far legs, tail, body, hind leg, neck, foreleg, head, nose, collar, bow
2. **Chain stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Hem, scallops
3. **Whipped back stitch**, 3 strands
   Leash, leash bow
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Daisy stems, body edge, closed eye
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Daisies, lashes, bow folds
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Mouth
7. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 3 strands
   Daisies, daisy leaves
8. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Scallop knots, daisy hearts, pompoms

Floss

- **1 DMC BLANC White**
  Leash and leash bow (lighter), daisies and hem
- **2 DMC 3688 Medium Mauve**
  Pompoms (light), far legs, scallops and bow folds
- **3 DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve**
  Body edge, bow knot and mouth, pompoms (darkest), scallop knots (darker)
- **4 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Leash and leash bow (darker), scallop knots (lighter), daisy hearts
- **5 DMC 3813 Light Blue Green**
  Daisy leaves and daisy stems
- **6 DMC 3687 Mauve**
  Pompoms (dark)
- **7 DMC 3689 Light Mauve**
  Body, hind leg, neck, head, foreleg and tail, pompoms (lightest)
- **8 DMC 310 Black**
  Bow, collar, nose, closed eye and lashes

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it 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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How to read it

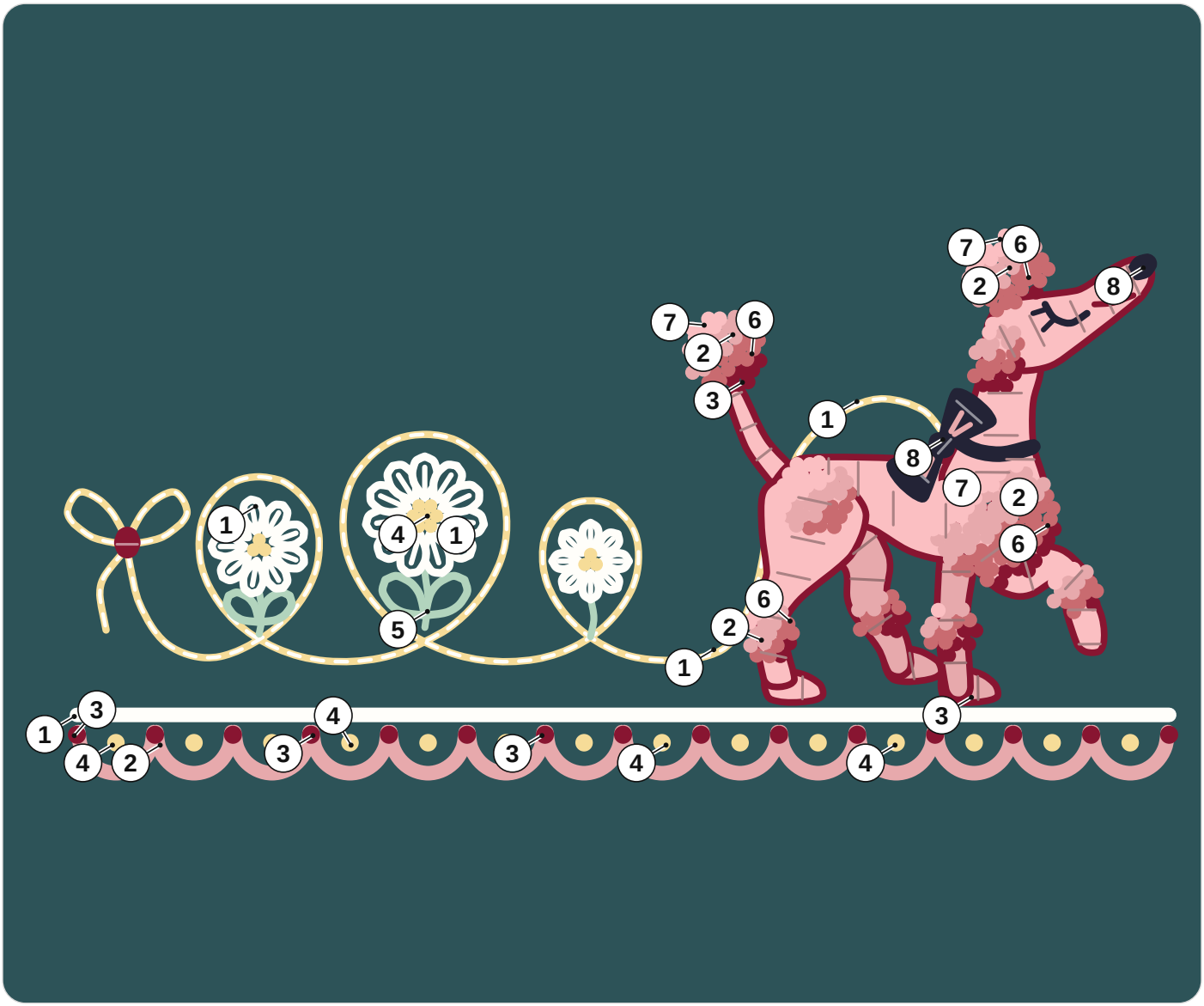
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Begin with no knot on the back where it is seen and washed, as on a towel, a napkin or clothes; for a piece in a hoop a small knot is fine. End each thread by whipping it around the backs of four or five stitches, with one small hitch.

Each small ring is one French knot. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point. A dashed line is whipped back stitch.

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

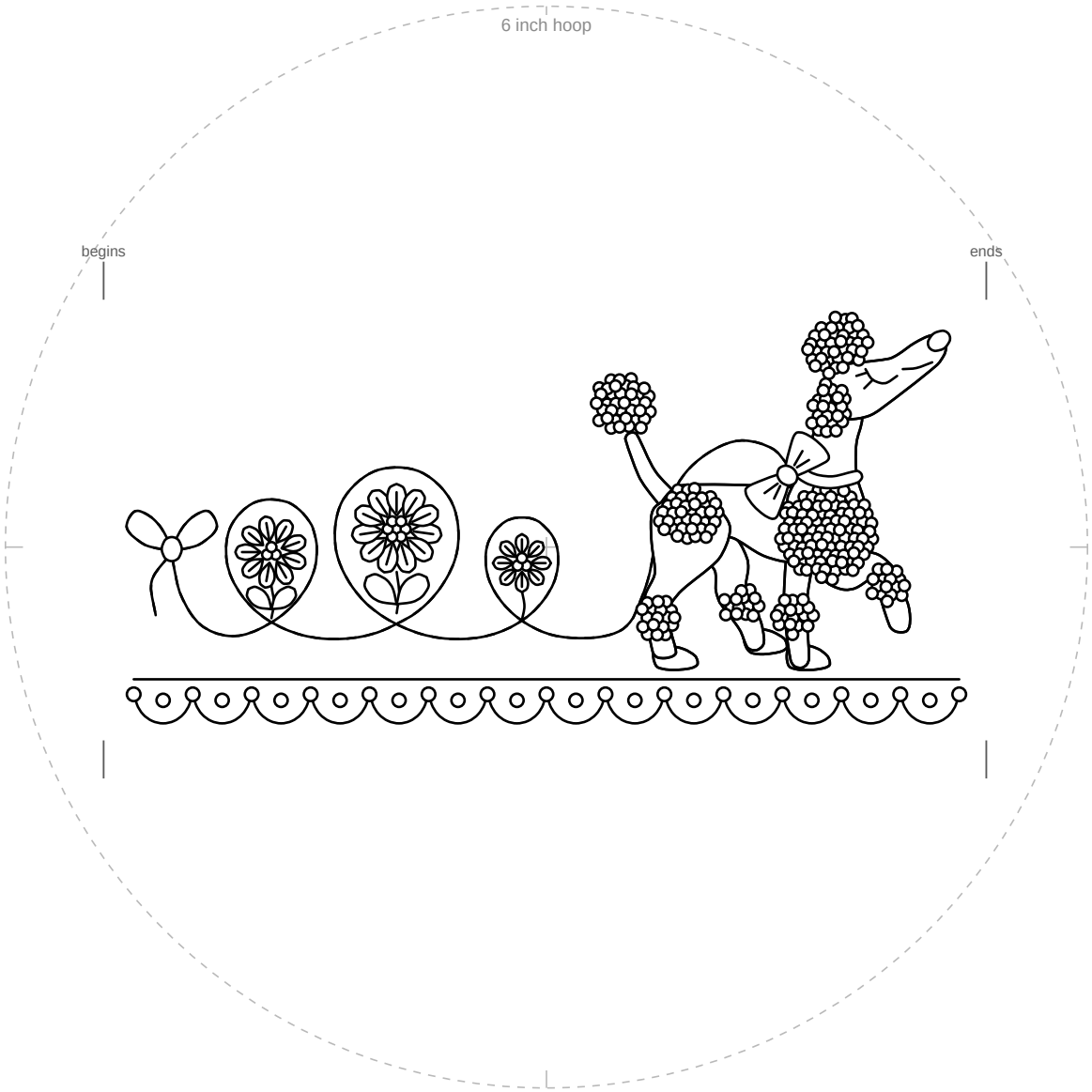
Chain stitch. 3 strands: hem; 2 strands: scallops.
Stem stitch. 2 strands: daisy stems, closed eye; 1 strand: body edge.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: daisies; 1 strand: lashes, bow folds.
French knot. 2 strands: scallop knots; 1 strand: daisy hearts, pompoms.

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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

For a longer border, trace it again with the mark “begins” on the mark “ends”.

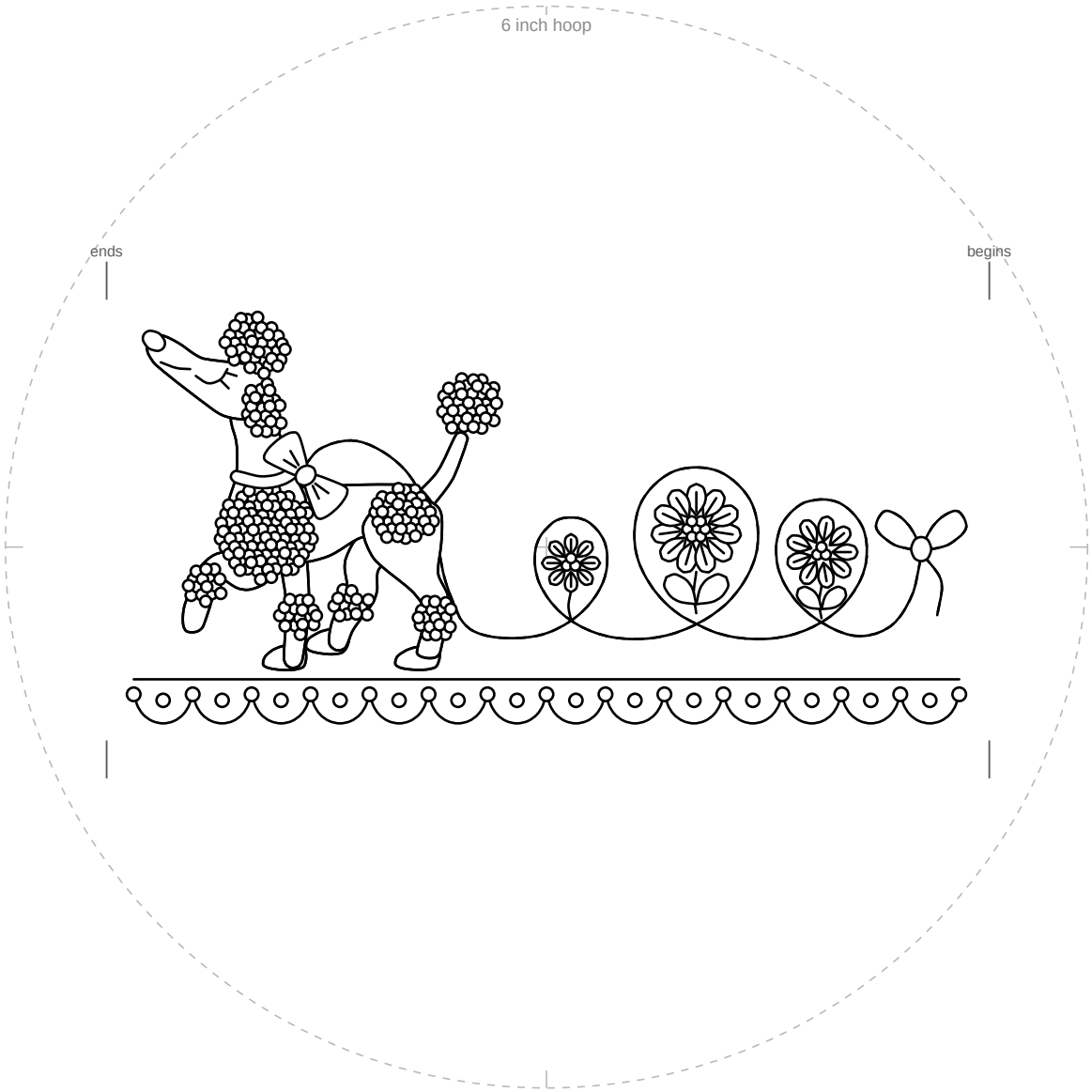
Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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