White longhorn skull with ribbon roses

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 4.2 in (11.7 × 10.7 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ribbon tails, ribbon bands, nose, nose bones, eyelets, rosebuds, sepals, ribbon roses
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Horns, skull, eye sockets, nose, leaves, ribbon roses
3. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ribbon bands, eye rims, rose hearts
4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Bone edges, eyelets, bone seams, rose folds
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Suture, white sprays, leaves, stems
6. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   White sprays

Floss

- **1 DMC 3689 Light Mauve**
  Ribbon roses and ribbon tails (light), rose folds (lightest) and 2 more parts
- **2 DMC 3688 Medium Mauve**
  Ribbon roses (middle light), rose folds (light), rosebuds (middle) and 2 more parts
- **3 DMC 819 Light Baby Pink**
  Ribbon roses, rosebuds and ribbon tails (lightest)
- **4 DMC 3687 Mauve**
  Ribbon roses (middle dark), ribbon tails, rose folds and rosebuds (dark)
- **5 DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve**
  Ribbon roses (dark), rose folds and ribbon tails (darkest) and 2 more parts
- **6 DMC BLANC White**
  Skull (lighter), horns (lightest), eye rims (light), nose bones and 2 more parts
- **7 DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray**
  Bone edges (light), horns (darkest), suture, bone seams (dark)
- **8 DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown**
  Horns (dark), bone seams (light)
- **9 DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown**
  Skull (darker), horns (light), eye rims (middle)
- **10 DMC 154 Very Dark Grape**
  Eye sockets, nose and bone edges (dark), ribbon roses (darkest), rose hearts (darker)
- **11 DMC 3802 Very Dark Antique Mauve**
  Nose, eye sockets and bone edges (middle), eyelets (darker)
- **12 DMC 315 Medium Dark Antique Mauve**
  Nose and eye sockets (light)
- **13 DMC 453 Light Shell Gray** Eye rims (dark)
- **14 DMC 452 Medium Shell Gray**
  Bone seams (middle)
- **15 DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green**
  Leaves (light), white sprays (darker)
- **16 DMC 522 Fern Green**
  Leaves (middle), sepals (lighter)
- **17 DMC 520 Dark Fern Green**
  Leaves (dark), stems, sepals (darker)

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them 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

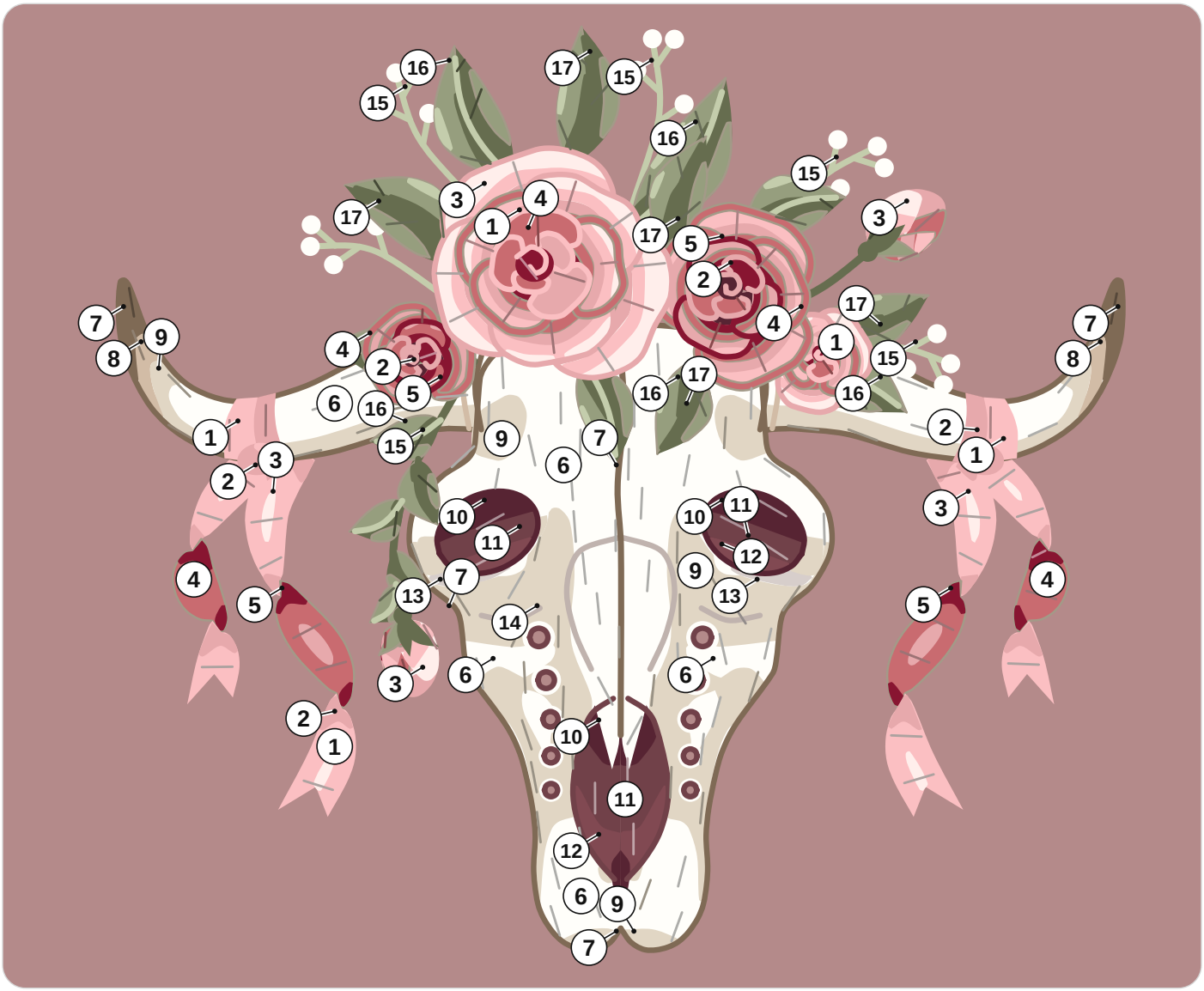
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

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

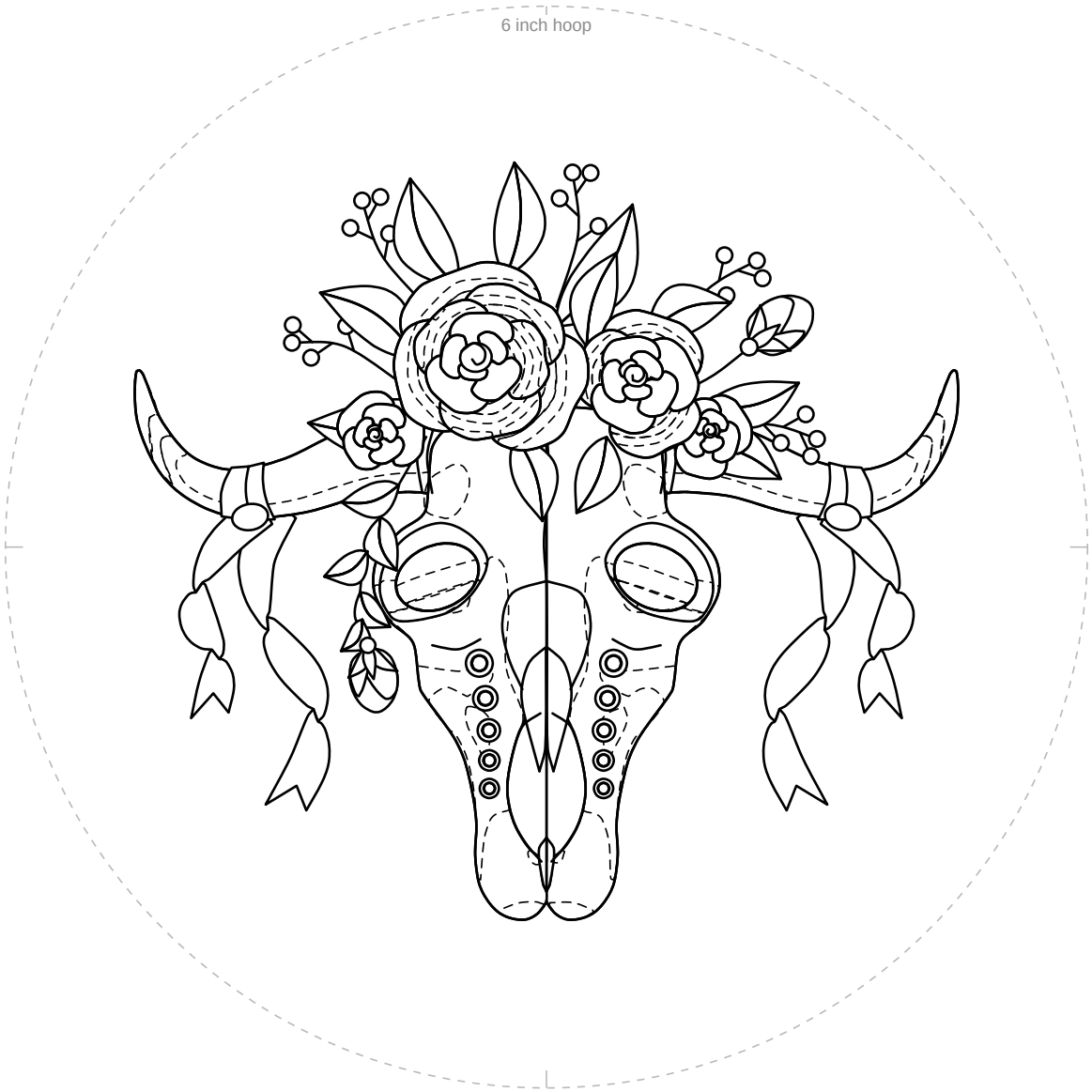
Stem stitch. 3 strands: stems; 1 strand: suture, white sprays, leaves.

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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.



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25.4 mm

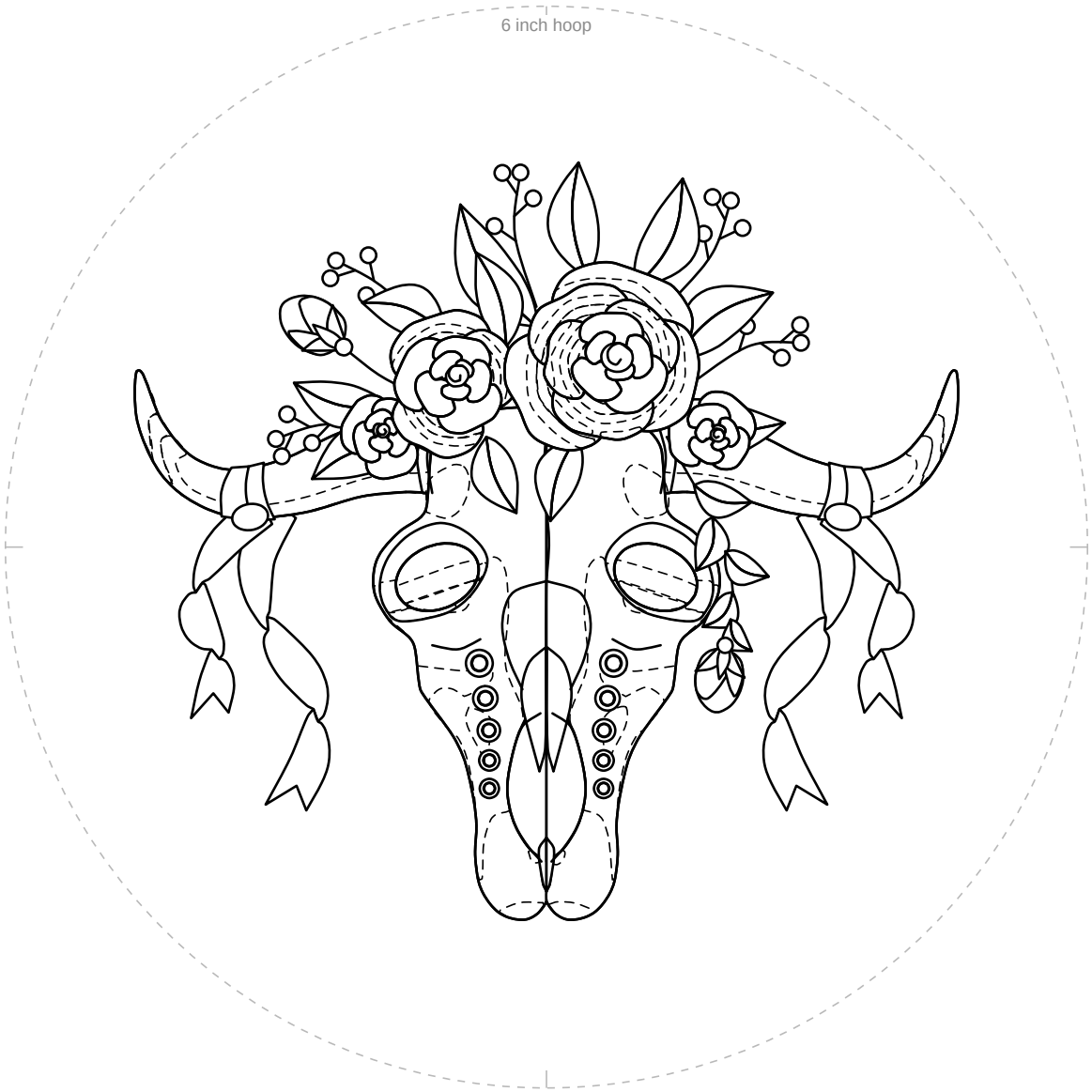
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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