Antlers over a blossom

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 4.5 in (10.9 × 11.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
   Ferns (colors 4 and 6)



2. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: eucalyptus stems, fern stems, berry stems
   1 strand: ferns (colors 4 and 6)
   3 strands: rosebud stem

3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Rose leaves



4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Antlers, burrs, rosebud, petals, turned petal edges



5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Eucalyptus leaves, ink berries, sepals



6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf edges, antler edges, petal edges

7. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Berry highlights, stamens



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Burr beads, stamen tips, rose center



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

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

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.

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.

Buy: 20 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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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 520 Dark Fern Green	8	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	15	DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink
2	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	9	DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown	16	DMC 223 Light Shell Pink
3	DMC 523 Light Fern Green	10	DMC 3862 Dark Mocha Beige	17	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink
4	DMC 522 Fern Green	11	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	18	DMC 819 Light Baby Pink
5	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	12	DMC 712 Cream	19	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
6	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	13	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue	20	DMC 351 Coral
7	DMC 841 Light Beige Brown	14	DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink		

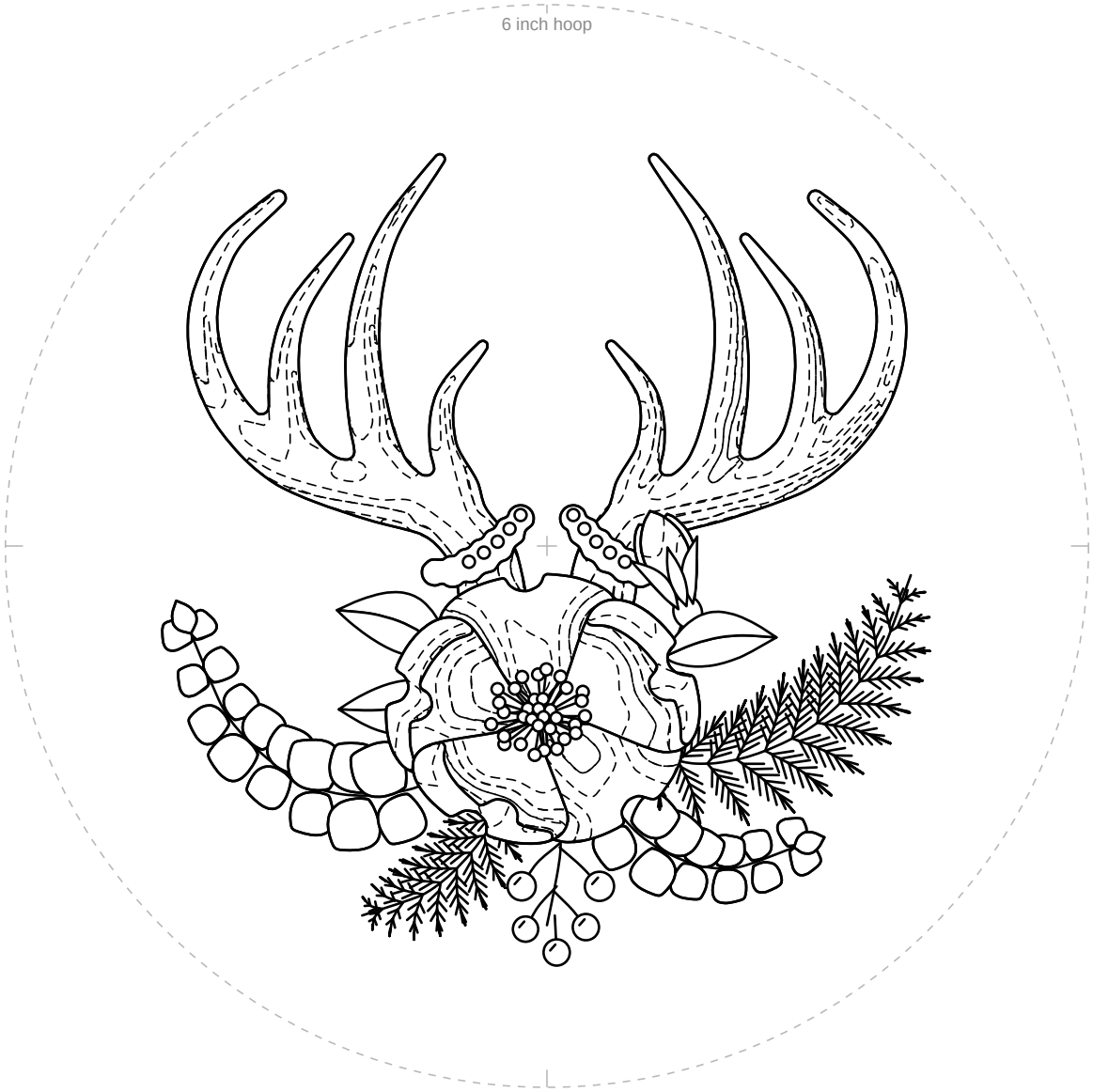
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6 inch hoop

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

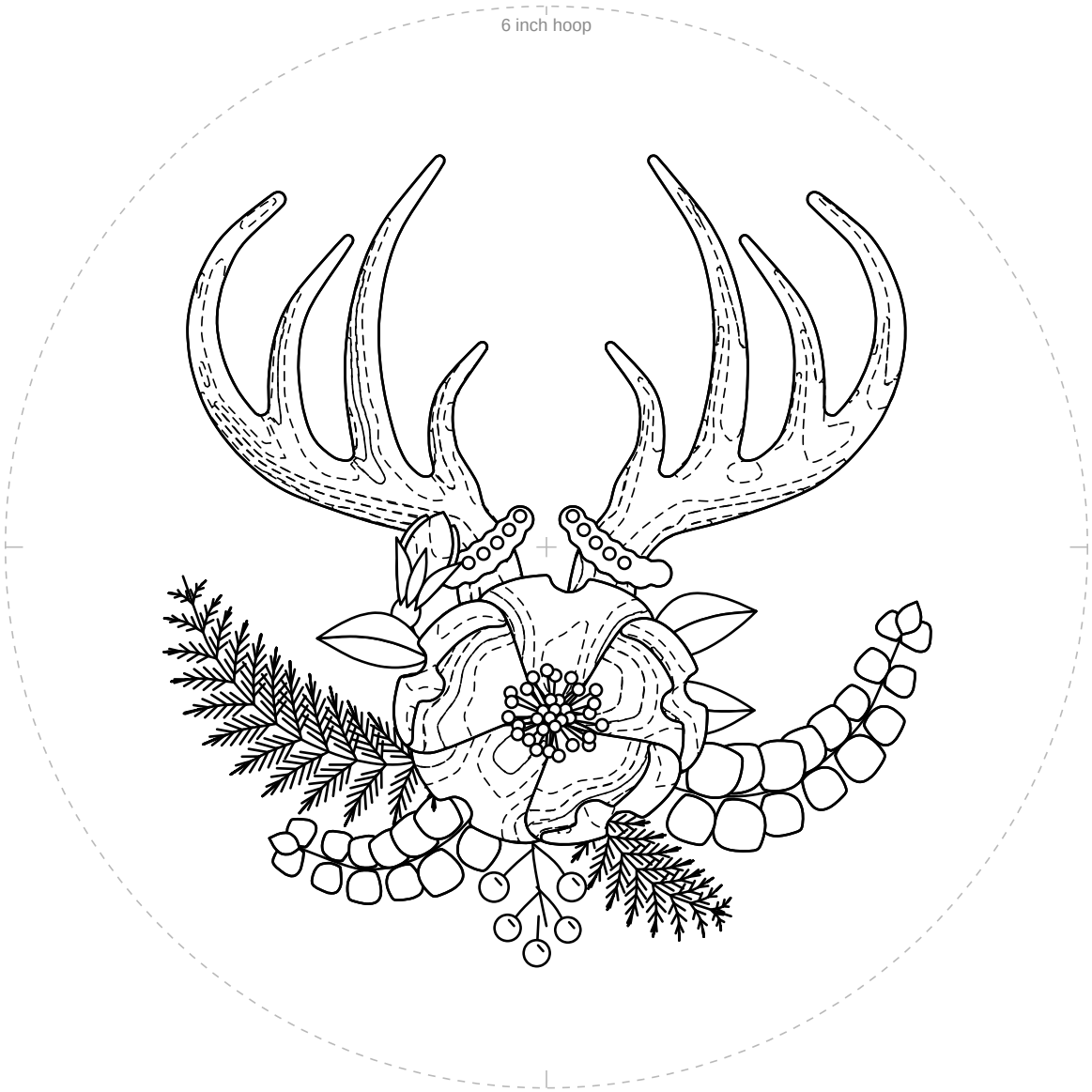
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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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