# April

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.7 in (11.7 × 11.9 cm)




Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

## What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 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**, 2 strands
   Stems



2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaves, daffodil petals, daffodil trumpet, trumpet frill, ears, arms, back, front, haunch, head, cheek, inner ears



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Daffodil stems, trumpet mouth, tail, feet, eye, nose, paws, ladybug head, ladybug, raindrops, letters



4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Papery sheath



5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges, trumpet edge, ear edges, haunch line, eye ring, mouth, arm line



6. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: toes, whiskers
   2 strands: raindrop highlights



7. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Raindrop edges



8. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Daisies



9. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: grape hyacinths, stamen tips, moss, daisy centers
   1 strand: eye highlight, ladybug spots



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.



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




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| 1 | DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green | 9 | DMC 727 Very Light Topaz | 17 | DMC 712 Cream |
| 2 | DMC 3346 Hunter Green | 10 | DMC 3078 Very Light Golden Yellow | 18 | DMC 950 Light Desert Sand |
| 3 | DMC 333 Very Dark Blue Violet | 11 | DMC 741 Medium Tangerine | 19 | DMC 3371 Black Brown |
| 4 | DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet | 12 | DMC 920 Medium Copper | 20 | DMC 3865 Winter White |
| 5 | DMC 437 Light Tan | 13 | DMC 970 Light Pumpkin | 21 | DMC 321 Red |
| 6 | DMC 738 Very Light Tan | 14 | DMC 435 Very Light Brown | 22 | DMC 3755 Baby Blue |
| 7 | DMC 726 Light Topaz | 15 | DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown | 23 | DMC 336 Navy Blue |
| 8 | DMC 783 Medium Topaz | 16 | DMC 407 Dark Desert Sand | | |



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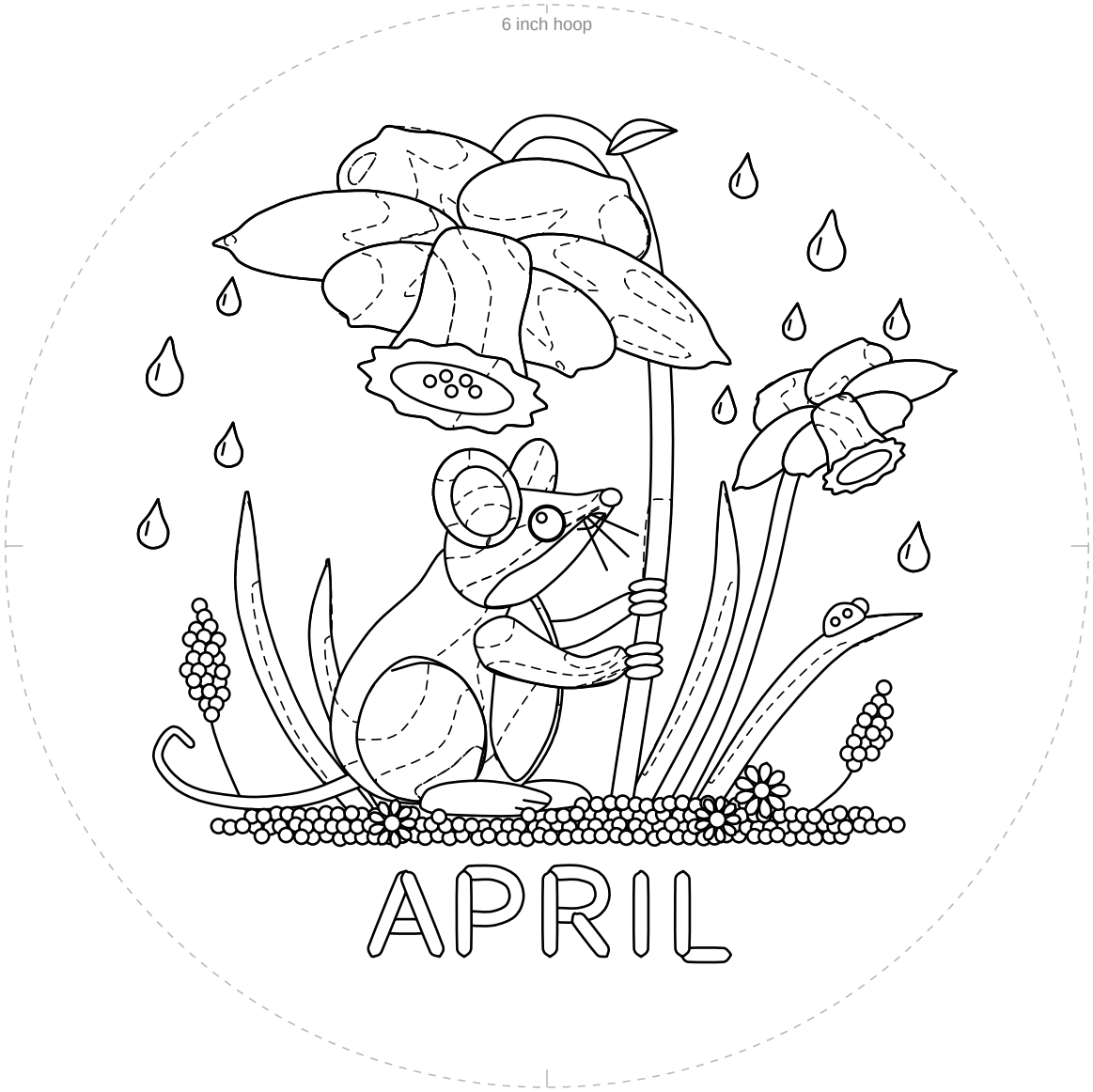
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.




**1 in**
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.



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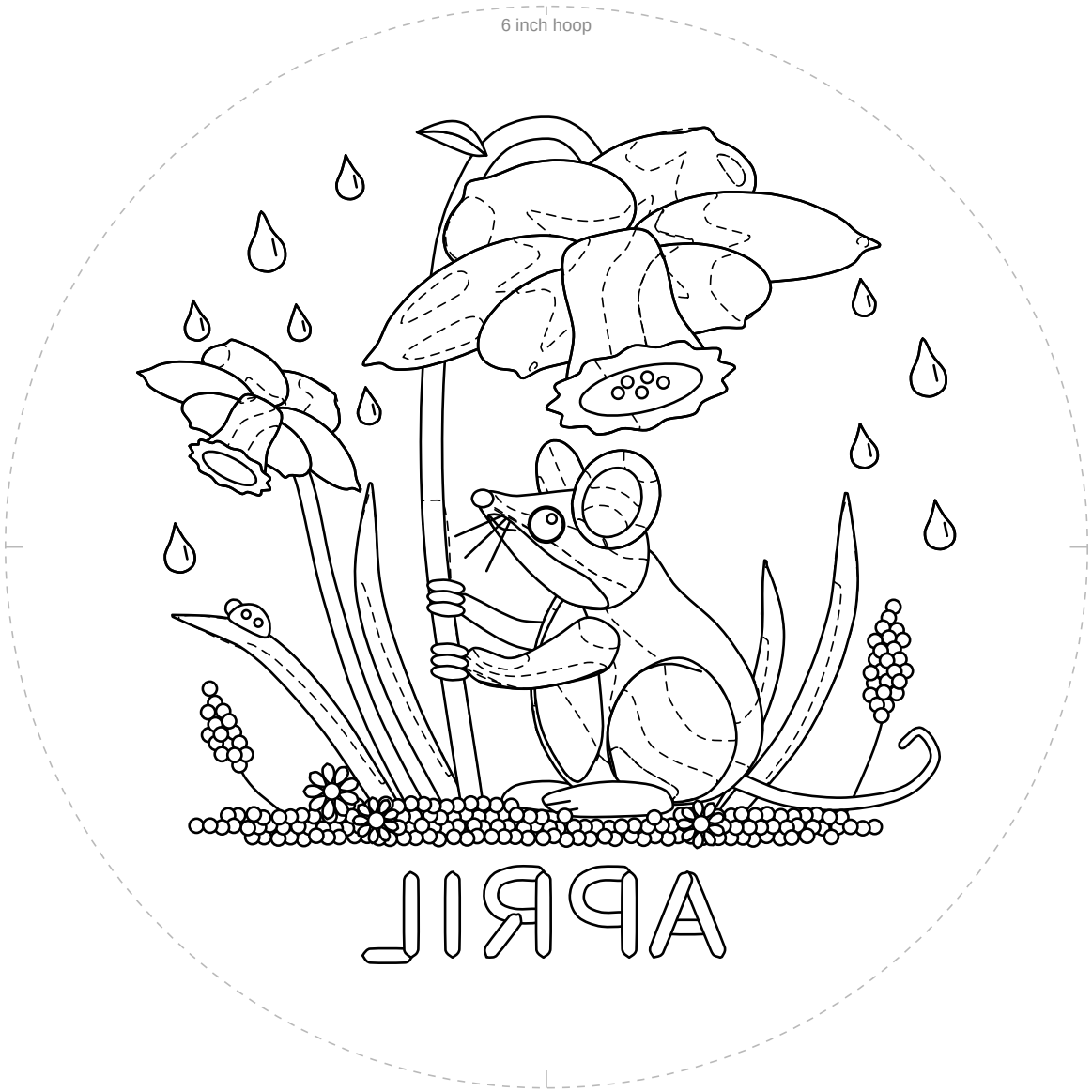
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.

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